

## Birthdays

If it's your birthday this week, we'd like to wish you a very happy birthday!  
*"Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessing rest today upon you."*

### Sunday 9th May

#### 6th Sunday of Easter

#### 9am: Holy Communion

Rev'd Suzanne McAllister

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

#### 10am: Morning Worship

Richard Field

**Sides:** Louise Whitehead / Maxine Buck

**Sound:** TBC

**Mevo:** Richard Field

**Duty Warden:** David Millward

### Please Pray This Week

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

Pray for Adrian, who runs our website, and his family on the death of his father, Ken, who died unexpectedly last week.

We remember:

Christine Carlo (02.05.1999)

Rose Stone (04.05.2005)

Betty Baty (06.05.1986)

Eric Baty (07.05.2001)

### Rev'd Gemma

Rev'd Gemma is on leave from Monday 26 April. In her absence please contact Rev'd Suzanne, David or any member of the PCC.

### 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 2nd May

#### 5th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8:26-end  
John 15:1-8

#### 9am: Service of Holy Communion

Rev'd Canon Andy Griffiths

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

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

#### 10am: Morning Worship

Rev'd Suzanne McAllister

**Sides:** Hilary Few

**Sound:** David Millward

**Mevo:** Lucy Bubb

**Duty Warden:** Sue Davies

### Collect

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; 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](mailto:simplydavec@aol.com)
- One-off online donations accessed via the St Luke's website homepage
- Contactless card reader available at the back of church

### **Sidespeople/Welcoming Team**

We are looking for more people to join our brilliant team of sidespeople. This is a really vital ministry which involves getting the church ready for the service, welcoming people and making them feel at home plus helping everyone manage the Covid precautions we currently have in place.

You can choose to serve at either the 9am or the 10am service (both if you're particularly keen) you will always be working with at least one other person and a full guide is provided. The team will be meeting occasionally to review how things are going, especially as we move through the easing of restrictions. We are hoping to develop a rota so that people are volunteering approximately once every 3-4 weeks. Please do get in touch with David if you would like more information. Thank you!

### **Home Communion**

If you are unable to attend church for our Holy Communion services at 9am each Sunday and would like to receive Home Communion, please contact Revd Gemma or Revd Suzanne (contact details on back page).

### **Meeting to Discuss the "Where Do We Go From Here" paper - 16 May**

I appreciate that the news about PCC discussions on our future has come as a shock to some of you and that it is causing anxiety. Thank you to those of you who have been in touch with me to express your feelings, especially the people who have expressed a commitment to discerning where God might be leading us, despite a deep sadness as to the current situation.

After the 10am service on the 16 May we will gather together for a time of prayer and discussion. This will be an opportunity to lift the situation to God once again and ask for His guidance but also for you to ask us questions and to express your feelings. At that meeting I will set out a process for the next few months as we engage with these issues. I do hope you can join us. Gemma

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

We have a number of new, handmade face coverings for sale, made from 100% cotton, with two layers, and have adjustable elastic, pockets for a filter and a nose wire if you would like to add them. Each covering will come with one filter. Minimum £5, 100% of which will go to St Luke's.

### **Christian Aid Week: 10—16 May 2021**

We are supporting Christian Aid Week, which focuses on the impact of the climate crisis on those living in poverty; please consider the following ways to support:

- Making a donation to our online giving page (and Gift Aid if possible) set up jointly between St. Luke's and St. John's: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moulshamchurches-caweek2021>
- Make a donation using one of the envelopes at the back of church.
- Send an e-Envelope to friends and families to encourage them to donate, explaining why you support Christian Aid: [Create an envelope | Christian Aid e-envelope](#)

### **Ascension Day—Thursday 13 May, 10am**

There will be a service of Holy Communion at St John's Church for Ascension Day, which will be live-streamed on Facebook.

### **Church Garden Work Day—Saturday 15 May, 10am**

An opportunity to help tidy and prune the church garden—all offers welcomed, including moral support and words of encouragement. Please let David know if you can help.

### **Your New PCC**

Thank you so much to those who have stepped forward to lead the church into the next year. Your new PCC is

Church Warden and Deanery Synod rep: David Millward

Secretary: Kathryn Griffiths

Treasurer: Hilary Few

Clergy: Gemma and Suzanne

PCC Members: Jane Chambers, Brenda Hudson,  
Maurice Van Mellaerts, Elena Pratt,  
Nick Pratt.

Please pray for each PCC member as they serve St Luke's, discerning God's will for our community within Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln, especially Elena, Nick and Maurice as they join the PCC for the first time. Don't forget that if you have any thoughts or questions about life at St Luke's, please do speak to any member of the PCC.