

9th December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion
at Moulsham St. John's

10.00 am: 2nd Sunday Morning Worship 'Preparing the way of the Lord'

Leader and Speaker: Richard Field

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 Elaine Law

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Intercessions: Dave Thomas

Sidesman: Dawn Thomas

Sound: Dave Thomas

Coffee: Volunteers

Counters: Lucy Bubb and Hilary Few

Duty Churchwarden: Richard Field

Organist: John Kingham

A prayer for changing times

Please use this prayer as part of your personal prayers each day as we discern God's plan for us here at St Luke's.

**Lord, you are our helper, our rock,
our salvation.**

**You are with us when we face challenge
and opportunity.**

**As we enter this time of discernment,
help us to feel your presence with us
and to trust in you.**

**We know that you have plans for us;
plans to prosper and not to harm,
plans to give us hope and a future.**

**Guide us Lord,
show us the path you have set before
us,**

**give us wise and discerning hearts
that long for your Kingdom
here on earth. Amen**

Christmas at St Luke's: #FollowTheStar

We're using the Church of England advertising campaign like we did last year (remember #GodWithUs?).

Our services in **December** are:

2nd, 10am Advent Sunday, Holy Communion, Revd Gemma

9th, 10am, Morning Worship, Richard

16th, 10am, Holy Communion, Revd Gemma

16th, 4pm, Rockin' around the Christmas

Tree Carol Service with stalls from 3pm

23rd, 10am, Morning Worship, Mike

24th, 4pm, Crib Service

24th, 11.30pm, Midnight Mass, Revd Gemma

25th, 10am, Family Communion, Archdeacon Elizabeth

30th, No service at St Luke's, 10am St Mary's, Widford

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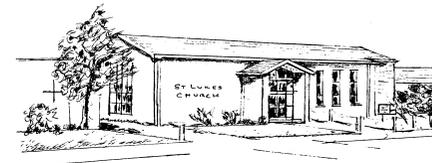
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WELCOME to St Luke's. Please stay for refreshments and fellowship in the hall after the service. PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

There will be a collection during the third hymn. If you are a taxpayer, please use a Gift Aid envelope, available from the sidesmen.

If however you give by Standing Order or are unable to give today, please just pass the basket on.

2nd December 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10.00am: Service of Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer: Mike Tadman

Server: Hilary Selwood

Chalice: Hilary Selwood and Mike Tadman

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Jane Chambers

Thessalonians 3:9-end

Dave Chambers

Luke 21:25-36

Intercessions: Dave Thomas

Sidesmen: Hilary Few and Janette Tadman

Sound: Janette Tadman

Coffee: Jane and Dave Chambers

Counters: Richard Field and Janette Tadman

Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman

Organist: Michael Davis

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in
great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our
Lord; that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TO OUR VISITORS. Welcome to our service. The **hymn numbers** are displayed on the boards, and will also be announced. When we come to receive Holy Communion, please see the notes in our Order of Service, which are provided for your guidance. We like to mark **birthdays** by singing: "Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you." If it is your birthday this week, please tell one of the ministers!

The ministry of Prayer with Laying-on-of-Hands for Healing is available every Sunday. If you would like this for yourself or another, please speak to one of the Ministers or Churchwardens.

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman 01245-469124; e-mail janettetadman@gmail.com
Deadline: Wednesday evening.

READINGS:

Jeremiah 33:14-16 ¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

I Thessalonians 3:9-end ⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 2:25-36 ²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees;³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Please review your giving...

We have much to be thankful for at St Luke's including our building, a rich mix of services and activities and the generosity of past and present members of the congregation.

However, Last Sunday we learnt that we face two problems...

Firstly, we are spending more than we receive on day to day expenses such as heat, insurance and our contribution to Diocesan costs. In 2018, our estimated deficit is £2,500 – this will be much higher in 2019. Despite taking other measures we urgently need to increase our regular giving.

We are also tackling a significant programme of building work. This year £41,000 has been spent on rewiring with a further £42,000 allocated to meet the cost of a ramp, fire alarm, repairs to the car park wall etc.

On behalf of the PCC can we all please consider increasing our regular giving and if possible make a one-off contribution to the building projects.

Please see Dave Chambers if you need direct debit and/or gift aid forms and Lucy or Richard if you have any queries.

PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK



For: Brian, Joan, Bob, Margaret, June, Tammy, Kath, Emma, Basil, Greta and George;

for those named on the prayer request board;

This week, we remember:
Nonny Siseman (07.12.2005)
Adrian Pudney (08.12.1994)

Advent Meditations

We will be having Advent meditations again this year as follows:

Wednesday 5th December,
7.30pm at St Luke's

Thursday 6th December,
10.30am at St Johns -
including craft activities

Monday 10th December,
7.30pm at St John's

Saturday 15th December,
11am at St Luke's
- including craft activities

Church Keys Audit

Could anyone who holds keys, pass details of what keys they have to Brenda Hudson, if they have not already done so.

Church Rotas - it's Rota time again!

If you would like to join one of the rotas for services between January and April, or are a regular rota-ite and know dates that you're not available, please let Lucy know by 9th December (either in writing in her tray or by email) - the more on our rotas, the merrier! *Lucy Bubb*

THIS WEEK:

The church is open daily for prayer.

Monday 3 December

Pray for Chess Homeless

9.15am: Informal Morning Prayer at St. John's Vicarage using a collection of liturgy including Iona and Northumbria Community

Tuesday 4 December

Pray for Tylers Close

Wednesday 5 December

Pray for the Salvation Army

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's using Common Worship Liturgy

9.45am: Service of Holy Communion

1.15pm: Edward Bear Club

7.30pm: Advent Meditation

Thursday 6 December

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

Friday 7 December

Pray for the Little Acorns Pre-School

Saturday 8 December

Pray for Hawfinch Walk

There will be no Saturday Coffee on 8th December

(Little Acorns Christmas Fete)



LIVING LIGHT

The Aumbry Light for December has been sponsored in memory of Joyce and Peter Stockwell

