

## Please Pray This Week

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

This week we remember:  
Nancy Chilton (16.03.2007)  
Amy Cutler (18.03.2000)

## Electoral Roll

Revision of the ER will take place from 21st-27th March, prior to the APCM. If you know of any changes or if you would like to join the ER, please contact Mike Tadman, Electoral Roll Officer.

## Praying for Us

The congregation of Chelmsford Cathedral are praying for St Luke's and St John's this week - we are very grateful for their prayers.

## St Luke's Lent Giving: The Little Edi Foundation

Our Lent charity this year is the Little Edi Foundation. Based in Moulsham Lodge they provide support to families and individuals in need through food parcels, clothes, toys and more. Demand for their services has gone through the roof during the pandemic and sadly not easing. If you would like to give to our appeal the best way is a bank transfer:

Little Edi Foundation 80089062 60-09-45

Please use the reference 'St Lukes'

If you would prefer to send a cheque then you can do so to The Little Edi Foundation, 585 Galleywood Rd, Chelmsford CM2 8BS. Again if you could write 'St Luke's' on the reverse then we will be able to keep a tally of how much we have raised.

## Contacts

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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 March

### Mothering Sunday

#### 8am: Holy Communion

Revd Gemma Fraser  
(online)

#### 10am: Morning Worship

Revd Gemma Fraser  
(online)

#### 10.45am: Zoom Coffee

### Next week

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

## Sunday 21st March

#### 10am: Morning Worship

(online)

#### 10.45am: Zoom Coffee

## Collect

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;  
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

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
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](mailto:simplydavec@aol.com)
- Online giving (one-off donations) accessed via the St Luke's website homepage

## Reopening

We have taken the move into step 2 on the 29th March as our cue to begin reopening. At this point the 'stay at home' rule changes to 'stay local' and we feel that we are abiding by the spirit of the law.

The church will reopen for private prayer from the 29th March. Our first service in church will be a Last Hour at the Cross meditation at 2pm on Good Friday, followed by a Dawn service at St John's then a 10am Holy Communion service at St Luke's.

We are very pleased to be **launching a new, transitional pattern of worship that will be in place for the next 6 months as Covid restrictions ease.** We know that many of you have sorely missed being able to receive Communion, whilst we can we would like to be able to offer this to you every week. We can't guarantee that this will always be the case but we can certainly staff it for now. We know that some of you value the more traditional liturgy and a quieter space, there may still be some residual anxiety on gathering with other people, others would value a time of more informal discussion and prayer, and so the two services give us the opportunity to do both without taking anything away from anyone.

**At 9am every Sunday morning there will be a Holy Communion service.** This will be a spoken service, with music at the beginning and end but no hymns (we aren't anticipating congregational singing to return before the summer.) We will use Common Worship liturgy and there will be a short homily. This is a peaceful, more traditional service with an opportunity to receive from Jesus in the bread and the wine. We are returning to Communion in two kinds, at the moment that will mean the priest will intinct the wafer for you, of course you can choose not to receive both or to receive a blessing instead. This service will last approximately 30 mins.

**At 10am every Sunday there will be a Morning Worship service,** this will be largely non Eucharistic but with occasional celebrations. This is a more informal service with prayer, discussion and music, there may be a short reflection, a meditation or a Bible study.

**In between the two services we want people to be able to mix** and see each other! We can meet in groups of up to 6 outside from reopening, bring a coffee/tea in a reusable mug and catch up with your church family. When we can we will provide refreshments. In 6 months time, we'll sit down and review how it's all going and make further decisions from there. With regards to our other offerings and events, we will gradually reopen groups and hold events as the government guidance allows. God Bless and we hope to see you at Easter!

## Holy Week Programme (week commencing 28 March)

Palm Sunday	8am and 10am services online
Mon to Fri	9.15am Morning Prayer on FB plus St Luke's open for private prayer
Mon, Tues, Wed	7.30pm Night Prayer on Zoom
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Meditation on Zoom OR 7.30pm Service of Holy Communion (with Spiritual Communion) from St Michael's on our FB pages.
Good Friday	2pm Last Hour at the Cross Meditation at St Luke's
Easter Sunday	5.45am Dawn Service at St John's and 10am Easter Celebrations (with Communion) in both churches and livestreamed.

## Revd John Shillaker RIP

Recently we reported the sad death of Revd John Shillaker, who was Priest in Charge at St Luke's from 1969 - 1978 and Vicar from 1978 - 1985. Below is a lovely Facebook post by John's son, Mark, which will bring back memories:

'My dad passed peacefully away early this morning at 86 after a long and fruitful life. He was a remarkable man; highly intelligent with an inquiring mind, occasionally short tempered but kind and with a wonderful sense of the absurd and a love of beauty. He loved (among so many things) real ale, whiskey, JS Bach, trad jazz, buses and trains, the natural world, strong tea and The Goon Show. As an Anglican parish priest he faithfully served God and his parishioners for many years and served his country overseas in the RAF during the Malayan Emergency in the early '50s.

He was a wonderful husband for nearly 60 years to my amazing mum and a loving father to me and my two lovely sisters, not to mention a devoted Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Dementia made the last few years sometimes tough going but gave us new ways to love him and gave me the chance at least to try and repay in practical ways the man who taught me to laugh at silly things, tie my shoe laces and mend a bicycle puncture. I owe him so much that it's impossible to know where to start. I love you dad; I'm sorry for all the grey hairs I gave you in my youth and grateful for the royal welcome and unconditional love you extended to me, when, like the prodigal son I finally woke up and came back from the edge of the abyss all those years ago. May God receive you into his merciful, loving care and may your memory be eternal. Christ is risen! I'll see you again old man; Godspeed'