

Please Pray This Week

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

This week we remember:
Ron Smiles (05.01.2013)

Birthdays

If it's your birthday this week, even though we're not together physically, we would like to sing: "Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you."

New Bishop

Downing Street has announced that the Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani will be the next Bishop of Chelmsford. We pray for Bishop Guli as she prepares to join our diocese.

Bishop John Waine

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Bishop John Waine has died, who was the Bishop of Chelmsford between 1986 and 1996. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bishop John's wife Pat, his son Stephen and their wider family.

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.

Contacts

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Churchwardens - Vacancy

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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

Sunday 3rd January

Epiphany

10am: Morning Worship

Leader: Revd Suzanne McAllister
(Online)

Readings for Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1–6 Psalm 72. [1–9] 10–15
Ephesians 3.1–12 Matthew 2.1–12

(Note: not all readings will be read)

10.45am: Zoom Coffee

Next week

Morning Prayer - 9am online
Mon 4th, Tues 5th, Fri 8th

Sunday 10th January

Baptism of Christ

8am: Holy Communion

Live - online

10am: Morning Worship

Online

10.45am: Zoom Coffee

Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the
peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to
face;
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

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the
nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have
been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in
your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

Regular 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
- Online giving (one-off donations) accessed via the St Luke's website homepage

Church Closure

I know that not being in church over the last few days has been painful and I am really sorry for that. Unfortunately the local and national situation is worsening rather than improving and the risks of gathering are too high. Because of this we have taken the decision, along with many other churches, to close the church for public worship until the end of January. We will review towards the end of the month.

This is what worship will look like over the next few weeks.

Sunday Worship

Services will be online. There will be Morning Worship at 10am every Sunday. On the 10th and 24th January there will also be a live 8am service of Holy Communion with prayer of Spiritual Communion using traditional language.

Morning Prayer

This will be back online on the 4th January (the team are taking a well earned break for a few days between Christmas and New Year) and will be live on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays. There is no Morning Prayer in church on Wednesday and Thursdays for the time being.

DVD/CD

We can still record all of the services onto DVD or audio CD, please do let us know if you would like this.

Zoom Coffee

We will be meeting on Zoom for a catch up every Sunday at 10.45am. Let us know if you need the details or help with Zoom

Home Communion

We know that not being able to receive Communion has been very hard for some of you. The clergy team are available to bring Home Communion to those who have been/are unable to join us online. They aren't able to enter homes in these circumstances but have a simple service that can be offered on the doorstep with face coverings and hygiene precautions in place. If you know someone that would appreciate this please let Gemma know and she will arrange it.

Please note capacity for this isn't huge and so is limited to our members that are unable to access worship in other ways.

Chalking The Door

If you still have some chalk from previous years, don't forget to 'chalk the door' - a way of marking our homes, usually at the front or main entrance, with sacred signs and symbols as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year.

20 + C + M + B + 21

As a reminder the first and last numbers simply refer to the current year. The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Some also suggest "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!"

Here's a short prayer to use as you chalk the symbol on your house/door:

*May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us;
and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet,
that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever.
Amen.*

Advent Calendar 2020

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part in our Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln living Advent Calendar, either by creating a window or viewing the windows! We even had two local runners, dressed as Santa, who ran the route on Christmas morning taking selfies as they went and made a donation to Crisis. If you haven't been able to go out to see them, the photos are available on our website.

Giving at Christmas - Last Chance

Thank you to those who have donated online; so far we have raised £353.05 (including Gift Aid) for Crisis, the national charity for homeless people. The online giving page will close on 10 January so if you haven't had a chance to donate and would like to there are a few more days to go: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StLukesMoulsham>

There are envelopes available in church if you would rather donate by cheque or cash. Please post the envelopes under the Sacristy door or pop into our letterbox by the hall lobby doors.

Crisis don't just help at Christmas but provide year-round support including training and education so that people experiencing homelessness are given the chance to leave homelessness behind for good.