

Sunday 7th April 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

8.00am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10.00am: Service of Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser:

Crucifer: Richard Field

Server: David Millward

Chalice: Richard Field and Maxine Buck

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 Dave Chambers

Philippians 3:4b-14 Jane Chambers

John 12:1-8

Intercessions: Revd Gemma

Sidesmen: Dawn Thomas & Janette Tadman

Sound: Dave Thomas

Coffee: Jane and Dave Chambers

Counters: Janette Tadman & Richard Field

Duty Churchwarden: Mike Tadman

Organist: Michael Davis

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.**

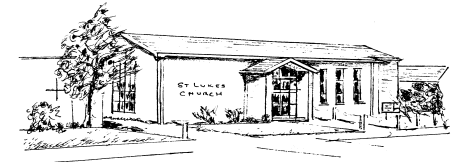
**Guide us Lord,
show us the path you have set before**

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

Amen

St Luke's Weekly News

31st March 2019



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.

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

COLLECT

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the
breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the
food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household
of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Messages from PCC meeting 20th March:

- following Revd Gemma's sermon on 3 March, Dawn Thomas and Sandy Reynolds will be helping to undertake an environmental audit of church life. This will look at all aspects such as food, plastic use, energy use etc.

- Sharon Thomas will be stepping down from leading Edward Bear Toddler Group in July. She has given many years to this special part of our ministry, which is important for us to continue, and we are very grateful to her.

- we discussed the need for, and approved, our Equal Opportunities Policy.

- Kathryn, who provides admin support to Revd Gemma, will be going on maternity leave May-Sept. If anyone is able to help cover some of the admin tasks (photocopying, filing etc), please speak to Lucy, Richard or Revd Gemma.

Saturday Coffee

6th April

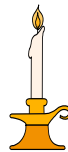
On duty: Dawn Thomas

Join us for coffee and fellowship



LIVING LIGHT

The Aumbry Light for April has
been sponsored in memory of
James Hoare



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.

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Deputy Churchwarden:

Mike Tadman 07740 625454

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.

READING:

Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 1.3-7

Paul describes the Christian community as one where we nurture each other in good times and bad.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the Father who is full of mercy. And he is the God of all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble, so that we can comfort others when they have trouble. We can comfort them with the same comfort that God gives us. We share in the many sufferings of Christ. In the same way, much comfort comes to us through Christ. If we have troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation. If we have comfort, then you also have comfort. This helps you to accept patiently the same sufferings that we have. Our hope for you is strong. We know that you share in our sufferings. So we know that you also share in the comfort we receive.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING:

Luke 2.33-35

Mary is warned of the cost of motherhood.

Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what Simeon had said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "Many in Israel will fall and many will rise because of this child. He will be a sign from God that many people will not accept. The things they think in secret will be made known. And the things that will happen will make your heart sad, too."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Kids Inspire

During Lent we're supporting Kids Inspire, an Essex based charity helping disadvantaged young people turn their lives around.

Envelopes are now available for your donations at the back of church - if you're a taxpayer and would like to to Gift Aid your donation (this gives an extra 25% to Kids Inspire without costing you a penny), then please complete the details on the front of the envelope.

Please make cheques payable to Kids Inspire.

**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:

Margaret Evelyn Garrod (31.03.2014)

Dick Munson (01.04.1996)

Don Kay (03.04.1990)

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

New Curate

We're very excited to announce that we have been appointed a new curate to work across St Luke's and St John's!

Suzanne McAllister, who currently worships at St Michael's Galleywood, will join us from July and be ordained in September.

We look forward to welcoming her and her family.

THIS WEEK:

The church is open daily for prayer

Monday 1 April

Pray for Bradwell Episcopal Area team

Tuesday 2 April

Pray for Moss Walk

Wednesday 3 April

Pray for the Church Army

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's

9.45am: Holy Communion

1.15pm: Edward Bear Club

7.00pm: Lent Group

Thursday 4 April

*Pray for Peace in Syria and
The Middle East*

Friday 5 April

(Revd Gemma's day off)

Pray for the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Saturday 6 April

Pray for Petrel Way

11.00am: Saturday Coffee

Confirmations

Would you like to explore being confirmed? Were you Christened as a baby but would like the opportunity to make a public commitment to faith for yourself?

We have a joint Confirmation Service coming up on the 8th September at St Michael's and we'd love you to take part. There will be discussion sessions for candidates leading up to the service. If you haven't been baptised that can be incorporated in to the service too. Talk to Revd. Gemma for more information.