

Please Pray This Week

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

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."

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

Sunday 4th April 2021

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Easter Sunday

**5.45am: Dawn Service at
St. John's**
Revd Gemma Fraser

**10am: Service of
Holy Communion at
St. Luke's**
Revd Suzanne McAllister

Intercessions Dave Thomas

Reader Mike Tadman

Sides people Maxine Buck, Jane
Chambers

Sound Helen Field

Mevo David Millward

Duty Warden Sue Davies

Next week

9am: Holy Communion
10am: Morning Worship

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of
your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-
begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our
enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in
the joy of his risen life;
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

New pattern of worship

We are very pleased to be launching a new, transitional pattern of worship, starting on 11 April, that will be in place for the next 6 months as Covid restrictions ease.

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 will use Common Worship liturgy and there will be a short homily. 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.

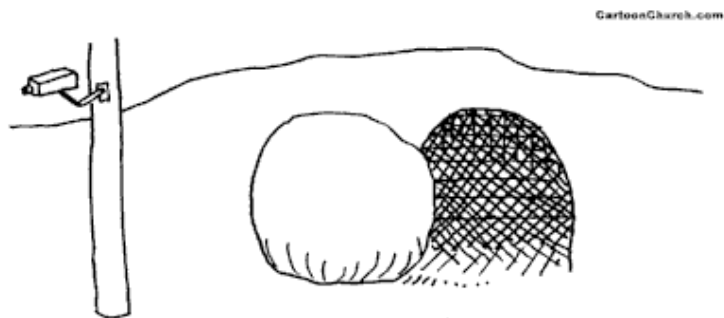
In between the two services we want people to be able to mix and see each other! We can meet in groups of up to 6 outside from reopening, bring a coffee/tea in a reusable mug and catch up with your church family.

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.

Happy Easter

"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."
Kate McGahan

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty; Father, on and Holy Spirit
be with you and those you love this Easter. Amen



APCM

Don't forget it's the APCM on **Sunday 18th April**. It will take place straight after the 10am service. If you can't be in church and would like to Zoom into the meeting, please let us know. The APCM is a chance to reflect on all that has happened over the past year and it's been a very unusual year.

PCC and Churchwarden Vacancies – a note from Gemma

We still have a few vacancies on the PCC, including for Churchwarden. These posts are key to the security and success of St Luke's, especially as we begin to reopen the church and offer our community hope after a very difficult year. The Churchwardens and the PCC work with the clergy to lead the church; ministry, mission, wider cooperation and managing the building and finances. It sounds like a big job but we have a great team and we make every effort to share it between us so that no one is overwhelmed. We also know that each person brings their own set of skills and gifts!

Now is an incredibly important time for St Luke's; it is simultaneously a great opportunity and a great risk. As we emerge from the pandemic people are asking big questions about life and faith, people are weary and sad and our community has been hit hard. We have the chance to share the love of God with those in need in word and action, in short we have the chance to love, grow and serve! The greatest risk to us is capacity, if we don't have enough people prepared to step up and serve in this way then we may not be able to emerge from the pandemic in the way we would like and the future becomes a little more uncertain. I understand that now is a difficult time to be asking you to volunteer, life has been hard, but this is a vital year for us so please, if you have ever pondered serving St Luke's in this way, now is the time. Thank you, Gemma.

Easter Art Trail 3rd to 6th April

People across Old Moulsham and Moulsham Lodge have been working hard to create Easter Gardens, decorated crosses, window art or other celebrations of new life for us all to enjoy. Why not take a walk and visit? You can make a trip of it and see them all or pop and see a few closest to you.

18 St. Vincent Road	35 Moulsham Drive	122 Moulsham Drive
18 Rosebery Road	17 Lynmouth Gardens	141 Mildmay Road
71 Goldlay Avenue	4 Magnolia Close	17 Queen Street
St. John's Churchyard, Moulsham Street		
St. Luke's Church, Gloucester Avenue		