



St Luke's Weekly News

9th December 2018

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16th December 2018

3rd 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: Janette Tadman
Chalice: Maxine Buck and Mike Tadman
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Mike Tadman
Philippians 4:4-7 Louise Whitehead
Luke 3:7-18
Intercessions: Revd Gemma
Sidesmen: Sue Davies and Helen Field
Sound: Dave Thomas
Coffee: Maxine Buck and Mary Marshall
Counters: Mike Tadman & Dave Chambers
Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman
Organist: Michael Davis

3.00pm: Christmas Market

**4.00pm: Carol Service
'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree'**
supporting CRISIS

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 - Last Chance

Today is your last chance to let Lucy Bubb know if you'd like to join one of our rotas for services for the period January - April, or to let her know any dates that you can't do.

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.

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:

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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Mike Tadman 07740 625454

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.

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

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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.

READINGS:

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

Christmas Giving at St Luke's

Over the Christmas period, and specifically at our Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree service on 16 Dec, we are supporting CRISIS, the homeless charity. Please do look out for a Giving Envelope, making cheques payable to CRISIS, and gift aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. The cost for a place at CRISIS this Christmas is **£28.18**, which provides:

- A warm welcome and good company
- Three nutritious, hot meals daily, including a delicious Christmas dinner
- A bed for the night, if needed
- A chance to shower, freshen up and get clean clothes
- A health check and treatment from a doctor, optician and dentist
- Expert help with mental health and addiction problems
- Advice on housing, employment and benefits
- A way out of homelessness for good through Crisis' year-round training, education and support.

PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK



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

for the PCC as they meet this week;
for those named on the prayer request board;

This week, we remember:
Audrey Dunmall (10.12.2013)
May Wade (12.12.1990)
Revd Gordon Law (14.12.2010)

Carol Service - Rockin' around the Christmas Tree

NEXT SUNDAY we will be hosting our 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree' event - we are creating a market- place in the large hall from 3pm with stalls of items made by local people such as jewellery, bows, knitted baby clothes, and a chocolate tombola. We will also have a local author with his new children's book!

We would like to have a cake stall - CAN YOU MAKE A CAKE FOR US?

Our short, informal and lively Carol Service will then be at 4pm.

Please come along and bring your family, friends and neighbours - it will be an opportunity to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with our community.

Advent Meditations

We have held two Advent meditations already this year - the remaining two dates are:

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

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

THIS WEEK:

The church is open daily for prayer.

Monday 10 December

Pray for Social Services

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

Tuesday 11 December

Pray for Larch Grove

Wednesday 12 December

Pray for Christians in Muslim countries

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

1.15pm: Edward Bear Club
(last club before Christmas)

7.30pm: PCC meeting

Thursday 13 December

*Pray for Peace in Syria and
The Middle East*

Friday 14 December

*Pray for the
Servers at Holy Communion*

Saturday 15 December

Pray for Waltham Glen
11.00am: Saturday Coffee and
Advent Meditation

Saturday Coffee

15th December

On duty: Louise Whitehead
Join us for coffee and fellowship



LIVING LIGHT

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

