

Christmas and New Year Services

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve

11.30pm: Midnight Mass



Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day

10.15am: All Age Holy Communion



Sunday 26th December - 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.15am: Croissants and Carols



Sunday 2nd January - Epiphany

9am: Holy Communion

10.15am: Morning Worship



Sunday 9th January - Baptism of Christ

9am: Holy Communion

10.15am: Morning Worship



There will be no Morning Prayer services from 27th Dec - 3rd Jan.
Edward Bear is also on holiday

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Sunday 19th December 2021

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Sunday 19th December

4th Sunday of Advent

9am: Service of
Holy Communion
Revd Suzanne McAllister

Sides: Pat Brugier, Louise Whitehead

Sound: Sue Davies

Mevo: Lucy Bubb

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

10.15am: Morning Worship

Revd Gemma Fraser

Sides: Pat Brugier, Maxine Buck

Sound: Sue Davies

Organist: Nick Pratt

Duty Warden: Sue Davies

Coffee: Elena and Chris

4pm: Rockin' Around the
Christmas Tree Carol Service

Sides: Pat Brugier, Helen Field

Sound/Duty Warden: David Millward

Music:

Nick Pratt & the Music Group

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your
Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of
this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised
saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace
your holy will
and with her rejoice in your
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Morning Prayer at 9.15am

Monday, Tuesday and Friday - online on
Facebook: /stlukesmoulshamlodge
Wednesday - at St Luke's
Thursday - at St John's (1st Thursday
in the month is Holy Communion)

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
- Contactless card reader available at the back of church

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' ⁸When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39-55

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' ⁴⁶ And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Please Pray for

Brian, Joan, Bob, Anna, Doug, Greta, Sally and Peter, John and Mary, Nicky and Alina, and Amelia.

Over the Christmas period we remember:

Margaret Farrell (22.12.1998)
Dennis Brown (27.12.1990)
Alex Bliss (30.12.1996)
Glenda Collins (30.12.2011)



**At the heart
of Christmas**



Key Messages from PCC meeting 15th December

- The PCC, and St Luke's Church Family, would like to thank Mary for the wonderful Christmas Tree that she has kindly donated to St Luke's. It looks amazing, thank you!
- The PCC would also like to thank the congregation for their help and actions through these difficult times. The rise in giving recently has really been helpful, so thank you!
- The PCC would also like to wish all of the congregation and their families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Christmas Giving

It was lovely to welcome Sue Smith to our Morning Worship service last week. Sue is from Hand in Hand, the charity that we are supporting this Christmas. Their mission is to educate, mentor, train and empower orphaned and vulnerable East African young people, particularly in Kenya and Uganda. We are going to help to provide a kitchen for the JJ Excel Training School in Uganda - replacing the current wooden structure with a brick structure and an efficient energy saving stove. If you would like more information, have a look at their website, www.handinhand.org.uk, or pick up one of their newsletters in church.

There are envelopes for cash and cheque giving at the back of the church. Cheques should be made payable to "Hand in Hand".

You can also give online, either through their website or by bank transfer (sort code 60 09 45, account number 86047019). Please make sure that you quote "JJ St Luke's" so that we know how much we have raised.