

## 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 30th May

#### Trinity Sunday

#### 9am: Holy Communion

Rev'd Jo Jones

( live streamed on Facebook, also on the  
Worship At Home page of our website )

#### 10am: Morning Worship

Rev'd Jo Jones

**Sides:** Jane Chambers, Chris Fawcett

**Mevo:** Richard Field

**Duty Warden & Sound:** Helen Field

#### 4.30pm: Songs of Praise Service

at St Michael's, Galleywood.

Refreshments from 4pm, service 4.30pm.

*If poor weather, the service will be online; we  
will notify you with at least 24 hours notice*

### Please Pray This Week

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

We remember:

Ronald Lant (23.05.1990)

John Kinsman (24.05.2004)

### Plants for Sale

Monica, who usually sells  
plants outside church, has a  
bumper stock of plants for sale  
from her house.

If interested, please do  
contact her directly or via Lucy.

Prices range from 50p - £5.

### 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 23rd May 2021

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### Sunday 23rd May

#### Pentecost

##### Readings:

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

#### 9am: Service of Holy Communion

Rev'd Suzanne

**Sides:** Louise Whitehead / Elena Pratt

**Sound/Mevo/Duty Warden:** David  
Millward

#### 10am: Joint All Age Holy Communion at St John's (booking essential)

*Followed by a bring your own picnic in  
the churchyard*

( both services will be live streamed on  
Facebook, also on the Worship At Home  
page of our website )

### Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
Ignite in us your holy fire;  
Strengthen your children with the  
gift of faith,  
Revive your Church with the breath  
of love,  
And renew the face of the earth,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your  
glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

### Garden Workday – Saturday 15 May

After the church garden was fenced off from the vicarage garden, a small group cleared most of the garden during summer 2019. More work was planned, but the Covid-19 restrictions meant that no work, other than mowing, took place and the garden soon became overgrown once again. In the hope of dry weather in May, I arranged a workday. The recent wet weather and the occasional short showers on the day limited what could be done. The ground was too wet to use a rotavator, but we did use a strimmer to tidy the sides of the garden and an electric saw to cut off some tree trunks. The weeds among the trees were cut down but the roots remain. I thank the members of the working party for giving their time and providing tools. Another workday will be arranged in June to continue the work. *David*

### Key Messages from the May PCC Meeting

**PCC Appointments:** We welcomed Nick, Elena and Maurice to the PCC. The following appointments were made:

**Vice Chair:** David Millward

**PCC Secretary:** Kathryn Griffiths. Kathryn is Gemma's Administrator, as we were unable to find any member of the church who was willing to take on the role, the PCC are able to appoint an external person to fulfil it. Kathryn very kindly offered to do so (within her working hours). Kathryn is not a voting member

**PCC Treasurer:** Hilary Few

**Assistant Churchwarden:** Nick Pratt

**Lynchpins:** David Millward and Elena Pratt

**Standing Committee members:** Maurice Van Mellaerts. Gemma, Suzanne, David, Hilary are members by virtue of their roles. Kathryn will also be attending standing committee

**Safeguarding Officers:** Sue Davies and Helen Field

**Health and Safety Officers:** Sue Davies and Helen Field

**St Luke's House:** St Luke's House is now empty as Revd Andy has moved to take up his post of Curate in Charge at Church of our Saviour in Chelmer Village. We wish Andy the very best in his new post. The PCC are, once again, responsible for the maintenance and bills at the Vicarage until a new tenant is found.

**Refreshments and Social Events:** The PCC discussed the Church of England guidance, particularly in relation to refreshments and Saturday Coffee. Because of the restrictions on food/drink handling, limits on indoor interaction and the unpredictability of our weather at the moment, it was decided that we would aim for Step 4, which is potentially after the 21 June. This is dependent on having enough people volunteering so we'd love your help please!

### Volunteering Opportunities at St Luke's

As we settle back into church life and are hoping that we may be able to restart things like providing refreshments, Saturday Coffee and Edward Bear. We know that life has changed for many people and we don't want to assume that people will continue as they did before but we can only run things if we have enough people to do it in a Covid secure way. This is an appeal for help

Could you volunteer for any of the following please?

- **Coffee rota for after church (In step 4 of government guidelines, potentially from the 21 June)** - providing tea, coffee and cold drinks to the church family and guests at 9.30 am (potentially after the 10am too, we are in discussion on this)
- **Saturday Coffee rota (In step 4 of the government roadmap, potentially from the 21 June)** - setting up the space, providing refreshments and chatting to people.
- **Edward Bear (From September 2021)** - helping us to run the parent and toddler group. This could be setting up and packing away equipment, chatting to families and playing with children during the session or providing refreshments/snack.

We also need help keeping Sunday services working well. Could you help with any of the following please?

- **Sidesperson (required asap)** - you would be part of the Welcome Team, the role includes setting up for services (a full guide is provided) welcoming people into church, ensuring we are in line with any Covid safety requirements, giving out orders of service
- **Head Sidesperson (required asap)** - We have only one Churchwarden and, whilst he is doing a brilliant job, he can't fulfil 4 roles at once every week. We are looking for someone who would be willing to take on the role of Head Sidesperson on an occasional basis; this is the Sunday Duty Warden responsibilities minus notices, it would include opening up, preparing the church and ensuring all is as it should be.

Please email [moulshamchurches@gmail.com](mailto:moulshamchurches@gmail.com) or speak to David/Gemma to volunteer. We are really excited about being able to bring back things in church life that we have all missed so much, we all have the opportunity to make that happen now and we'd love to have you on board!