

Sunday 2nd February
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Candlemas

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10am: Service of Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser
Crucifer Dave Thomas
Server David Millward
Chalice Dave Thomas, Revd Suzanne
Readings
Malachi 3:1-5 Dawn Thomas
Hebrews 2:14-end Lucy Bubb
Luke 2:22-40

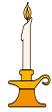
Intercessions Richard Field
Sidesmen Hilary Few, Janette Tadman
Sound Helen Field
Coffee Mike and Janette Tadman
Counters Richard Field, Hilary Few
Duty Churchwarden Lucy Bubb
Organist Michael Davis

Spring Harvest Local

Ever wanted to go to Spring Harvest but not wanted to travel far? Now's your chance ... Spring Harvest is on tour and coming to Sky-lark Church, Chelmsford on 5 Feb at 7.30pm. The theme is Unleashed: The Acts Church Today, focusing on the book of Acts. If you're interested in going, contact Revd Gemma.

Living Light

The Aumbry Light for January has been sponsored in memory of Colin 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

HOME GROUP - STARTING THIS WEEK!



In response to your requests for a greater focus on bible study and prayer, Revd Gemma will be leading a home group on the last Thursday evening of the month for the next three months until Lent-30Jan, 27Feb and 26 March, at 7.30pm. These will be hosted at Dawn's house on Heath Drive. The group will be a time of bible study, conversation and prayer. Each session will be standalone so if you can't make one session, you can still go to the others. Please let any of the wardens, Gemma or Dawn know if you are going to join so we have an idea of numbers.

PRAYER COURSE

Rather than running a Lent Course, we will be joining with the other churches in Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln for an Eastertide course called 24/7 Prayer. This will help equip and inspire us to go deeper into prayer, as individuals and as a church family. The course will run for 8 weeks on Thursdays from week commencing 20 April - there will be a morning session held at ML Methodists and an evening session at Tile Kiln Church. St John's will also be running the same course on a Monday evening over the same period and anyone from St Luke's will be welcome.

Please commit these dates to your diary and support.

Church Flowers

The flowers in church this week have been sponsored by Brenda Hudson in memory of her father (Lewis) John Stone

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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 26th January

Third week of Epiphany

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10am: Service of Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Rev David Cattle
Crucifer Helen Field
Server Hilary Selwood
Chalice Dave Thomas, Helen Field
Readings
Isaiah 9:1-4 David Millward
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Val Bliss
Matthew 4:12-23

Intercessions Richard Field
Sidesmen Maxine Buck, Louise Whitehead

Sound Sue Davies
Coffee Jane & Dave Chambers
Counters Dave Thomas, Hilary Few
Duty Churchwarden Richard Field
Organist Philippa Penkett

Collect

Almighty God,
 whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
 the wonder of your saving presence:
 renew your people with your heavenly
 grace,
 and in all our weakness
 sustain us by your mighty power;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
 whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is
 the light of the world:
 may your people,
 illumined by your word and sacraments,
 shine with the radiance of his glory,
 that he may be known, worshipped, and
 obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is
 alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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.

Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



Christingle Marmalade

A huge thanks to Revd Suzanne and her husband for creating Christingle Marmalade, which is now available, to raise more funds for The Children's Society.

Please take a jar and make a donation.



Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Margaret, June, Tammy, Emma, Greta, Carmen, Revd John S, Melvyn, Nicky and Alina, Sally and Peter and Margaret L..

For those named on the prayer board

This week we remember:

Lewis John Stone (26.01.1996)

Sheila Field (27.01.2013)

Lance Silver (30.01.1991)

Basil Law RIP

We were very sorry to hear that Basil Law died on 21 January in Broomfield Hospital. Please keep Elaine, her sons David and Ian and the family in your prayers. Basil will be greatly missed.

Morning Prayer



What do you know about Morning Prayer at St Luke's?

We asked David, who regularly attends, to tell us ...

"The service lasts up to thirty minutes, and usually uses liturgy from Common Worship Daily Prayer. Readings are taken from the Lectionary, which provides at least one Psalm and a reading from each Testament. Active participation is encouraged; this could be reading a lesson, suggesting a prayer topic, saying a prayer, or taking part in a discussion about the day's readings. The service is sometimes lay led, and there are eight regular attendees. The less formal atmosphere makes it easier for everyone to play a part."

Why don't you pop along and see for yourself?

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in Church.

Saturday Coffee

1st February

On duty: Dawn Thomas

Join us for coffee and fellowship



This Week

The church is open daily for prayer

Monday 27 January

Pray for medical doctors, surgeons and nurses

Tuesday 28 January

Pray for Skylark Walk

9.15am: Morning Prayer at Church of the Holy Spirit, Widford

Wednesday 29 January

Pray for Methodists

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's

1.15pm: Edward Bear Toddler Group

Thursday 30 January

Pray for the people and animals in Australia

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. John's

7.30pm: Home Group
(details overleaf)

Friday 31 January

Pray for the

Edward Bear Toddler Group

Saturday 1 February

Pray for Laburnum Drive

11am: Saturday Coffee
& Councillors' surgery

Key messages from PCC:

The PCC met on 22 Jan and focused on planning events and activities for the next six months, considering how we demonstrate our love for God, for our community and for each other. There will be more information to follow so watch this space.

The PCC also agreed, in line with our vision to "Love, Grow, Serve", to support Baby Basics during Lent. Baby Basics Chelmsford is based at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church and it's aim is to help new mothers practically and generously, demonstrating the love of God through their care.