

## Please Pray This Week

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

This week we remember: Bill Marshall (13.04.1991)  
Mary Mundy (15.04.2011)

**The Lent Appeal for the Little Edie Foundation will run for two more Sundays - 11th and 18th April.** There will be a basket at the back of the church on these Sundays for donations. You can still donate by bank transfer:

Little Edie Foundation 80089062 60-09-45

Please use the reference 'St Lukes'

Or post a cheque to The Little Edie 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.

## Easter Art Trail - Thank you

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Art Trail this weekend - those creating the art, those who walked all or part of the trail, and those who liked the photos online. We even had people running the trail! The interactive Stations of the Cross produced by Revd Cecile Schnyder can still be seen on one of the noticeboards, and the interactive Stations of the Resurrection produced by Sister Mary Stephen are still available outside.

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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 11th April

### 2nd Sunday of Easter

**9.00am: Service of  
Holy Communion**  
Revd Gemma Fraser

**10am: Morning Worship**  
Revd Gemma Fraser

Bring a coffee with you to  
share between services  
(outside).

Come to one service or both!

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for  
our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of  
malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus  
Christ 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 God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of  
eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with  
him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**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

### **HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh**

You will have heard the sad news by now. Our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family at this time. The country has now entered a period of national mourning which will last until the funeral and as the Church of England we have a role to play in that. The church is open for private prayer anyway but there is now a place for people to write tributes and light a candle. There will be a special service in church on the evening before the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral (details to be confirmed).

### **Face coverings for sale in aid of church funds**

We have a number of new, handmade face coverings for sale. As we all start to go out and about again it may be time to renew your supply or perhaps take this opportunity to move away from disposable masks. The coverings are made from 100% cotton, are two layers, have adjustable elastic (which can be replaced if needed) pockets for a filter and a nose wire if you would like to add them. Each covering will come with one filter. There are also a number of waterproof pouches for sale. These are the perfect size for storing your mask and come with a keyring for attaching to a bag. Each face covering and pouches are a minimum donation of £5, 100% of which will go to St Luke's.

### **Gradual Return of Hirers**

With the move into Step 2 on Monday, some of our hirers are beginning to return. Little Acorns has been open since June and Trudi's dance school will be reopening this week. Other groups will return as the guidance allows. It's lovely to have groups coming back!

### **Vaccinations - Giving Thanks**

With the UK Covid-19 vaccination programme well underway, we recognise the deep sense of relief and gratitude experienced by many people after being vaccinated. The Diocese of Chelmsford are supporting two appeals and encouraging those who have received their vaccine to donate in thanksgiving.

Christian Aid: Giving thanks for vaccines – supporting Christian Aid's response to the coronavirus pandemic in affected communities around the world. Find out more at <http://ow.ly/2IOi50EfYZ7>

VACCINAID – providing vaccinations for people in low and middle income countries through Unicef and the global Covax partnership. Find out more at <http://ow.ly/8XX950EfYZ6>

### **Change to the APCM**

This week we were issued new guidance by the Church of England which prohibits us from holding our APCM in church before the 17th May. We were booked to hold our APCM straight after the 10am service on Sunday 18th April, rather than move the date (and therefore have to re-announce and change all of the paperwork) the APCM will now be held virtually on Zoom at 2.00pm on the 18th April. This will hopefully allow anyone at church in the morning the chance to go home and eat lunch before the meeting.

Apologies for the short notice, if Zoom is difficult for you please let us know and we will try and help this week. You can dial in by phone if you would prefer, please tell us and we will talk you through the process. Joining details have been sent on on Connect but if you haven't had them please email [moulshamchurches@gmail.com](mailto:moulshamchurches@gmail.com) or call Gemma on 07540 152561.

### **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.

### **Church Flowers**

The Easter flowers in the church have been sponsored by Audrey in loving memory of Eddie.

