

Chelmsford Methodist Churches

invite you to get involved with

January Lights

22nd-24th Jan

Over the weekend fill your windows with lights to help spread some much needed cheer.

Intercessions and Readings - online services

We are looking for more people to help with intercessions (prayers) and readings for our online services.

Could you:

- a) read and/or lead intercessions for the online services and be able to record yourselves?
- b) as above but need help eg we could record you on your doorstep? *(Probably not an option now, but maybe in future months)*
- c) for intercessions and Morning Prayers, to write them for someone else to record?

A joint rota with St. John's is being compiled so it probably wouldn't be too frequently

If you are interested in helping with our worship in this way please let Janette know. If you would like more information about how it works contact Lucy.

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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



WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 10th January 2021

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Sunday 10th January

Baptism of Christ

8am: Holy Communion

Live - online

10am: Morning Worship

Leader & Speaker: Lucy Bubb
Online

Readings: Genesis 1:1-5, Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11.

10.45am: Zoom Coffee

Next week

Morning Prayer - 9am online
Mon 11th, Tues 12th, Fri 15th

Sunday 17th January

10am: Morning Worship
(Online)

10.45am: Zoom Coffee

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as
your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your
beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and
revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved
Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our
rebirth
through the waters of the new
creation;
through 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

We have taken the decision, along with many other churches, to close the church for public and private worship until the end of January. We will review towards the end of the month.

Sunday Worship

Services will be online. There will be Morning Worship at 10am every Sunday and there will also be a live 8am service of Holy Communion with prayer of Spiritual Communion using traditional language on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Morning Prayer

This is live on the St Luke's and St John's Facebook pages on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays at 9.15am.

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

Private Prayer

We have been asked by the Diocese to close the church for private prayer because of the increased transmissibility of the new Covid variant. We are sorry we know a few of you value being in the space but we must do all we can to protect each other.

Support and Opportunities during lockdown

Green spaces

We know that being outside and exercise improve our physical and mental health but it can be a struggle walking around the same space every time! You can search for alternative green spaces on www.loveyourchelmsford.co.uk and explore the riches Chelmsford has to offer. The current law allows driving to exercise and doesn't limit the time we spend but it does ask that we stay within our local area. If you're more of a home bird at the moment then Joe Wickes will be back with his regular workouts this week on Youtube!

£500 Self Isolation Payment from Chelmsford City Council

If you are asked to self isolate and you or your partner are in receipt of one of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Support
- Housing Benefit
- Pension Credit

Then you may be entitled to a one off payment of £500, this is separate to the national scheme, is discretionary and may be available to those with no recourse to public funds or waiting for a benefit decision. Please do share, this could make a big difference to people in our community.

Online Christian Seminars

Heartedge is an ecumenical network started by St Martin in the Fields, London with a focus on social justice, culture and the arts and creative mission. They are offering several online seminars and discussions over the coming months. This week there is a discussion on Clare Herbert's new book 'Towards a Theology of Same Sex Marriage' on Friday 15th Jan at 4.40pm. Many other organisations are hosting sessions too and we will share as we find them.

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.

Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Anna, Tammy, Doug, Greta, Carmen, Revd John, Nicky & Alina, Peter and Margaret L (currently receiving treatment in hospital for Covid Pneumonia).

This week we remember:

Eileen Joan Cook (13.01.2015)
Elizabeth Everett (14.01.1991)
Ivy Fawbert (14.01.1997)
Lilian Mabel Levett (15.01.1994)

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.

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."