

### Please Pray This Week

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

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

For those named on the prayer board

This week we remember:  
Mark Jackson (31.05.2006)  
Angie Walters (31.05.2009)

### 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.**

### Moulsham Support Service

Volunteers from St Luke's, St John's, Tile Kiln Church, and MLCT have joined together to provide assistance with shopping, collection of essential medication, spiritual/emotional support and signposting to services.

If you or anyone you know in Moulsham, Moulsham Lodge or Tile Kiln needs support and can't get help from family or neighbours, contact: 07517 715393 or email

[moulshamchurches@gmail.com](mailto:moulshamchurches@gmail.com).

This is an interim service until the Essex wide coordinated response to the current situation is in place.

### Baby Basics Chelmsford

We have raised £140 plus gift aid so far for Baby Basics Chelmsford. Thank you to those who donated - for those who want to donate but didn't get a chance, don't worry as we will support them again. If you have any items suitable for 0-3months babies, or new mums, please do get in touch with them directly:

[babybasicschelmsford@gmail.com](mailto:babybasicschelmsford@gmail.com)

In the meantime, please continue to pray for the project and the small Baby Basics team of helpers.

### 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

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## Sunday 31st May

### Pentecost

**The birthday of the Church - time to celebrate!**

**8am: Holy Communion with prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**10am: Morning Worship**

**10.45am: Virtual Coffee via Zoom**

#### Morning Prayer

Please join us at 9.15am,  
Monday - Friday for  
Morning Prayer

on Facebook and on our website  
<http://www.stlukemoulsham.co.uk/worship-at-home/>

As we enter Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar, we will be adding a new resource pack of Morning Prayer settings as well as some Evening Prayer settings. This will be uploaded to our Worship At Home webpage.

### Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Memorial

We've been pondering what we might do to set up a memorial for local people who have lost loved ones to Covid-19 and how we might mark a significant point in our history.

There is still a lot of discernment to be done but in the meantime we will be joining in with this beautiful online memorial hosted by St Paul's Cathedral

<https://www.rememberme2020.uk/>

## Greening the Church

More than ever we are waking up to the ways in which we continue to exploit and damage our environments. What is God's vision for the created world? How can the local church lead the way in promoting a different way of living?

Chelmsford Cathedral is hosting a conference, which will now take place online. This will be initially hosted on Facebook- join the Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/727013254703425/> to take part live on Saturday 13th June, starting with live worship at 9.30am.

During the morning there will be information and videos from organisations and local churches (including St John's talking about their journey to gain Eco Church Silver Award) to help find practical ways of making a real difference in our church and community. Please do try and join!

## National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups

This is an initiative that takes place each June - you may remember seeing the crafts of decorated birds hanging in the tree from last year in church.

Each year has a theme, and the theme for 2020 is "Streams in the Desert". It is based on the bible passage Isaiah 43:18-21.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.  
The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

In the current climate, our Edward Bear Babies and Toddler Group are unable to meet together each week but we are keeping in contact with families.

Please pray especially this month for the babies and toddlers and their families who come along to sessions, and the helpers who support this important outreach within our community.

## Daily Hope

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line - which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** - has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

**Great news** - On Monday we welcome Little Acorns back to St Luke's - it will be good to see the building being used again. A truly hopeful sign for the future! Please note that because of Covid-19, Little Acorns have sole use of the large hall, kitchen and toilets until 31st August or we open for public worship. If you need anything from this or any other part of St Luke's please contact Lucy, Gemma or Richard.

## Re-opening the Church

We have now entered the next phase of COVID-19 and although we are starting to think about how things might look once the church building re-opens for everyone, we do not yet know when this will be.

The Church of England has announced that services and prayers can be live streamed from inside churches, involving just one person. Revd Gemma and the churchwardens from St John's and St Luke's have decided not to do so at this time.

The key reasons being:

- livestreaming requires good WiFi access, which neither church currently has. We were already looking at WiFi access and so are stepping up our work to get this implemented as soon as possible;
- our services from home, both during the week and on Sundays, are working well with a team from both churches giving plenty of variety; and
- we want to stay at home for a bit longer in solidarity with many of our congregation who need to be shielded for some time yet.

The church buildings will remain closed but the church community is very much open and alive!

## Online Giving

From recent newsletter articles you will know that we have been impacted financially by Covid-19 and have appealed to our congregation to help put St Luke's on a more sustainable financial footing.

From this week we have started to promote our own online giving page. This enables one-off donations to be given by debit or credit card, and gift aided if applicable. It can be accessed via the St Luke's website homepage.

Revd Gemma has also produced a video talking about this method of giving, which is available on our Facebook page and accessible via our website homepage. We are aiming this at those who are supporting us in the community or joining our online services rather than our regular congregation but it is open to anyone who wants to give a one-off donation.

## 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!

We like to mark birthdays by singing "**Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you.**"