

Sunday 28th January

Epiphany 4

10am: Holy Communion

The Venerable Revd Mike Power

Duty Warden: Richard

Music: David

Sides: Pat and Helen

Sound: Mike

Reader: Anna

Chalice: Helen

Refreshments: Brenda

4pm: Praise and Thanksgiving

Service at St. Michael's, Galleywood

*Refreshments at 4pm,  
service at 4.30pm*

**Edward Bear Baby  
and Toddler Group**

Wednesdays during term time  
1.15pm - 2.30pm

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**Newsletter Content** If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) contact Janette Tadman - janettetadman@gmail.com or 07749 298639

**Please Pray**

For Sally, Brian, Joan, Anna, Greta, Sheila, Nicky, Amelia, Val, Audrey, Mary, Catherine, Revd Suzanne, Lucy and her family, Arthur.

**We remember:**

Diana Bubb (19.01.24)  
Basil Law (21.01.2020)  
Dorothy le Riche (25.01.1995)  
Lewis John Stone (26.01.1996)

**Parish Roads:**

**We also pray this month for those**

**living and working in:**

Kestrel Walk, Laburnum Drive,  
Larch Grove, Lewis Drive,  
Lilac Close

**Saturday Coffee**

11am - 12 noon

27th Jan - Sue

*Church is closed after coffee*



Sunday 21st January

Epiphany 3

10am: Christingle Service

Lucy Bubb

Duty Warden: Sue

Music: Music Group

Sides: Maxine and Chris

Sound: Sue

Refreshments: Helen

**Collect**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed the good news  
to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Birthdays:**

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

**Weekday Prayers**

Tuesdays at 2.30pm

Disabled access  
and toilets available

**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 Christians 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**

**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

### **John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The week of prayer for Christian unity is 18-25 January. This special week provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity, as well as speak about and experience Christian unity personally, in our village, town or county as well as engage with what happens at a national level.

This year the theme 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27) has come from an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso. They have reflected on the familiar story of the Good Samaritan, and all are encouraged to Go and do likewise. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

### **Help Needed: Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group**

As Revd Suzanne is poorly, we could really do with some help on a Wednesday afternoon. Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group is a fantastic outreach serving our community.

Any and all help is welcomed - putting toys out, washing up at the end. If you have a bit of time to give, please speak to Brenda, David or Pat.

### **Flowers:**

If you would like to sponsor a display for an anniversary or in memory of a loved one, please speak to Lucy

### **PCC News**

The PCC met on Wednesday 17 January and would like to share the following key messages:

- Revd Suzanne remains in hospital and will stay there until she has her operation. She is cheerful and doing well; please keep her and her family in your prayers. It is likely that her recovery will take several months. We have been asking for help from clergy and lay leaders around the deanery and hope to be able to continue with our regular pattern of worship. This will include Revd Stephanie leading our worship on the 4th Sundays of the month.
- We had a long discussion about the large hall roof and the work required. We are committed to repairing the roof and will be applying for grants. We also recognise that we will need significant fundraising in a short timescale - we are aiming for the work to be completed by September 2024 and is likely to cost around £50,000. We will be agreeing a fundraising plan at our meeting in three weeks; some ideas that have been suggested include:
  - ◇ Winter fuel payment donation - do you receive the winter fuel payment from the government? could you donate all or some of it towards the roof work? if so, are you a tax payer and willing to gift aid your donation? This can be done by cheque or bank transfer and letting Kevin, our Treasurer, know.
  - ◇ Fill a Smartie Tube (or Denture Cleaning Tablet Tube) - could you fill a tube with £1 coins? Its surprising how much can be collected.
- We agreed our 2023 draft accounts, which will now go to our independent examiner for review, before being finalised ready for the APCM. We overspent our General Fund and our Fabric Fund by c£6,600. Our assets (the money in our bank accounts) reduced from £55,667 to £26,121 by the end of the year.
- We agreed our 2024 budget. We are planning to break-even on our General Fund. We will need to monitor our cash flow carefully.

### **Sponsoring the Living Light**

If you would like to sponsor the Aumbry light for a month during 2024, in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the noticeboard. The cost is £10 per name. There is no limit to the number of sponsors per month.

