

Birthdays

*"Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessing rest today
upon you."*

Sunday 2nd May

5th Sunday of Easter

9am: Holy Communion

Revd Andy Griffiths

(live streamed on Facebook and available on the Worship At Home page of our website)

10am: Morning Worship

Revd Suzanne McAllister

Sides: TBC

Sound: David Millward

Mevo: Lucy Bubb

Duty Warden: Sue Davies

Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Anna, Doug, Greta, Carmen, Barbara and Geoff.

We remember:

Millie D'Mello (28.04.2014)

Harry Dunmall (30.04.2014)

Gemma on leave

From Monday 26th April I am taking a period of annual leave and retreat. It has been a tough year for so many and if I'm honest, I'm feeling it at the moment. Thankfully we appear to have reached the end of a heavy spate of funerals (a desperately sad consequence of the last Covid spike) which frees me up to take off two weeks to reconnect with God, to rest and recover in order that I am in a better position to serve both churches in the coming months. In my absence Suzanne, David and the PCC have very kindly offered to manage any issues that arise, I am very grateful to them.
Gemma

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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 25th April

4th Sunday of Easter

9am: Service of Holy Communion

Revd Suzanne McAllister

(live streamed on Facebook and available on the Worship At Home page of our website)

Bring a coffee with you to share between services (outside).

10am: Morning Worship

Shirley, Timmy, Nuts, Hazel and Shaun.... collectively?

Richard Field

Sides: Jane Chambers

Sound: David Millward

Mevo: David Millward

Duty Warden: David Millward

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be
the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his
life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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
- One-off online donations accessed via the St Luke's website homepage
- Contactless card reader available at the back of church

Sidespeople/Welcoming Team

We are looking for more people to join our brilliant team of sidespeople. This is a really vital ministry which involves getting the church ready for the service, welcoming people and making them feel at home plus helping everyone manage the Covid precautions we currently have in place.

You can choose to serve at either the 9am or the 10am service (both if you're particularly keen) you will always be working with at least one other person and a full guide is provided. The team will be meeting occasionally to review how things are going, especially as we move through the easing of restrictions. We are hoping to develop a rota so that people are volunteering approximately once every 3-4 weeks. Please do get in touch with David if you would like more information. Thank you!

Home Communion

If you are unable to attend church for our Holy Communion services at 9am each Sunday and would like to receive Home Communion, please contact Revd Gemma or Revd Suzanne (contact details on back page).

Meeting to Discuss the "Where Do We Go From Here" paper - 16 May

I appreciate that the news about PCC discussions on our future has come as a shock to some of you and that it is causing anxiety. Thank you to those of you who have been in touch with me to express your feelings, especially the people who have expressed a commitment to discerning where God might be leading us, despite a deep sadness as to the current situation.

After the 10am service on the 16th May we will gather together for a time of prayer and discussion. This will be an opportunity to lift the situation to God once again and ask for His guidance but also for you to ask us questions and to express your feelings. At that meeting I will set out a process for the next few months as we engage with these issues. I do hope you can join us. Gemma

Face coverings for sale in aid of church funds

We have a number of new, handmade face coverings for sale, made from 100% cotton, with two layers, and have adjustable elastic, pockets for a filter and a nose wire if you would like to add them. Each covering will come with one filter. Minimum £5, 100% of which will go to St Luke's.

Prayer: where to start and how to keep going

"There is no right way of praying. There are just the ways that are right for you. But there is also the great heritage of praying that we can learn from and explore." The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell

From 19 - 30 April, the Church of England has produced a short reflection series that considers ten basic questions about prayer and offers simple helps for making prayer a part of everyday life. These include:

- What prayer is;
- When and where to pray;
- Whether words are always needed;
- What to do when prayer seems impossible;
- Praying alone and with others.

You can sign up for weekday reflections on the Church of England website, or you can listen to the reflections as a podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or Amazon Music. The series will also be explored as part of the BBC Radio 4 Daily Service by a number of contributors.

Your New PCC

Thank you so much to those who have stepped forward to lead the church into the next year. Your new PCC is

Church Warden and Deanery Synod rep: David Millward

Secretary: Kathryn Griffiths

Treasurer: Hilary Few

Clergy: Gemma and Suzanne

PCC Members: Jane Chambers,
Brenda Hudson,
Maurice Van Mellaerts,
Elena Pratt,
Nick Pratt.

Please pray for each PCC member as they serve St Luke's, discerning God's will for our community within Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln, especially Elena, Nick and Maurice as they join the PCC for the first time.

Don't forget that if you have any thoughts or questions about life at St Luke's, please do speak to any member of the PCC.