

Prayers for Myanmar

Many of you will know Lucy has visited Myanmar (also known as Burma) several times with the Mothers' Union. On 1st February, the military seized control and the country's leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, and members of her party, were detained. The threat this has posed to those living in Myanmar has resulted in the banging of saucepans, not in applause as we know it, but in protest brought about by desperation. This kind of situation is unknown to most of us but the people in Myanmar are greatly in need of our prayers at this time and, especially our Christian brothers and sisters who are living in fear.

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."

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.

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

Sunday 14th February

Sunday next before Lent

8am: Holy Communion

Revd Gemma Fraser
(online live from St. Luke's)

10am: Morning Worship

Leader: Revd Suzanne McAllister
Speaker: Richard Field
(online)

10.45am: Zoom Coffee

Next week

Morning Prayer - 9.15am online
Mon 15th, Tues 16th, Fri 19th

Sunday 21st February

10am: Morning Worship
(online)

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the
cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to
suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of
Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his
table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his
power to change and save.
This we ask 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

In Church/Online Worship

We are making decisions about church services month by month at the moment, we reviewed things last week and we have decided that the building needs to remain closed for at least another month, which means until the end of February. In the middle of February we will review again for March. The great news is a good number of our church family have now been vaccinated and the infection rates have dropped significantly, things are getting better but we're not quite out of the woods yet. Online worship and pastoral care will continue.

We are currently making plans for Easter and though we hope and pray that we will be back in church by then, we are planning for both eventualities. If we do return to church live streaming will continue as before.

Home Communion The clergy team are available to bring Home Communion to those who are unable to join us online, although capacity is limited. A simple service can be offered on the doorstep with face coverings and hygiene precautions in place. Please contact to Gemma to arrange this.

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.

Tree Treasure Hunt

Moulsham Lodge Community Trust (MLCT) have organised a Tree Treasure Hunt, running from 1st-21st February - something fun to do when out for your daily exercise! Look out for an MLCT tree poster in the window of houses in some tree named roads.

The roads with tree posters are:

Alder Drive, Ash Close, Cypress Drive, Fir Tree Rise, Juniper Drive, Laburnum Drive, Larch Grove, Lilac Close, Lime Walk, Linden Close, Magnolia Close, Maple Drive, May Walk, Orange Tree Close, Plane Tree Close, Poplar Close, Rose Glen, Sycamore Way. **Some roads have more than one poster.**

You need to find all those houses and add up the house numbers then send the total figure with your name and contact details by one of the following methods:

- ◆ By paper through the letter box at MLCT station at 99 Gloucester Avenue CM2 9DS
- ◆ By email to competitions@mlct.org.uk
- ◆ By messenger to MLCT Facebook

by 23rd February to win a prize.

Please Pray This Week

For Brian, Joan, Bob, Anna, Tammy, Doug, Greta, Carmen and Peter.

This week we remember:

Robert Wade (14.02.1988)

Renée Kinsman (19.02.2000)

Revd Llewellyn Milliner (20.02.2009)

R.I.P

Revd John Shillaker who sadly died on 11th February. Please keep his wife Christine and all the family in your prayers.

Revd John was Priest in Charge at St Luke's from 1969 - 1978 and Vicar from 1978 - 1985.

Lent

We may not be in the building but we still have big plans for this Lent!

Come join us on Zoom for our Lent Course, we'll be using Paula Gooder's Lentwise; Spiritual Essentials for Real Life. Life is tough at the moment, over 5 weeks we will look at different 'essentials' for the journey. Where do we find nourishment, shelter and direction?

We're meeting Thursday evenings at 7.30pm starting on the 25th February for 5 weeks.

Our small groups are a way to learn and grow in a supportive, gentle environment. This course works as well for people that have been Christian their whole life as it does for people exploring faith. We read, chat and pray together with each session lasting no more than an hour and half. Message or email us for the Zoom details.

Lent Bags

Over the next few days all church members will be receiving a delivery! We can't observe Lent in church so we'll observe it together from home. Your bag will include a Worship at Home pack with details of services and the Lent Course, prayers, short services and Bible study to do at home, weekly meditations using practical items (also included in the bags!) and poetry. We hope that it will help guide you through the season, remind you that we are thinking of and praying for you and that we are one body, even when apart.

Ash Wednesday Services for the 17th February

There will be two online services for Ash Wednesday. We will be broadcasting Holy Communion with prayer of Spiritual Communion at 10am on our Facebook page and then at 7.30pm we will be gathering on Zoom for our Ash Wednesday Iona Meditation. Please let Gemma know if you would like to join the evening service and we will send you the details.