

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:
David Marshall (07.06.1993)
Kitty Webster (12.06.2001)

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.**

Greening the Church - Saturday 13 June

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 hosted on Facebook - join the Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/727013254703425/> to take part.

The schedule is now available and starts with live worship from Guy Harlings Gardens at 9.30am. There are lots of people and organisations getting involved including A Rocha and Christian Aid; there are live interviews, videos, a Q&A session, and an Agape meal. Its a great opportunity to hear and learn about practical ways of making a real difference in our church and community, so please do try and join for some of the event!

National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups - June 2020

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. During this national month of prayer for toddler groups, please pray especially for the babies and toddlers and their families who come along to sessions, and the helpers who support this important outreach within our community.

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.**"

Newsletter Content

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

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Sunday 7th June

Trinity Sunday

**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/](http://www.stlukemoulsham.co.uk/worship-at-home/)

Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge
of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the
mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of
love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal
glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Financial Giving

Please do support St Luke's using one of the options below:

- Regular giving by standing order - for more information contact Dave Chambers at simplydavec@aol.com or ring Lucy on 07970 728673
- Online giving (one-off donations) accessed via the St Luke's website homepage

How might we respond to #blacklivesmatter?

An extract from Revd Gemma's reflection during Morning Prayer on Thursday 4 June after reading Psalm 143, one of the 'penitential Psalms' - crying out to God in sorrow for sin:

"This Psalm hit me as so appropriate in the midst of the huge tidal wave of feeling that has come about after the death of George Floyd in the US and the Black Lives Matter movement. I've been pondering how to respond, I have felt quite paralysed, I am aware that as a white woman I have a privilege that for the most part I don't even see, I don't know enough about the issues and because of that it's easier to stay silent.

But silence isn't an option because our black and minority ethnic brothers and sisters are once again having to raise this issue, of course black lives matter, we shouldn't have to say it but we still do. As white people we cannot leave it to people of colour to do this.

I've heard some people question why there is a global movement for one man in a country thousands of miles away, still acknowledging how awful and outrageous one death is, but the point is that George Floyd is the tip of the iceberg. We still live in a world, and a country that is systemically skewed towards the white experience as the norm, it's so ingrained that we don't recognise our own privilege. We still live in a country where people of colour are disadvantaged in education, in employment, in our justice system, even this pandemic is disproportionately affecting BAME communities.

We've been looking at the Lord's prayer in Home Group and last time we looked at "Your kingdom come, Your will be done". Revelation 7:9 says that "heaven is a place where there is every nation, tribe, people and language", the Bible tells us that each and every single person is made in the image of God, no exclusions, Jesus died on the cross for each of us, no exclusions. We have a God who is a liberator, who is concerned with the oppression of his people, there are other types of oppression of course, gender, sexuality, class, there is no place for any of that in God's world your kingdom come, your will be done, in the group we talked about how we were to be part of bringing in God's kingdom.

So what can we do?

We have to be more than not racist, as I've said silence isn't an option; we need to be anti-racist.

1. We need to educate ourselves, look at our systems, understand our own privilege, we need to talk about race, why I'm no longer talking to white people about race, we probably need to repent of some of our behaviour;

2. We need to listen to our black and minority ethnic brothers and sisters and not assume we know how to fix it. On the flip side we need to do our own work, not expect others to give us all the answers;

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3. We need to show up – it needs to be more than a black screen on a social media account, that doesn't change much. We have to be brave, we'll probably get it wrong at times but that's better than doing nothing. Jon Amaechi said on BBC 5Live yesterday that it can be as simple as if we hear something that isn't appropriate, possibly from people we know and love and we think that's a bit close to the mark, then rather than letting it go, we intervene.

4. Finally, although this should be first! We need to continue to pray:

"Lord, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done."

Help identify the next Bishop of Chelmsford

The process is now underway to discern who God is calling to be the next Bishop of Chelmsford and, as part of that process, your help is needed.

There is a diocese wide consultation to seek views on what should be included in the Statement of Needs and it closes on 4 July. You can submit your thoughts online: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/our-next-bishop#Consultation> or post them to The Vacancy in See Committee, Diocese of Chelmsford, 53 New Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1AT.

Please try to structure your response using the following questions:

- Can you tell us what you value most about the Church in your community as well as across Essex and East London?
- What challenges does the Church face in East London and Essex as we seek to share the Good News of Jesus?
- What wider issues would you like our next Bishop of Chelmsford to be passionate about?
- What qualities, skills or leadership characteristics will our next Bishop of Chelmsford require?
- What kind of person will our next Bishop of Chelmsford need to be (particularly as we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic)?
- What else would you like to tell us?

Diocesan Prayer for our new Bishop

God of provision and care, discernment and knowledge:
lead us in your love, empower us by your Spirit,
and equip us with your gifts;
give us hearts full of love for all people,
minds open to the signs of the times,
and wisdom to know how to respond to the voice of your calling;
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.