

Sunday 16th February

2nd Sunday before Lent

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

**10am: Service of Holy Communion
with Baptism**

President & Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer Hilary Selwood

Servers Janette Tadman, Kirsty Davies

Chalice Revd Suzanne, Hilary Selwood

Readings

Genesis 1:1-23 Dave Chambers

Romans 8:18-25 Jane Chambers

Matthew 6:25-end

Intercessions Revd Gemma

Sidesmen Maxine Buck, Chris Fawcett

Sound Mike Tadman

Coffee Janette Tadman

Counters Mike Tadman, Helen Field

Duty Churchwarden Richard Field

Organist Alan Arnot (*Voluntary - "Adoro te devote" by Pierre Boely 1785-1858*)

**We welcome Joseph, his family
and friends for his baptism**

Christingle Marmalade.....

.... is still available - just a few jars left, to raise more funds for The Children's Society, (thank you Suzanne).

**Please take a jar and
make a donation.**



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

HOME GROUP

In response to your Requests for a greater focus on bible study and prayer, Revd Gemma has started leading a home group on the last Thursday evening of the month. The first meeting was 30th January with 8 people going along to Dawn's house. The group spent some time studying and talking about bible passages concerning Jesus' prayer relationship with God.



Each session will be standalone so please make a note of the next session dates - 27th February and 26th March at 7.30pm.

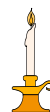
Cleaning Day 22nd February

For those of you bored with the usual fridge cleaning, removal of dust bunnies etc I am pleased to announce we have a task that I don't remember us ever doing before... anyone can do this including those who likes to sit or even lay down while they work. Why not volunteer without knowing what this involves? Full training given and brand new equipment provided.

Just let one of the Wardens know if you are intrigued or even excited by this possibility. If not come along for the usual activities..... remember 'all are welcome'.

Living Light

The Aumbry Light for February has been sponsored in memory of Kath and George Bell



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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 9th February

3rd Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion at St. John's

10am: Celtic Worship

'Salt and Light'

Leader & Speaker Lucy Bubb

Intercessions: Lucy Bubb

Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a Chris Fawcett

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

Sidesmen Jane Chambers, Louise
Whitehead

Sound David Millward

Coffee Volunteers

Counters Dave Chambers, Lucy Bubb

Duty Churchwarden Sue Davies

Organist John Kingham

**4pm: United Evening Service
Adult Messy Church**

St. Michael's Church, Galleywood

Collect

God of our salvation,
help us to turn away from those habits
which harm our bodies
and poison our minds
and to choose again your gift of life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Blessing

LEADER: "You are the salt of the earth."

**ALL: Sprinkle us across our town, God,
across our world, to bring the flavour of
your Kingdom wherever we go.**

LEADER: "You are the light of the world."

**ALL: Uncover the radiance that is within us,
God, to shine the truth of your love
wherever we go.**

LEADER: "Let your light shine before others"

**ALL: that everyone we meet may see our
lives of worship and glorify you, our Father
in heaven. 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 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.⁹ But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Margaret, June, Tammy, Emma, Greta, Carmen, Revd John S, Melvyn, Nicky and Alina, Sally and Peter and Margaret L..

For those named on the prayer board
This week we remember:
Lily Clarke (13.02.2007)
Robert Wade (14.02.1988)

Basil Law RIP

The funeral for Basil will be held in St. Luke's on Tuesday 10th March at 2.30pm, then 3.30pm at the Crematorium.

All are welcome at the Secret Garden after the service.

Morning Prayer

What do you know about Morning Prayer at St Luke's? We asked David and Jo, who regularly attend, to tell us about Morning Prayer and what it means to them ...



"The service lasts up to thirty minutes, and usually uses liturgy from Common Worship Daily Prayer. Readings are taken from the Lectionary, which provides at least one Psalm and a reading from each Testament. Active participation is encouraged; this could be reading a lesson, suggesting a prayer topic, saying a prayer, or taking part in a discussion about the day's readings. The service is sometimes lay led, and there are eight regular attendees. The less formal atmosphere makes it easier for everyone to play a part."

"Morning Prayer is a chance to be with others through words and in silence as I begin the day. Hearing the scriptures and praying the prayers connects me with God in Jesus, and with fellow pilgrims present in the church, and Christians across time and space."

Why not pop along and see for yourself?
Every Wednesday at 9.15am in Church.

This Week

The church is open daily for prayer

Monday 10 February

Pray for lifeboat crews

Tuesday 11 February

Pray for Larch Grove

9.15am: Morning Prayer at Church of the Holy Spirit, Widford

Wednesday 12 February

Pray Atheists and Agnostics

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's

1.15pm: Edward Bear Toddler Group

Thursday 13 February

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. John's

Friday 14 February

Pray for the Little Acorns Pre-School

Saturday 15 February

Pray for Waltham Glen

11am: Saturday Coffee

Saturday Coffee

15th February

On duty: Brenda Hudson

Join us for coffee and fellowship



Pancake Party - Tues 25 Feb

We're going to host a pancake party for anyone that wants to come along on Shrove Tuesday (25 Feb, 3.15pm - 5pm)! There will be pancake making and eating (yummy), as well as pancake flipping competitions and races.

What we need though are volunteers - could you come along and help? No experience necessary, just a willingness to engage with our community.



Please speak to Revd Gemma, Revd Suzanne or the Duty Warden.