

Please Pray This Week

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

For people to step forward as Churchwardens and PCC members at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

For those named on the prayer board

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

The virtual conference on 13 June was fantastic - there were some really interesting speakers and lots of examples of how others have taken small steps as individuals and as churches to have a positive impact on God's creation.

If you didn't manage to join, all the videos are available on the Chelmsford Cathedral YouTube channel, so please do take time to have a watch.

Here at St Luke's we are keen to progress our journey to become an Eco Church - we've completed a baseline audit so we know what we do well already and the steps we need to take. Could you help us? We'd love to have a small group of enthusiastic people to help us on our journey. If you're interested, please speak to Revd Gemma or Lucy.

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.

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 14th June

1st Sunday after Trinity

**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

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us
in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Daily Hope

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 hrs 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.

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

Opening for Private Prayer

We have continued to be 'church' over the last few months and I am so proud of our community but I know that not being able to access the building has been hard for many. The government has now announced that we can open for private prayer if we can create a safe environment. We have been working really hard on this and we are very pleased to announce that we will be opening the church for timed sessions for individuals to come in and pray from **Wednesday 17th June**.

To start with this will be one session on a **Wednesday afternoon from 2pm till 4pm**. The church building will be open for you to pop in and pray or just to enjoy a quiet space. There will be candles lit on the altar plus set prayers and reflections available to read. Volunteers will be on hand to assist at all times. Things will look a little different when you come into church as we are using the grey plastic chairs rather than our usual green fabric chairs, and these are spaced out in line with social distancing guidance.

We need your help to make this work well for everyone:

- Please stay at home if you are feeling at all unwell, even if you believe it is something other than Covid-19;
- Please stay at home if you are required to be self-isolating because you have recently been in contact with someone who has Covid-19 symptoms;
- Please note that the government guidance strongly discourages those who are vulnerable to Covid-19 from visiting public indoor spaces;
- Please wear a face covering. We understand that some people are against wearing face coverings but the government guidance recommends this in indoor spaces. It is about protecting each other as well as protecting ourselves; and
- Please follow all guidelines on social distancing and hand sanitising. There will be signs in church to help guide you.

We are continuing with our services on Facebook (also available via the Worship At Home page on our website), we have a pastoral team who would be happy to offer support and we have people ready to pray for you (requests can be emailed to moulshamprayers@gmail.com).

Every Blessing
Gemma



PCC Meeting - 17 June

The next virtual meeting of the PCC is 17 June and we will be thinking about how we might be able to further safely open St Luke's in line with Government guidelines, and particularly what public worship might look like in the first instance when this is allowed. Please pray for the PCC as they consider these difficult matters.

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.

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.”*