

Sunday 13th September

14th Sunday after Trinity

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10am Second Sunday Service

Leader & Speaker: Dave Thomas

Intercessions: Richard Field

Readings

Romans 14:1-12 Sue Davies

Matthew 18:21-35

Sidesmen Helen Field, Chris Fawcett,
Maxine Buck

Sound Sue Davies

Mevo Camera Richard Field

Duty Churchwarden Richard Field

In Memory of Margaret Judd

Donations, if desired, in memory of Margaret for Alzheimer's Research UK can be sent directly to T Pennack and Sons Funeral Directors at 1/3 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 7D

This Week

The church is open Mon-Sat
9am-3pm for private prayer

Monday 7 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
on FaceBook

Tuesday 8 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
on FaceBook

Wednesday 9 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
at St. Luke's

Thursday 10 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
at St. John's

Friday 11 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
on Facebook

Sunday 6th September

13th Sunday after Trinity

Creationtide

**10am: Service of
Holy Communion**

President & Preacher
Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer Richard Field

Readings

Genesis 1:2-4a David Millward

Psalms 104 David Millward

John 1:1-23

Intercessions Lucy Bubb

Sidesmen Hilary Few, Chris Fawcett,
Sue Davies

Sound David Millward

Mevo Camera Lucy Bubb

Duty Churchwarden Lucy Bubb

Online services are on Facebook

Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for your gracious
providing may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all creation,
as we have received the Holy Sacrament
so with joy we celebrate your goodness
and commit ourselves to serve you on
your earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Newsletter Content

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman 01245 469124 Email janettetadman@gmail.com **Deadline** Wednesday evening

Daily Hope

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line - which is available 24 hrs a day on **0800 804 8044** - has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Financial Giving

Please do support St Luke's using one of the options below:

- Regular giving by standing order - for more information contact Dave Chambers at simplydavec@aol.com or ring Lucy on 07970 728673
- Online giving (one-off donations) accessed via the St Luke's website homepage

What is the Creationtide – Season of Creation?

Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed 1 September as a day of prayer for creation for the Orthodox in 1989. In fact, the Orthodox church year starts on that day with a commemoration of how God created the world.

The World Council of Churches was instrumental in making the special time a season, extending the celebration from 1 September until 4 October.

Following the leadership of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I and the WCC, Christians worldwide have embraced the season as part of their annual calendar.

Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015 and the Anglican Communion marks the season worldwide.

In recent years, statements from religious leaders around the world have also encouraged the faithful to take time to care for creation during the month-long celebration.

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.

Each year, the ecumenical steering committee suggests a theme to unify Christian communities in their celebration of the season.

For the 2020 Season of Creation, the suggested theme is

“Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope.”

Key Messages from the PCC meeting on 26th August

1. We are delighted to welcome the return of Trudi Osborne's Dance School to St Luke's on 7th September, shortly followed, as soon as permitted, by uniform groups and other regular hirers of our buildings.
2. Starting on the 7th September the Church will reopen to the public, Monday to Saturday.
3. Our long awaited Annual Parish Meeting will take place after our morning service on Sunday 20th September during which we hope to appoint new PCC members, Deanery Synod Representatives and Churchwardens. Please think about the part God is calling you to play in the life of St Luke's next year and join us for this important occasion. *Please see the notice on next page for more information.*

Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Anna, Tammy, Greta, Carmen, Doug, Revd John, Nicky, Alina, Margaret.

For those named on the prayer board

We are sorry to announce that Morice de Silva died on Saturday 29th August. We are awaiting further information about the funeral arrangements. Please remember Carmen and her family in your prayers. May Morice rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Prayer for Moving Forward.

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect
our own safety:
we are people who protect our
neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us. Amen.

APCM – Church Vacancies

Our postponed APCM will take place on 20th September – coming up fast now we're back in church! As you may be aware, a number of people on the PCC will be coming to the end of their term of office, having very kindly agreed to stay on for the extra six months since April due to the lockdown.

Please consider whether God is now calling you to take up the challenge as we go forward out of lockdown and plan for the future of St. Luke's. The following opportunities are open to you:

- ◆ Two Churchwardens
- ◆ Members of the PCC
- ◆ Deanery Synod Representative for St. Luke's

For more information or to have a chat about any of these roles, please do speak to Gemma, Lucy or Richard. If you wish to put your name forward for any of these roles, please contact me (07873721813; helenfield16@yahoo.co.uk) and I will sort out your nomination form – you can apply any time from now until the APCM.

Without a full team, particularly with no churchwardens, we will need to prioritise the essential business of the church and may not have the capacity to plan any events or work with the community to build God's Kingdom in our parish.

In addition to the above, St Luke's is also looking to set up a 'Tech Team' to help with our online presence on our website and Facebook including live streaming, something many of us have discovered for the first time in recent weeks! If this is of interest to you, please contact Gemma, Richard or Lucy.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Helen - PCC Secretary