



Join us for a day of
PRAYER & ACTION
Sunday 22nd March

Light a candle in the windows of your homes at 7pm this Sunday as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

Our planned development continues

If you pass St Luke's at the moment you will see we have posted a notice informing the public of our intention to install a ramp, repair the car park wall, replace the lobby doors, change the signage on the front of the Church and replace existing noticeboards with a single larger one. The public have 28 days to object to our plans, the details of which are available on a notice board inside the Church. Assuming we get the approval we need we will be able to press on with projects, subject of course to the impact of Covid-19. Keep you posted. *Richard*

Toe Nail Clipping Service

Sadly we have just heard that Age UK's toe nail clipping service has closed with immediate effect. Age UK are not signposting other providers but according to google many chiropodists and podiatrists operate in Chelmsford. If anyone does not have on-line access and wants help to find contact details for practitioners please ask me. *Richard*

Newsletter Content

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

Email janettetadman@gmail.com
Deadline Wednesday evening

Prayer for those affected by Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
Under the shadow of your mercy,
sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
That we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate
us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

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** on the following dates

10.30 am at Moulsham Lodge
Methodist Church

7.30 pm at Tile Kiln Church
**23rd, 30th April,
7th, 14th, 21st May,
4th, 11th 18th June.**

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.

We will confirm nearer the time whether the course is postponed or delivered in a different way.

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WEEKLY NEWS

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WELCOME to St. Luke's Church.

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 22nd March

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

10am: Service of Holy Communion

This is a closed service
but will be

"live streamed"

See inside for more information

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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: The readings for this Sunday are printed on a separate sheet

BabyBasics – Lent Giving 2020

This Lent, we are supporting Baby Basics Chelmsford as part of our vision and aims to LOVE, GROW, and SERVE our Community. The other week we were delighted to be joined by Joelle Mortimer who, together with her husband and middle daughter, started Baby Basics Chelmsford.

Given the pressures on many of the items that are needed for the Moses Basket Starter Packs, on Friday we took the items donated so far to Joelle and her team – they were hugely grateful! If you are able to donate additional items, our basket is in church; however it may be easier to make monetary donations instead and there are envelopes in church. Please make cheques payable to St Luke’s and mark “Baby Basics” on the back of the cheque. If you are a tax payer, please consider gift aiding your donation. Please remember to pray for the project and the small Baby Basics team of helpers, especially at this very difficult time.

What’s in a Baby Basics Moses basket starter pack?

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| NEW: | SECONDHAND: |
| Breast pads * | Moses Basket |
| Maternity pads * | Newborn clothing including knitted items |
| Hand soap * | Bedding for baby |
| Shampoo (Mum / Baby) * | Towels for baby |
| Toothbrush / toothpaste * | |
| Deodorant * | |
| Newborn nappies | |
| Baby wipes | |
| Cotton wool | |
| Chocolate treats for Mum | |
| Baby mattress | |

Please Pray This Week

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

for people to step forward as Churchwardens and PCC members at the APCM

For those named on the prayer board

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.

Together with the “Lent in a Bag”, we are using the Church of England resources:

#LiveLent - Care for God’s Creation.

With weekly themes and prayers shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created.

Please do either pick up a booklet from the back of church or download the app to your phone.

Birthdays

Even though we are not meeting together we would still like to be able to wish you a happy birthday – please let any member of Standing Committee know if your birthday is approaching and we will send you a card!

Current Arrangements regarding Coronavirus

As you will be aware the Church of England has suspended all public worship so there will be no services taking place at St Luke’s until further notice But this doesn’t stop us worshipping and praying – we just need to do things differently!

There is a “worship at home” pack – hard copies are available in church, and can also be found on our website: www.stlukemoulsham.co.uk/worship-at-home. This provides prayers for you to use as well as the readings and collects for the coming weeks.

We are also live streaming services of Morning Prayer (9.15am on Wednesdays and Thursdays) and Sunday Worship at 10am – we hope to provide more services online so watch out for more information. These are available on our Facebook page (@stlukesmoulshamlodge) as well as our website. Please do keep checking for information and if you need help to access Facebook on your computer or device just contact any member of Standing Committee (Helen, Hilary F, Lucy, Mike, Richard, Sue).

If you have any prayer requests, please email: moulshamprayers@gmail.com and these will be shared with the prayer groups across St John’s and St Luke’s.

St Luke’s Church remains open every day for private prayer; there are prayers available for you to use or please feel free to come and be still.

WHERE THE CHURCH IS

