

Sunday 23rd December 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10.00am: 4th Sunday Service

Leader and Speaker: Mike Tadman

Reading: Micah 5:2-5a Dave Thomas

Luke 1:39-55

Sidesman: Dawn Thomas

Sound: Janette Tadman

Coffee: Jane and Dave Chambers

Duty Churchwarden: Richard Field

Organist: Paul Selwood

Monday 24th December

4.00pm: Crib Service

11.30pm: Midnight Mass

President and Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer: Lucy Bubb

Server: David Millward

Chalice: Lucy Bubb

Readings: Isaiah 62:6-end Lucy Bubb

Titus 3:4-7 David Millward

Luke 2:1-20 Revd Gemma

Intercessions: Lucy Bubb

Sidesman: Sue Davies

Sound: Sue Davies

Duty Churchwarden: Lucy Bubb

Organist: Philippa Penkett

Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day

10.00am: Service of Holy Communion

President and Preacher:

Archdeacon Elizabeth Snowdon

Crucifer: Helen Field

Server: Hilary Selwood

Chalice: Hilary Selwood and Helen Field

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7 Mike Tadman

Luke 2: 1-14

Intercessions: Richard Field

Sidesman: Maxine Buck

Sound: Richard Field

Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman

Organist: Alan Arnot

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 remaining services in **December** are:

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

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.

Contacts

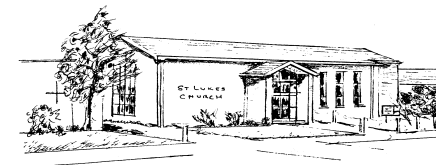
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Churchwarden: Richard Field 07776 208546
Lucy Bubb 07970 728673

Deputy Churchwarden:
Mike Tadman 07740 625454

St Luke's Weekly News

16th December 2018



Website: www.stlukemoulsham.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Stlukesmoulshamlodge

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.

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: Lucy Bubb and Dave Chambers

Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman

Organist: Michael Davis

3.00pm: Christmas Market

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

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **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: The readings for Sunday are on a separate sheet.

Key Messages from PCC

The PCC met on Wednesday 12th December and have the following key messages:

- a deficit budget for 2019 was approved, this means we expect to have more expenditure than income next year by £7,584;
- Hilary Selwood has decided to step down from her role as Pastoral Assistant. The PCC are extremely grateful for her work in this role over the years and we will be recognising this on 3 February;
- the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is set for 12 noon on Sunday 28 April and the electoral roll will be completely updated. We will have a shared lunch afterward and would like 1-2 people to volunteer to coordinate this;
- The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will be taking Evensong at Chelmsford Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 13 January. All are welcome.

Christmas Giving at St Luke's

Over the Christmas period, and specifically at our Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree service on 16th December, 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 those named on the prayer request board;

We give thanks for the life and works of Patrick Appleford who died last Sunday. Patrick lived latterly in Chelmsford and wrote many well-known hymns including Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord).

This week, we remember:

Robert Lee (16.12.1989)
Revd John Gravelle (17.12.2000)
Ray Moody (18.12.2009)
Joan Church (18.12.2015)
Margaret Farrell (22.12.1998)

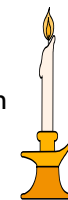


Thursday 10th January 2019
in the Small Hall: 1.30-3.30 p.m.
Please phone for an
appointment: 01245 423333

There is a **£17.50** charge for this service

LIVING LIGHT

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



THIS WEEK:

The church is open daily for prayer.

Monday 17 December

Pray for Anglican Mission Agencies

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

Tuesday 18 December

Pray for Swallow Path

Wednesday 19 December

Pray for the Society of Friends

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's using Common Worship Liturgy
No Edward Bear Club

Thursday 20 December

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

Friday 21 December

Pray for the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Saturday 22 December

Pray for Lewis Drive

11.00am: Saturday Coffee

Saturday Coffee

22nd December

On duty: Larry Walters

Join us for coffee and fellowship

