

Sunday 10th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

11am: Joint Service at
Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church
Lime Walk

There will not be a service at
St. Luke's today

Sunday 17th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

10am: Morning Worship
Lucy

Duty Warden/Sound: Richard
Music: David
Sides: Hilary and Chris

Saturday Coffee

11am - 12 noon



Church is closed after coffee
9 Dec—Richard
16 Dec—Brenda

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Newsletter Content If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) contact Janette Tadman -
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Please Pray

For Sally, Brian, Joan, Anna, Greta,
Sheila, Nicky, Amelia, Val, Audrey,
Mary, Catherine

For the PCC as they meet on 13th
December

We remember:

Nonny Siseman (07.12.2005)
Adrian Pudney (08.12.1994)
Audrey Dunmall (10.12.2013)
Kath Bell (11.12.2019)
May Wade (12.12.1990)
Revd Gordon Law (14.12.2010)
Robert Lee (16.12.1989)

Parish Roads:

**We also pray this month for those
living and working in:**
Hawthorn Close, Heath Drive,
Holly Way, Hornbeam Close,
Juniper Drive

Edward Bear Baby/Toddler Group

Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm
Last session is 13 Dec

Sunday 3rd December

Advent Sunday



4pm ADVENTure Carol Service

Duty Warden/Sound: Sue
Music: The Music Group
Sides: Helen and Maxine
Counters: Lucy and tbc

Weekday Prayer - Tuesdays at 2pm

Wheelchair accessible and toilets
will be available

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to
the light of holiness, that we may be
ready to meet you in our Lord and
Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Pray for Palestine and Israel

O God of all justice and peace,
we cry out to you in the midst of the
pain and trauma of violence and fear
which prevails in the Holy Land.
Be with those who need you in these
days of suffering; we pray for people
of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Chris-
tians and for all people of the land.
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an
end to violence and the establishment
of peace, we also call to you to bring
justice and equity to the peoples.
Guide us into your kingdom where all
people are treated with dignity and
honour as your children - for to all of
us you are our Heavenly Father. In
Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Birthdays:

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

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

- Regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme - see noticeboard for information
- One-off online donations accessed via the St Luke's website homepage
- Contactless card reader available at the back of church

Advent and Christmas Giving

This year we are going to be supporting two charities in different ways:

Financial giving—Friends of the Holy Land

Shopping items—CHESS Homeless

Friends of the Holy Land

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, many of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are facing a very different reality from the one that we are living. We sing 'O Little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie.' Yet how far from the current truth can this be?

The Archbishops of Canterbury and Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum and Justin Welby, have issued a joint emergency appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. One of the charities included in this emergency appeal is **Friends of the Holy Land**, a non-political Christian Charity. Their mission is to secure a resilient and enduring Christian community in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan - the part of the world that Christians call the Holy Land.

To make a donation, please donate online:

<https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/fundraisers/moulsham-st-lukes-christmas-giving-for-friends-of-the-holy-land>

If you would prefer to give by cheque or cash, please speak to Lucy for details.

CHESS Homeless

CHESS works to ensure that people who find themselves homeless are supported in ways that enable them to move forward purposefully and in good health. CHESS stands for Churches Homeless Emergency Support Scheme. The items that are needed, including those for rough sleepers are:

Coffee	Sleeping Bags
Sugar	Wipes
Hot Chocolate	Hand Sanitizer
Toilet Roll	Snack/Cereal Bars
Kitchen Roll	Small bottles of water
Tissues (Boxes / ind. packets)	Deodorant
Baked Beans	Household cleaning products
Cooking Sauces (jars/packets)	Bin bags
Long Life Milk	Mens & Ladies Underwear
Biscuits	Sleeping bags
Fruit Squash	Small tents (preferably double-walled)

Please bring items to church on Sundays 17 and 24 Dec and Christmas Day.

Advent Course

The advent course run by ML Methodists started on Tuesday at 2.30pm and will continue for the next three Tuesdays in December. The course is based on the prophecies of Isaiah "Light to the Nations".

Licensing Service

Thank you to everyone who came and who helped at Revd Stephanie's licensing service last week. It was wonderful that representatives or our uniformed groups, schools, councillors and SWCC came along to support.

East Window Display

Thank you to Adrian for designing our east window display again this year and to Mike for helping to put it up. The display incorporates the Church of England theme of 'Follow The Star: Join The Song', which highlights how singing can help draw us closer to God and each other through the journey from Advent to Epiphany. With origami angels in the display and around the church, this also supports our crafting activities during the ADVENTure event.

Dates for your diary

10th December 11am:	Service at ML Methodist Church
17th December 10am:	Morning Worship led by Lucy
24th December 10am:	Morning Worship led by Richard
	11.30pm: Midnight Mass led by Revd Canon John Brown
25th December 10am:	Family Communion led by Revd Stephanie
31st December 10am:	Holy Communion led by Revd Suzanne
21st January 10am:	Christingle Service

RIP Derek Tadman †

We were greatly saddened to hear that our dear friend Derek Tadman died on 26th November.

Please hold Mike, Janette and Arthur in your prayers.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Living Light

The Aumbry Light for December has been sponsored in memory of:

Alina Hope Peters

