

Sunday 1st December

Advent Sunday

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10am: Service of Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Rev Gemma Fraser

Crucifer: Janette Tadman

Server: David Millward

Chalice: Revd Suzanne, Mike Tadman

Intercessions: Richard Field

Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5 Dave Thomas

Romans 13:11-end Chris Fawcett

Matthew 24:36-44

Sidesmen: Sue Davies, Louise Whitehead

Sound: Richard Field

Coffee: Mike and Janette Tadman

Counters: Dave Thomas, Dave Chambers

Duty Churchwarden: Richard Field

Organist: Michael Davis

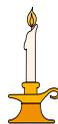
The organ voluntary today is an arrangement by Max Reger of the Advent hymn "Sleepers Wake"

Practice makes perfect

All of our sidespeople have now been trained in what to do if the fire alarm goes off, which means we need to practice..... We will be having a fire evacuation practice during a Sunday service at some point before Christmas - when this happens, please act as if there's a real fire and do what the fire marshals tell you. Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation!

Living Light

If you would like to sponsor the Aumbry Light for December please speak to Mary Marshall



Newsletter Content

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman 01245 469124

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Deadline Wednesday evening

Advent and Christmas Services

Saturday 30 Nov, 4pm - Farleigh Light Up A Life at St Luke's

Sunday 1 Dec, 3pm - Advent Service at Holy Name Church, Churches Together in Moulsham

Advent Meditations/Reflections:

Mon 2 Dec, 7.30pm - St John's

Wed 11 Dec, 7.30pm - St Luke's

Thurs 12 Dec, 10.30am - St John's

Sat 21 Dec, 11am - St Luke's

Christmas Tree Festival

Sat 14 Dec, 10am - 4pm with activities for children available throughout the day, specific children's event 1.30pm-3pm

Sun 15 Dec, 2pm-5pm with Carols at 4pm.

Christmas Eve, 4pm - Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 10am - Family Communion

Sun 29 Dec, 10am - joint service at St Luke's

Sun 19 Jan, 10am - Christingle Service

Christmas Giving

Over the festive period, we will be supporting the following charities:

- CRISIS at Christmas, throughout Advent
- Little Havens Children's Hospice, Crib Service
- The Children's Society, Christingle Service.

Please look out for Gift Aid envelopes so that, if you are a tax payer, the charities can claim an extra 25% on top of your donation.

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Sunday, 24th November

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WELCOME to St. Luke's Church.

Please stay for refreshments and fellowship in the hall after the service.

There will be a collection during the third hymn. If you are a taxpayer, please use a Gift Aid envelope, available from the Sidesmen. If you give by Standing Order or are unable to give today, please pass the basket on.

Sunday 24th November

Sunday next before Advent

8am Holy Communion at St. John's

Christ the King

10am Fourth Sunday Service

Leader and Speaker Mike Tadman

Readings

Colossians 1:11-20 Chris Fawcett

Luke 23:33-43

Sidesman Dawn Thomas, Helen Field

Sound David Millward

Coffee Janette Tadman

Counters Hilary Few, Lucy Bubb

Duty Churchwarden Sue Davies

Organist Philippa Penkett

4.30pm: MMU Service

Leader: Richard Field

(Refreshments from 4pm)

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit
of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TO OUR VISITORS Welcome to our service. The **hymn numbers** are displayed on the boards, and will also be announced. When we come to receive Holy Communion, please see the notes in our **Order of Service**, which are provided for your guidance. We like to mark **birthdays** by singing "Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you." If it is your birthday this week, please tell one of the ministers.

The ministry of Prayer with Laying-on-of-Hands for Healing is available every Sunday. If you would like this for yourself or another, please speak to one of the Ministers or Churchwardens.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *(Not being read at Sunday morning service)*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Margaret, June, Tammy, Kath (in hospital), Emma, Basil, Greta, Carmen, Revd John S, Melvyn, Nicky and Alina, Sally and Peter.

For those named on the prayer board

This week we remember:

Gladys Smiles (24.11.2003)

Margaret Lant (25.11.2010)

Daisy Swadling (01.12.1996)

R.I.P Agnes Millward †

Agnes passed away peacefully on Thursday 21st November with her family gathered round her.

Please keep David, Stephen and Linda, Elena and Nick and Maria (Agnes' carer) in your prayers.

Agnes will be greatly missed.

Christmas Tree Festival

We're now only 3 weeks away from our Christmas Tree Festival on 14 - 15 December and we have a great number of trees promised. Please do help to spread the word and publicise this event, which is an opportunity to bring our community together - word of mouth is always best! We will also need lots of volunteers from helping to get the church ready, to providing refreshments and welcoming visitors - please do sign up, even if only for an hour.

Christmas is coming!

Can you help by delivering flyers about our Christmas services and events to the houses in your road? Can you help by covering a few other roads? **We need to deliver all the flyers by the end of November.** Please sign up on the noticeboard and take as many flyers as you need, remembering to bring back any that are not needed.

Saturday Coffee

30th November

On duty: Louise Whitehead

Join us for coffee and fellowship



This Week

The church is open daily for prayer

Monday 25 November

Pray for Postal Workers

Tuesday 26 November

Pray for Plover Walk

9.15am: Morning Prayer at

Church of the Holy Spirit, Widford

Wednesday 27 November

Pray for the Salvation Army

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's

1.15pm: Edward Bear Toddler Group

Thursday 28 November

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. John's

Friday 29 November

Pray for the schools in our parish

Saturday 30 November

Pray for Cypress Drive

11am: Saturday Coffee

PCC Messages

PCC met on Wednesday 20 Nov for a strategy session, focusing on one of the priority areas we have agreed: Environmental Stewardship - how we can look after God's creation. An initial audit has been undertaken against the criteria to become an Eco Church, which looks at five areas of church life: worship and teaching; management of our buildings; land management; community and global engagement; and lifestyle. We have lots of work to do as we work towards gaining Eco Church Bronze status (and later, Silver and Gold status) but we have a plan of action! Watch out for more information....

We also agreed that at our next meeting (18 Dec) we will decide on the three 2020 charitable giving campaigns (Lent, Harvest, Christmas). We will aim to support local, national and international charities, also an environmental charity. If you have any suggestions, please speak to any PCC member.