

St Luke's Weekly News

24th March 2019

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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

KEEP THE BANNER FLYING HIGH!

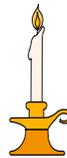
An evening of worship with GRAHAM KENDRICK

Friday 26th April 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Gt. Baddow

Tickets £10. Available from St. Mary's Church Office. Tel: 01245 477501
Email: stmaryschurchoffice@gmail.com

LIVING LIGHT

If you would like to sponsor the Aumbry Light in memory of a loved one, please speak to Mary Marshall



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31st March 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

'Mothering Sunday'

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

10.00 am: Morning Worship

'Nurturing Hope in a Hurting World'

Leader and Speaker: Lucy Bubb

Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Helen Field
Luke 2:33-35

Sidesman: Helen Field

Sound: Sue Davies

Coffee: Mary Marshall and Maxine Buck

Counters: Helen Field and Hilary Few

Duty Churchwarden: Richard Field

Organist: John Kingham

Electoral Roll Forms

A reminder that the latest date for forms to be submitted for inclusion on the new roll is 31st March 2019.

Thank you, Mike Tadman

Chelmsford Singers

Saturday 30th March 7.30pm

St. Michael's Church, Galleywood

Conductor: James Davy

John Rutter: 'Birthday Madrigals'

Will Todd: 'Jazz Missa Brevis'

and a selection of well-known jazz standards arranged for choir with the Michael Horner Trio.

Tickets: £15 adult, £5 under 18 from chelmsfordsingers.co.uk and James Dace & Sons 01245 352133

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.

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 24th March 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10.00am: Joint Service of Holy Communion with St. John's at St. Luke's

President: Revd Gemma Fraser:

Preacher: Richard Field

'Alive but not fruitful - the gardener's challenge!'

Crucifer: Lucy Bubb

Server: Hilary Selwood

Chalice: Lucy Bubb and Mike Tadman

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9 Anne Ireland

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 David Millward

Luke 13:1-9

Intercessions: Linda Percival

Sidesmen: Louise Whitehead & Maxine Buck

Sound: Helen Field

Coffee: Mike and Janette Tadman

Counters: Dave Chambers and Hilary Few

Duty Churchwardens: Lucy Bubb and Anne Ireland

Organist: Philippa Penkett

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

I Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' ⁸He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK



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

for those named on the prayer request board;

This week, we remember:

George Fleetwood (29.03.1994)

Pam Russell (30.03.2017)

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, 14th April, 10am -

Holy Communion led by Revd Andy Griffiths

Monday 15th April, 7.30pm -

Prayer and Meditation at St Luke's

Tuesday 16th April, 10am -

Prayer and Meditation at St John's

Wednesday 17th April, 9.15am -

Morning Prayer

Maundy Thursday, 18th April, 10am -

Holy Communion at St John's;

7pm Agape Meal, at St John's

Good Friday, 19th April -

Procession of Witness and Open Air Service in Chelmsford City Centre

Easter Sunday, 21st April, 5.15am -

Dawn Communion Service followed by breakfast;

10am - All Age Communion Service led by Revd Gemma

Easter Open House at the Vicarage

4-8pm at Revd Gemma's House, the Vicarage, on Saturday 27th April.

Some drinks and nibbles will be provided but please feel free to bring your own.

Pop in and out as you need to.

Kids are welcome, as always.

R.S.V.P by 20th April if possible please.

THIS WEEK:

The church is open daily for prayer

Monday 25 March

Pray for theological colleges and theologians

Tuesday 26 March

Pray for Dove Lane

Wednesday 27 March

Pray for the Society of Friends

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's

1.15pm: Edward Bear Club

7.00pm: Lent Group

Thursday 28 March

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

Friday 29 March

Pray for the Servers at Holy Communion

Saturday 30 March

Pray for Donald Way

11.00am: Saturday Coffee

Lent Groups

We will be running Lent Groups in Church at 7pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent:

#LiveLent - Let your light shine.

Please let Richard, Lucy, Mike or Janette know if you need a lift.

Saturday Coffee

30th March

On duty: Larry Walters

Join us for coffee and fellowship

