

**Monday 24th December**

**Christmas Eve**

**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:

**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](mailto:janettetadman@gmail.com)  
Deadline: Wednesday evening.

**Contacts**

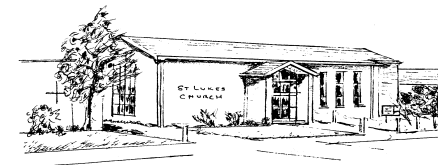
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Mike Tadman 07740 625454

**St Luke's Weekly News**

**23rd December 2018**



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**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Stlukesmoulshamlodge](https://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.

**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**

*Readings: 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*

**COLLECT**

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as  
our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your  
holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
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:** The readings for Sunday 23rd, Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th December 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;

This week, we remember:  
Dennis Brown (27.12.1990)

### Don't miss....

Our Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve - come along and join us. Come dressed ready to take part in our Nativity Story or we'll have some outfits for you!  
Donations at this service will go to Little Havens Hospice.



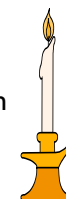
Toe-Nail Cutting Service

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



### Saturday Coffee

#### 29th December

On duty: Mary Marshall

Join us for coffee and fellowship



### THIS WEEK:

The church is open daily for prayer.

#### Monday 24 December

Pray for St. Luke's mission partners in Kenya

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

#### Tuesday 25 December

Pray for Whitethorn Gardens

#### Wednesday 26 December

Pray for the Church Army

There is no morning prayer today  
No Edward Bear Club

#### Thursday 27 December

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

#### Friday 28 December

Pray for the  
Trudi Osborne School of Dance

#### Saturday 29 December

Pray for Kestrel Walk

11.00am: Saturday Coffee