

Sunday 27th September

16th Sunday after Trinity

4th Week of Creationtide

**10am: Service of
Holy Communion at
St. John's**

Followed by a 'bring your own'
picnic lunch

(see inside page for details)

Birthdays

Even though we are not yet all back worshipping in church 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 saying
**"Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessing rest today upon
you."**

This Week

The church is open Mon-Sat
9am-3pm for private prayer

Monday 21 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
on FaceBook

Tuesday 22 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
on FaceBook

Wednesday 23 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
at St. Luke's

Thursday 24 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
at St. John's

7.30pm: Home Group via Zoom
*(Log in details available from
Revd Gemma)*

Friday 25 September

9.15am: Morning Prayer
on Facebook

Sunday 20th September

15th Sunday after Trinity

**10am: Service of
Holy Communion
(live-streamed)**

President & Preacher Revd Gemma Fraser

Crucifer Dave Thomas

Readings

Exodus 16:2-15 Lucy Bubb

Philippians 1:21-end Lucy Bubb

Matthew 20:1-16

Intercessions Revd Gemma

Sidesmen Hilary Few, Sue Davies, Louise
Whitehead

Sound Helen Field

Mevo Camera Lucy Bubb

Duty Churchwarden Lucy Bubb

**Followed by the Annual Parochial
Church Meeting**

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Newsletter Content

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) please contact Janette Tadman 01245 469124 Email janettetadman@gmail.com **Deadline** Wednesday evening

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 simplydave@aol.com
- Online giving (one-off donations) accessed via the St Luke's website homepage

What is Creationtide – Season of Creation?

Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed 1 September as a day of prayer for creation for the Orthodox in 1989. In fact, the Orthodox church year starts on that day with a commemoration of how God created the world.

The World Council of Churches was instrumental in making the special time a season, extending the celebration from 1 September until 4 October. Following the leadership of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I and the WCC, Christians worldwide have embraced the season as part of their annual calendar. **Pope Francis** made the Roman Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015 and the Anglican Communion marks the season worldwide.

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Funeral: Morice de Silva

Morice's funeral will be taking place at 10.30am on Thursday 24th September at Chelmsford Crematorium by Revd Gemma.

There is only room for the family at the service but we have arranged for the hearse to drive past St Luke's on the way from Morice's home to the Crematorium. It would be lovely for as many people as possible to stand outside St Luke's to pay their respects, with social distancing and in groups no more than six people, as the hearse goes past. This is likely to be between 10.05am and 10.15am.

Revd Suzanne's Priesting

Revd Suzanne, our curate, is being ordained as priest on 26 September at St Luke's and her first service as a priest will be a joint service at St John's at 10am on Sunday 27 September.

We would like to give her a joint gift with St John's to mark this occasion and invite you to make a contribution. We have set up an online giving page - see link below. If you are unable to give online, please put your contribution in an envelope marked "ordination gift" and hand it to either Richard or Lucy by 20 September.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/c89f4cf2-54c9-4859-b01e-33312c113e17>

The service on 27 September at St John's will be a Communion service and everyone is invited to take their own picnic lunch (food and drink) and a blanket in case we can sit outside, and enjoy fellowship together afterwards. Numbers are limited so we will need to collate names - please contact David Millward by Tuesday 22 Sept if you would like to go to the service at St John's.

Please Pray This Week

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

Please remember Carmen and her family in your prayers as they mourn Morice's death and prepare for his funeral. May Morice rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Prayer for Moving Forward.

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect
our own safety:
we are people who protect our
neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.
Amen.

Harvest 2020 – Toilets and Taps!



Our Harvest Festival this year will be **Sunday 4th October** and we are going to be supporting **Toilet Twinning**, a fundraising wing part of Tearfund. As a Christian charity, Tearfund believes that everyone has an amazing God-given potential to create change.



Did you know that 2 billion people don't have somewhere safe, private and hygienic to go to the toilet? Did you know that 3 billion people lack basic handwashing facilities with soap and water?

For every £60 donation, we can twin one of our toilets with an impoverished family's household latrine, in one of 45 countries. This will provide clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education. We will receive a certificate, complete with a photo and GPS coordinates so we can look up our twin's location on Google Maps.

In addition Tap Twinning was launched recently to raise urgent funds to help limit the spread of coronavirus in the vulnerable communities where Toilet Twinning work. They will be teaching people how to wash their hands properly, limit the spread of Covid-19, and treat those infected. For every £60 donation we can twin our taps with a simple handwashing station in a vulnerable community.

Did you know that at St Luke's we have: 5 toilets, 3 urinals, and 7 sets of taps? That's a lot of twinning!

Look out for the giving envelopes for cash donations or cheques (payable to Toilet Twinning) or alternatively donate online to our fundraising page:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StLukesMoulsham> - and if you're a taxpayer, please consider gift aid for your donation.