

Sunday 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion at St. John's

10am Second Sunday Service

Leader & Speaker Dave Thomas

Intercessions: Dave Thomas

Readings

Romans 15:4-13 Mike Tadman

Matthew 3:1-12

Sidesmen Jane Chambers, Janette Tadman

Sound David Millward

Coffee Volunteers

Counters Dave Chambers, Janette Tadman

Duty Churchwarden Mike Tadman

Organist Rita Roscoe

Christmas Community Evening

1st Moulsham Brownies

Tuesday 10th December 6.15 - 7.30pm

**Carols, crafts, refreshments etc
In support of Crisis**

Practice makes perfect

All of our sidespeople have now been trained in what to do if the fire alarm goes off, which means we need to practice..... We will be having a fire evacuation practice during a Sunday service at some point before Christmas - when this happens, please act as if there's a real fire and do what the fire marshals tell you. Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation!

Newsletter Content

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman 01245 469124

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Deadline Wednesday evening

Advent and Christmas Services

Advent Meditations/Reflections:

Advent is a time of waiting, a time of preparation, and a time of hope. We have several opportunities to come together during this time:

Advent Meditation/Reflection - a time together for prayer and bible readings to reflect on the meaning of Advent.

Mon 2 Dec, 7.30pm at St John's
Wed 11 Dec, 7.30pm at St Luke's

Advent Craft and Prayer - a time together for prayer and craft activities.

Thurs 12 Dec, 11am at St John's
Sat 21 Dec, 11am at St Luke's

Christmas Tree Festival

Sat 14 Dec, 10am - 4pm with activities for children available throughout the day, specific children's event 1.30pm-3pm

Sun 15 Dec, 2pm-5pm with Carols at 4pm.

Christmas Eve, 4pm - Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

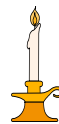
Christmas Day, 10am - Family Communion

Sun 29 Dec, 10am - joint service at St Luke's

Sun 19 Jan, 10am - Christingle Service

Living Light

If you would like to sponsor the Aumbry Light for December please speak to Mary Marshall



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Sunday, 1st December 2019

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WELCOME to St. Luke's Church.

Please stay for refreshments and fellowship in the hall after the service.

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 you give by Standing Order or are unable to give today, please pass the basket on.

Sunday 1st December

Advent Sunday

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10am: Service of Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Rev Gemma Fraser

Crucifer: Janette Tadman

Server: David Millward

Chalice: Revd Suzanne, Mike Tadman

Intercessions: Richard Field

Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5 Dave Thomas

Romans 13:11-end Chris Fawcett

Matthew 24:36-44

Sidesmen: Sue Davies, Louise Whitehead

Sound: Richard Field

Coffee: Mike and Janette Tadman

Counters: Dave Thomas, Dave Chambers

Duty Churchwarden: Richard Field

Organist: Michael Davis (*The organ voluntary today is an arrangement by Max Reger of the Advent hymn "Sleepers Wake"*)

3pm - Advent Service

at Holy Name Church, Lucas Avenue
Churches Together in Moulsham

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in
great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
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.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the Lord!

Romans 13:11-end

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the

day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us

live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and

licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and

make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For

as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came

and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the

field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one

will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what

day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what

part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his

house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an

unexpected hour.

Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Margaret, June, Tammy, Kath (in hospital), Emma, Basil, Greta, Carmen, Revd John S, Melvyn, Nicky and Alina, Sally and Peter.

For those named on the prayer board

This week we remember:

Daisy Swadling (01.12.1996)

Nonny Siseman (07.12.2005)

R.I.P Agnes Millward †

Agnes passed away peacefully on Thursday

21st November with her family gathered

round her. Please keep David, Stephen and

Linda, Elena and Nick in your prayers.

Agnes will be greatly missed.

The funeral will be held at St. Luke's on

Thursday 19th December at 12 noon, all are

welcome.

Christmas Tree Festival

We're now only 2 weeks away from our

Christmas Tree Festival on 14 - 15 December

and we have a great number of trees

promised. Please do help to spread the word

and publicise this event, which is an

opportunity to bring our community

together - word of mouth is always best!

We will also need lots of volunteers from

helping to get the church ready, to providing

refreshments and welcoming visitors - please

do sign up, even if only for an hour.

Christmas is coming!

Christmas is coming with your help!

There are still several roads that need to

have our Christmas flyers delivered to - we

want everyone within our parish boundaries

to know about our Christmas services and

this can only happen with your help. Please

have a look at the outstanding roads and sign

up to spread the word.

Saturday Coffee

There will be no Saturday Coffee

on 7th December due to

Little Acorns Christmas Bazaar



This Week

The church is open daily for prayer

Monday 2 December

Pray for theological colleges and theologians

7.30pm: Advent Meditation/Reflection

at St. John's

Tuesday 3 December

Pray for Plane Tree Close

9.15am: Morning Prayer at

Church of the Holy Spirit, Widford

Wednesday 4 December

Pray for Christians in Muslim countries

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's

9.45am: Holy Communion

1.15pm: Edward Bear Toddler Group

Thursday 5 December

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. John's

Friday 6 December

Pray for the Edward Bear Toddler Group

Saturday 7 December

Pray for Cypress Drive

No Saturday Coffee this week

Christmas Giving

Over the festive period, we will be supporting the following charities:

- CRISIS at Christmas, throughout Advent

- Little Havens Children's Hospice, Crib Service

- The Children's Society, Christingle Service.

Please look out for Gift Aid envelopes so that, if you are a tax payer, the charities can claim an extra 25% on top of your donation.