



Sunday 12 January
 1st Sunday of Epiphany
10am: Holy Communion Service
with Moulsham Lodge
Methodist Church
 Revd Andrew Merchant
Duty Warden/Mevo: Lucy
Chalice: Maxine
Reader: Pat
Sound: Helen
Music: Music Group
Sides: Maxine and Pat
Refreshments: Brenda

Please Pray
 For Sally, Anna, Val, Audrey, Mary, Brian, Catherine, Revd Suzanne and Larry.
 For Revd Stephanie and her family as they mourn the death of her mother on 30 December.
We remember:
 Ron Smiles (05.01.2013)
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 
 11 January - Sue
Church is closed after coffee

Living Light
 The Aumbry Light for January has been sponsored in memory of 
 Diana Bubb

Edward Bear Baby & Toddler group
 1.15pm-2.30pm
 During term time

If you would like to sponsor the **Living Light** in memory of a loved one please sign up on the noticeboard. The cost is £10 per name.

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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

Sunday 5 January
Epiphany
10am: Morning Worship
Learning from the Magi....
 Richard Field
Duty Warden: Helen
Sound: Mike
Music: David
Sides: Maxine
Refreshments: Brenda
Collect
 Creator of the heavens,
 who led the Magi by a star
 to worship the Christ-child:
 guide and sustain us,
 that we may find our journey's end
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for the New Year
 God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day:
 let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
 warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
 that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith;
 through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**
Weekday Prayers
 Tuesdays at 2pm
 Disabled access and toilets available

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen up on you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

EasyFundraising So far we have raised over £55 in free donations just by easyfundraising! All you need to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/moulsham-st-lukes-church/ and join for free, and do your online shopping via the easyfundraising platform. The retailer will make a donation to Moulsham St Luke's Church at no cost to you! Thank you for your support.

Christmas Giving

Thank you to those who have donated money or items for the families affected by domestic violence and supported by Next Chapter. **Today is the last day for donations before we take them over to Next Chapter.**

Epiphany Chalking the Doorway

Gather your household outside and write these letters above the door, down the sides or on the doorstep:

20 + C + M + B + 25

And say: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty four years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen

Bible Quilt

On the Saturday before Christmas, eight of us were led by Revd Stephanie in a Bible study and quilting session. We spent time reading, reflecting and discussing the passage about the feeding of the five thousand, and then we started to work on our own quilt panel depicting the story. We will meet again in February; come and join in, no experience or skills necessary.

Eco Tip

Here are five New Year Recycling Resolutions that you may like to adopt:

1. Recycle one more item that you have not recycled before.
2. Put the right things in your recycling bin/bag/box.
3. Recycle materials from all over your home.
4. Get to know your recycling symbols.
5. Find out what happens to your recycling

Over the next few weeks we will give more information how you can achieve the above.

Fundraising events for 2025

We've got some great fundraising events coming up:

- American Line Dancing Masterclass - Sunday 2 Feb in the afternoon, led by Joani St Cliere. Dust off your cowboy boots and strut your stuff!
 - Pudding Evening - Friday 7 Feb, 7pm. A chance to try a huge variety of puddings (and put on calories that you worked off with the line dancing!
 - Table Top Sale - Saturday 1 March, 11am - 2pm, back by popular demand
- Soon Lucy will be asking for volunteers to make puddings for the Pudding Evening - do you have a favourite that you could make?**