

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

This week we remember:

Colin Pudney (22.06.2011)

Joy Helen Silver (24.06.2014)

Dennis Olding (26.06.2016)

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.

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."*

Greening the Church

The virtual conference on 13 June was fantastic - all the videos are available on the Chelmsford Cathedral YouTube channel. 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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Sunday 21st June

2nd 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

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the
supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with 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

Messages from PCC

The PCC met virtually on a Zoom call on 17 June. The key messages from the meeting are:

- 1) David Millward has been appointed as a Deputy Churchwarden. He's been appointed prior to the APCM (provisionally booked for 20 September) to create some handover time before Mike, Richard and Lucy step down. We are grateful that David has agreed to take on this role.
- 2) The church re-opening for private prayer last Wednesday was successful. We would like to be able to continue offering this opportunity each week so we need some volunteers to supervise the church, in pairs.
- 3) We are monitoring our financial position very closely and are thankful to those who have been able to transfer their cash or envelope giving to standing order to give us certainty of income, to those who have been able to increase their giving either regularly or as a one-off, and to those who are praying for St Luke's as we work out our way during this time.

Opening for Private Prayer

In last weeks' newsletter we were pleased to announce that, following the government announcement, we were planning to open our church building for private prayer.

We opened on Wednesday from 2pm - 4pm, with Revd Gemma and Revd Suzanne supervising, welcoming those who popped in to pray and enjoy the peace and calm that our church building offers to our community. There were candles lit on the altar, with some prayers available on one of the noticeboards. We have been able to set out 21 of the plastic grey chairs in the main body of the church, complying with two metre social distancing - there is a photo on our Facebook page if you aren't yet able to visit and want to see what it looks like.

We want to be able to open the church every Wednesday, 2pm-4pm so we need your help. Would you be able to volunteer, perhaps just once a month? We will pair you with someone so you won't be on your own and will provide you with gloves and cleaning materials as one of the main purposes of supervising is to wipe down chairs, door handles etc after each person has left the church building. If you are able to volunteer, please ring David Millward (07749 359971).

As a reminder, 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.

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

This year, the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast will be held online on Tuesday 30 June, 8.30-9.00am and for the first time ever, everyone is welcome to attend. You can join MPs and Peers as well as Ambassadors and church leaders as they prayer and speak on the theme "Hope and peace in a time of fear and suffering". The event is free but you must register to attend - go to the Christians In Parliament website for more information and registration details.

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. As part of the process we are invited to join a public meeting on Zoom with the Appointment Secretary for the Prime Minister and the Appointment Secretary for the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The meeting will take place on 1 July, 7.30pm-9pm. For more information: <https://bit.ly/37Gapcu>

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.