

St Luke's Lent Giving: The Little Edi Foundation

Our Lent charity this year is the Little Edi Foundation. Based in Moulsham Lodge they provide support to families and individuals in need through food parcels, clothes, toys and more. Demand for their services has gone through the roof during the pandemic and sadly not easing. If you would like to give to our appeal the best way is a bank transfer:

Little Edi Foundation
80089062
60-09-45

Please use the reference 'St Lukes'

If you would prefer to send a cheque then you can do so to The Little Edi Foundation, 585 Galleywood Rd, Chelmsford CM2 8BS. Again if you could write 'St Luke's' on the reverse then we will be able to keep a tally of how much we have raised.

Birthdays

If it's your birthday this week, even though we're not together physically, we would like to sing: "Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessing rest today upon you."

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 - 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.

Contacts

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

Sunday 7th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

10am: Morning Worship

Lucy Bubb
(online)

10.45am: Zoom Coffee

Next week

Morning Prayer - 9.15am online
Mon 8th, Tues 9th, Fri 12th

Sunday 14th March

Mothering Sunday

8am: Holy Communion

(online)

10am: Morning Worship

(online)

10.45am: Zoom Coffee

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Regular 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
- Online giving (one-off donations) accessed via the St Luke's website homepage

Reopening Church

We are delighted that, after the Government's announcement recently, we can plan for reopening the church.

The Stay at Home rule is eased on Monday 29th March, which is Holy Week, we are going to have a gentle transition back into the building whilst maintaining online worship and the community that has been built there.

Holy Week (W/c 29 March)

* The church will be open for private prayer all week, times will be confirmed soon. The Stations of the Cross will be available as an aid for reflection and prayer.

* There will be daily meditation sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. These will remain online only to allow us to talk and pray together more easily and to worship with St John's.

Good Friday (2 April)

* There will be a last hour at the cross meditation in church at 2pm.

Easter Sunday (4 April)

* We will be joining together at St John's for a Dawn Service at 5.45am. This service will take place outside unless the weather has other plans.

* At 10am we will be celebrating Easter Holy Communion in St Luke's.

From this point on we will be worshipping in church every Sunday.

Restrictions are still in place and our primary commitment is to wellbeing so we will need to continue wearing face coverings and social distancing and can't serve refreshments just yet.

The church will go back to being open for private prayer. Morning Prayer in church will not be resuming just yet but we will let you know when it can.

We know that there are some people may still be uncomfortable returning to the building and so pastoral care, online worship and home resources will continue.

All of the above is subject to the phases being implemented on the date the government has set, if they don't we will adjust accordingly.

Lent Group meeting again Thursday, 7.30pm on Zoom and we'd love you to join us. Details have come out on Connect but let us know if you need them sent again.

Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Anna, Doug, Greta, Carmen and Peter.

For the people of Myanmar, especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

This week we remember:

Joan Moorhouse (07.03.2008)

Alice Olivia Stow (12.03.1993)

Mothering Sunday - 14th March

Mothering Sunday is a time to say thank you to all mothers and caregivers for the selflessness with which they nurture, love and help us to grow.

This year, why not celebrate or remember someone special by giving an ethical gift?

<https://makeamothersday.org/shop/Default.aspx>

Key Messages from your PCC

- Plans are in hand for re-opening the church, hopefully by Easter (*see adjacent notice*).
- Date for your diary - a Work Day is being planned for Saturday 27th March to prepare the church for re-opening. A schedule will be produced and social distancing will be maintained. All cleaning materials provided! Sign up sheet available soon.
- Electoral Roll - Revision of the ER will take place from 21st-27th March, prior to the APCM. If you know of any changes or if you would like to join the ER, please contact Mike Tadman, Electoral Roll Officer.

If anyone would like to read the PCC Minutes, please contact Helen Field, PCC Secretary (helenfield16@yahoo.co.uk or tel. 07873721813). Please be aware they will only be available after approval by the PCC, usually the following month.

Lobby Doors

If you have walked past the church in the last week, you might have noticed the new lobby doors. Despite difficulties caused by the current restrictions, we managed to have the new doors installed during the half-term holiday, while the Little Acorns were on holiday. The new doors open outwards, so they meet fire regulations.

Contact David Millward if you need new keys.

