

**Please Pray This Week**  
 For Brian, Joan, Bob, Anna, Margaret, Tammy, Greta, Morice, Carmen, Doug, Revd John, Nicky, Alina, 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:  
 Rodney Desborough (28.06.1971)  
 Kathleen Stock (29.06.2016)  
 John Church (01.07.2004)  
 Lily Brown (03.07.2005)

**Plants for Sale**

Monica usually holds regular plant sales outside the church with her sister. Unfortunately due to the current situation they obviously are unable to do that this summer, but they still have many plants for sale! Plants will need to be paid for by paypal and will be left out as arranged for safe, social distancing collection in Waltham Glen. The current lot of plants now for sale, ranging from 50p to £2.50, are as follows:

Cornflowers	rudbeckia	pansies/violas
trailing begonias	carnations	lavender
geraniums	old English marigolds	Cosmos

salvias in peach, purple, blue, red and white and others!

Monica can be contacted on Facebook (or through her daughter, Kate Carson) or by email: [m.panks@sky.com](mailto:m.panks@sky.com)

**National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups - June 2020**

As we come to the end of the month and the end of the National month of prayer for toddler groups, thank you for your prayers for our Edward Bear Babies and Toddler Group, which is an 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

Email [janettetadman@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

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# WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 28th June 2020 [stlukemoulsham.co.uk](http://stlukemoulsham.co.uk) [/stlukemoulshamlodge](https://www.facebook.com/stlukemoulshamlodge)

**Sunday 28th June**

**3rd 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/>

**Collect**

God our saviour,  
 look on this wounded world  
 in pity and in power;  
 hold us fast to your promises of peace  
 won for us by your Son,  
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our  
 imagining  
 and whose power we cannot  
 comprehend:  
 show us your glory as far as we can  
 grasp it,  
 and shield us from knowing more than  
 we can bear  
 until we may look upon you without  
 fear;  
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**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](mailto: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**

We are opening on Wednesdays from 2pm - 4pm, with two people supervising and welcoming those who pop in to pray and enjoy the peace and calm that our church building offers to our community.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help - there's room on the rota for more. 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).

The rota for the next three weeks:

[1 July](#): Revd Gemma and David M

[8 July](#): Revd Suzanne and Brenda

[15 July](#): David M and Hilary F

### **Opening for Public Worship**

Earlier this week the Government announced a series of measures to relax the lockdown including the reopening of church buildings for public worship [from 4 July](#).

As we are waiting for detailed guidance from the Church of England about what public worship can look like (although it is unlikely to include singing), Revd Gemma and the Churchwardens of St John's and St Luke's have decided not to rush to reopen [on 5 July](#), instead we will hope to reopen within a few weeks.

We will keep you posted about arrangements so please do keep these discussions and plans in your prayers as we discern the way forward.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Revd Gemma, Revd Suzanne or Lucy.

### **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>

### **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.

### **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.

**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.*"