

Please Pray This Week

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

For our PCC as they meet this week for the last time before the APCM

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.

Work Day

Saturday 27th March is our workday to spruce up the church and grounds before we re open for worship. If you have a couple of hours to spare, please contact Sue on 07708296804.

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.

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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



WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 21st March 2021

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Sunday 21st March

5th Sunday of Lent

10am: Morning Worship
Revd Suzanne McAllister
(online)

10.45am: Zoom Coffee

Next week

Morning Prayer - 9.15am online
Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd, Fri 26th

Sunday 28th March

8am: Holy Communion
(online)

10am: Morning Worship
(online)

10.45am: Zoom Coffee

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered
on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his
victory;
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 Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of
others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for
ever.
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

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.

National Day of Reflection

The 23rd March marks one year since the first lockdown began, it's been an incredibly difficult and painful year for many. St Luke's will be taking part in a national initiative to mark the anniversary, to remember those who have lost their lives and stand with those who are suffering.

The church will be open for private prayer from 9am to 3pm, there will be a special Morning Prayer (9.15am) and Compline (8.10pm) on our Facebook page and everyone is invited to take part in 'Share a Light' placing a lantern or candle in a window at 8.00pm.



Easter Art Trail 3rd to 6th April

Following on from Advent Windows last Christmas, we're creating an Easter Art Trail across Moulsham, Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln. We'd love you to create

an Easter Garden, a decorated cross, a window full of Easter art or another creative celebration of resurrection and new life! We will create a trail, with accompanying map, so that everyone in the community can enjoy your beautiful work.

If you'd like to take part email Kathryn on moulshamchurches@gmail.com or call Gemma.

