

Please Pray This Week

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

We remember: Jim Hoare (21.04.2016)

Birthdays

"Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you."

Sunday 25th April

4th Sunday of Easter

9am: Holy Communion

Revd Suzanne McAllister

(live streamed on Facebook and available on the Worship At Home page of our website)

10am: Morning Worship

Richard Field

Sides: TBC

Sound: TBC

Mevo: David Millward

Duty Warden: David Millward

FINAL OPPORTUNITY: The Lent Appeal for the Little Edi Foundation closes Sunday 18 April.

There will be a basket at the back of the church on Sundays for donations.

You can still donate by bank transfer:

Little Edi Foundation

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Please use the reference 'St Lukes'

Or post a cheque 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 18th April

3rd Sunday of Easter

9am: Service of Holy Communion

Revd Jo Jones

(live streamed on Facebook and available on the Worship At Home page of our website)

10am: Morning Worship

Revd Jo Jones

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

Sides: Lucy Bubb, Hilary Few

Sound: Helen Field

Mevo: Richard Field

Duty Warden: Sue Davies

2pm: Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) via Zoom

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Financial 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
- One-off online donations accessed via the St Luke's website homepage
- Card reader available at the back of church

Apologies

Apologies to those who tried to watch our 10am Morning Worship service online last week—we had a few issues with the sound quality, which hopefully we have now sorted out.

Please do continue to give feedback on Facebook or let David, Richard or Lucy know so that we can try and iron out any issues.

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.

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/2l0i50EfYZ7>

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>

APCM—Sunday 18 April

Due to guidance by the Church of England which prohibits us from holding our APCM in church before the 17th May, the APCM will now be held virtually on Zoom at 2.00pm on Sunday 18th April. This will hopefully allow those at church in the morning the chance to go home and eat lunch before the meeting.

It is possible to dial in by phone to the Zoom APCM, please tell us and we will talk you through the process. Joining details have been by email via St Luke's Connect but if you haven't had them please email moulshamchurches@gmail.com or call Gemma on 07540 152561.

The Annual Report 2020/1 will be available on our website ([Annual Report – St Luke's Church \(stlukemoulsham.co.uk\)](http://Annual Report – St Luke's Church (stlukemoulsham.co.uk))) as well as hard copies in church.

The APCM is your opportunity to hear and ask questions about life at St Luke's over the last year (or since the last APCM in September).

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.