

Sunday 23rd February

Sunday next before Lent

8am Holy Communion at St. John's

10am Fourth Sunday Service

Don't just do something, stand there...

Leader and Speaker Richard Field

Intercessions Dave Thomas

Readings

2 Peter 1: 16-21 Louise Whitehead

Matthew 17:1-9

Sidesman Louise Whitehead, Sue Davies

Sound Janette Tadman

Coffee Dave and Jane Chambers

Counters Dave Thomas, Janette Tadman

Duty Churchwarden Mike Tadman

Organist Philippa Penkett

Gift for Bishop Stephen

As you've probably heard Bishop Stephen is leaving Chelmsford Diocese as he has been made Archbishop of York. He is leaving at Easter after 9 years with us, he has spearheaded significant change in the Diocese during that time, increasing lay involvement in the church, getting us all to think about how we follow Jesus and how we love our communities.

We have been asked if we would donate towards a collection for him and Rebecca. Charity guidelines recommend against using PCC funds for gifts so instead we will be putting out a collection plate for the next two Sundays. If you would like to give please feel free to do so and we will collect it all together and send it to the Diocese. They will be presenting it to Bishop Stephen in the run up to Easter.

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



In response to your Requests for a greater focus on bible study and prayer, Revd Gemma has started leading a home group on the last Thursday evening of the month. The first meeting was 30th January with 8 people going along to Dawn's house. The group spent some time studying and talking about bible passages concerning Jesus' prayer relationship with God.

Each session will be standalone so please make a note of the next session dates - 27th February and 26th March at 7.30pm.

Cleaning Day 22nd February

Six more sleeps to.....wait for it.....our Spring Work Day next Saturday! Yes the day we have all been looking forward to for so long. Plenty of jobs, lots of choice for young and old. Please come along and help us get in shape for Spring. Starting at 9.00 but join us when you are ready - donuts will be available from early morning. See you Saturday.

Saturday Coffee

22nd February

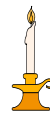
On duty: Rod and Di



Join us for coffee and fellowship

Living Light

The Aumbry Light for February has been sponsored in memory of Kath and George Bell



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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday, 16th February 2020

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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 16th February

2nd Sunday before Lent

8am: Holy Communion at St. John's

10am: Service of Holy Communion with Baptism

President & Preacher: Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer Hilary Selwood

Servers Janette Tadman, Kirsty Davies

Chalice Revd Suzanne, Hilary Selwood

Readings

Romans 8:18-25 Helen Field

Matthew 6:25-end

Intercessions Revd Gemma

Sidesmen Maxine Buck, Chris Fawcett

Sound Mike Tadman

Coffee Janette Tadman

Counters Mike Tadman, Helen Field

Duty Churchwarden Richard Field

Organist Alan Arnot (*Voluntary - "Adoro te devote" by Pierre Boely 1785-1858*)

We welcome Joseph, his family and friends for his baptism

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the
earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your
Church:
may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's
cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
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

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26 February

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and there will be two services within South West Chelmsford Churches:

9.45am at St Luke's and 7.30pm at St Michael's, Galleywood

Please do attend one of these services as we start our journey through Lent together, speak to any of the Wardens if you would like a lift.

LENT 2020

Lent is one of the most important times of the year for Christians around the world and it is good to journey together at this time using some shared resources. We are hoping to use the 40acts resources as a church during Lent. 40acts is a daily generosity challenge - we will be sharing challenges and prayers on Facebook and in our newsletter. We will also aim to spend a short time at each service to share with each other how we have found the challenges set. Watch this space for more information!

40acts is the generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, Stewardship. For ten years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline? Over the years, 40acts has become a movement of over 100,000 people on a mission to impact their communities with generosity – during Lent and beyond.

BabyBasics – Lent Giving 2020

During Lent we will be supporting BabyBasics Chelmsford, who are based at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church. We would like to support financially and with specific items - watch this space for more information.

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby. Baby Basics started in Sheffield in the spring of 2009, this centre continues to support families across Sheffield working with a wide range of frontline health and social care professionals. There is now a growing network of Baby Basics centres across the country each staffed by a committed team of volunteers.

Baby Basics provides much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items for themselves; including but not limited to teenage mums, people seeking asylum and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking.

Working with midwives, health visitors and other professional groups to provide support directly where it is most needed, Baby Basics volunteers lovingly collect, sort and package a 'Moses Basket' of clothing, toiletries and essential baby equipment as an attractive gift to new mothers.

The aim is to help these new mothers practically and generously, demonstrating the love of God through our care. God is at the centre of Baby Basics as we are inspired and motivated by His heart for everyone. Every day we continue – and every item we send out, is thanks to His kindness, grace and provision.

The BabyBasics vision is based on Matthew 25:37-40:

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Please Pray This Week

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

For the PCC as they meet this week

For those named on the prayer board

This week we remember:

Renée Kinsman (19.02.2000)

Revd Llewellyn Milliner (20.02.2009)

Martin Buck (22.02.2013)

Basil Law RIP

The funeral for Basil will be held in St. Luke's on Tuesday 10th March at 2.30pm, then 3.30pm at the Crematorium.

All are welcome at the Secret Garden after the service.

Morning Prayer

What do you know about Morning Prayer at St Luke's? We asked David and Jo, who regularly attend, to tell us about Morning Prayer and what it means to them ...



"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."

"Morning Prayer is a chance to be with others through words and in silence as I begin the day. Hearing the scriptures and praying the prayers connects me with God in Jesus, and with fellow pilgrims present in the church, and Christians across time and space."

Why not pop along and see for yourself? Every Wednesday at 9.15am in Church.

This Week

The church is open daily for prayer

Monday 17 February

Pray for religious communities

Tuesday 18 February

Pray for Swallow Path

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

Wednesday 19 February

Pray for people of other faiths

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Luke's

No Edward Bear Toddler Group this week

7.30pm: PCC Meeting

Thursday 20 February

Pray for Peace in Syria and The Middle East

9.15am: Morning Prayer at St. John's

Friday 21 February

Pray for the

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Saturday 22 February

Pray for Lewis Drive

11am: Saturday Coffee

Cleaning Day from 9am - 1pm

Pancake Party – Tues 25 Feb

We're going to host a pancake party for anyone that wants to come along on Shrove Tuesday (25 Feb, 3.15pm - 5pm)! There will be pancake making and eating (yummy), as well as pancake flipping competitions and races.

What we need though are volunteers - could you come along and help? No experience necessary, just a willingness to engage with our community.



Please speak to Revd Gemma, Revd Suzanne or the Duty Warden.