

**Sunday 29th November**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**10am: Joint Online Service  
with Galleywood & Widford**

*"What are we waiting for?"*

**Please Pray This Week**

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Anna, Tammy,  
Doug, Greta, Carmen, Revd John,  
Nicky & Alina and Jane & Dave.

For those named on the prayer  
board

This week we remember:

Gladys Smiles (24.11.2003)

Margaret Lant (25.11.2010)

**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.**

**The church flowers in November  
have been sponsored by Louise**

## Moulsham Support Service

Volunteers from St Luke's, St John's, Tile Kiln Church, and MLCT have joined together to provide assistance with shopping, collection of essential medication, spiritual/emotional support and signposting to services.

If you or anyone you know in Moulsham, Moulsham Lodge or Tile Kiln needs support and can't get help from family or neighbours, contact: 07517 715393 or email [moulshamchurches@gmail.com](mailto:moulshamchurches@gmail.com).

## Contacts

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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](mailto:janettetadman@gmail.com) **Deadline** Wednesday evening

**Sunday 22nd November**

**Sunday next before Advent**

**Christ the King**

**8am: Holy Communion**  
(online)

**10am: Morning Worship**  
(online)

Leader & Preacher: Dave Thomas

**Morning prayer** on Facebook on  
Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9.15am

*All services available on Facebook*

During the current lockdown in England, Church buildings are not currently allowed to host public worship, but they are allowed to be open for **private prayer**. St Luke's is open Mon - Sat, 9am-3pm. You are welcome to pop in to say a prayer, or just sit in silence and enjoy our Church building. (Regular Covid-19 precautions are in place.)

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of  
darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to  
us in great humility; that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious  
majesty to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with  
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our  
Lord; that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through 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 – 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)
- Online giving (one-off donations) accessed via the St Luke's website homepage



We know that Christmas is going to be a little different this time around. The theme of Comfort and Joy holds together the hope that Christmas will bring joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year with an acknowledgement that Jesus also offers consolation to those for whom joy may feel a long way away. We will continue to worship as a gathered community in church (government restrictions allowing) and online.

### Advent Meditations Monday evenings: 7.30pm on Zoom

30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Zoom  
Please ask Gemma for details.

### Christmas Special Services

5 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Farleigh Light up a Life Service	<b>St Luke's</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm	Traditional 9 Lessons and Carol Service	<b>Online</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Acoustic Carol Concert	<b>St Luke's</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm	Informal Carols and Christmas songs	<b>Online</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm	Crib Service with a twist!	<b>St Luke's</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> December 11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	<b>St Luke's</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	<b>St Luke's</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am	Joint Service for St John's Patronal Festival	<b>St John's</b>

### Harvest Fundraising

Toilet Twinning fundraising for Harvest raised £621.25. £515 was raised with an additional £106.25 gift aid added to it. We can only obtain certificates for the amount before gift aid is added but even so we have twinned with:-

A toilet block in Zambia	Toilet in Congo
Toilet in Zambia	Tippy Tap in Malawi
Tippy Tap in Guatamala	

So didn't we do well! Thanks to everyone who supported the project whether online or by giving envelope.

### Key Messages from your PCC

1. Toilet Twinning - Over £600 was raised at Harvest. We will receive certificates which we will frame and display.
2. Christmas is coming! See newsletter and website for full details of services. We will be raising funds for Crisis during this period.
3. We have appointed two Deanery Synod reps - Sue Davies and David Millward.
4. Replacement doors for the church lobby have now been ordered and will hopefully be fitted soon after Christmas.

### Advent Calendar 2020

It's been a particularly difficult year for everyone so we thought we would do something different this Advent, with Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church and St Luke's Church working together.

Would you like to share a little light, comfort and joy this December? You can play your part by taking part in our community wide living Advent Calendar!

How it works...

- A minimum 24 volunteers (individuals and businesses) in Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln decorate a street-facing window (an 'Advent Window') on the theme of the Christmas story. Each is assigned a date.
- A new window 'opens' (appears and is lit) at 5pm every day from 1 - 24 December.
- Each window then remains 'open' from its opening day until 1 January, from 5pm each day.
- A map of all the windows will be available so anyone can walk around and enjoy (the 'Advent Calendar')

Your decorated window could take any form, whatever takes your fancy - a stained glass window effect, silhouettes, colouring in posters, a display using your home nativity set - there are lots of possibilities. It just needs to feature something from the Christmas story; there are lots of ideas available online if you need inspiration. If you don't live in Moulsham Lodge or Tile Kiln, perhaps you could team up with someone else to help them, or join a team to create a display for one of the large hall windows.

We are starting to advertise on Facebook as well as posters locally so please spread the word to your neighbours who might like to take part too. A number of households have signed up from our Facebook advertising on community pages but there's still room for more volunteers.

If you, or someone you know, would like to take part or find out more, please chat to Lucy ([07970 728673](tel:07970728673)), Revd Gemma or email: [events@stlukemoulsham.co.uk](mailto:events@stlukemoulsham.co.uk) by 25th Nov.

**Have you run out ....**Of homemade marmalade? If so, we can help because there are just three jars left of the Christingle Marmalade made by Revd Suzanne earlier in the year. If you would like one of the jars, just let Lucy know (or Sue/David).