

Sunday 27th March

Mothering Sunday

9am: Service of Holy Communion

Rev'd Suzanne McAllister

Sides: Louise Whitehead, Chris Fawcett

Sound: Sue Davies

Mevo: Lucy Bubb

Organist: David Millward

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

10.15am: Morning Worship
Lucy Bubb

Sides: Sue Davies, Chris Fawcett

Sound: Sue Davies

Organist: David Millward

Duty Warden: Sue Davies

Coffee: Maxine

Please Pray This Week

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

SWCC next ramble!

Saturday 9th April at The Square and Compasses, Fuller Street, 9.30am. Speak to David if you are interested.

Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesdays 1.15pm—2.30pm

Saturday Coffee

11am-12noon



with Nick & Richard

Next week (26 March) we'll be making small posies to give out to everyone who comes to Morning Worship on 27 March. **Do come and help!** Church will be closed afterwards

Morning Prayer

9.15am: Mon, Tues and Fri online on Facebook: /stlukesmoulshamlodge

9.15am: Wednesday - at St Luke's

9.30am: Thursday - at St John's (1st Thurs each month is Holy Communion)

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Newsletter Content If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) contact Janette Tadman - janettetadman@gmail.com or 01245 469124

Sunday 20th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Birthdays

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

Financial Giving Please do support St Luke's using one of the options below:

- Regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme - see noticeboard for information or 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.''

RIP - Bob Wood

Our dear friend and colleague, Bob, died peacefully at home on Wednesday 9 March. Please hold Anna and their family in your prayers.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Chelmsford Cathedral Prayer Cycle

This week, St Luke's is included in the Cathedral prayer cycle.

Clocks go forward!

Don't forget the clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning, so remember to change your clocks before going to bed!



PCC Key Messages

The PCC met on Wednesday evening and have the following key messages:

- **From Sunday 1st May our Sunday morning services will go back to one service at 10am, with refreshments being served afterwards**
- The PCC and Service Leaders are meeting with the Archdeacon and Area Dean on Thursday 21st April, an update will follow
- The PCC have agreed that there is a need for a paid Caretaker and recruitment is underway

Parish Giving Scheme

It is with great pleasure that I am able to say that all regular donors have now registered for the Scheme. My thanks to everyone for their understanding and co-operation. This not only reduces the burden on the treasurer but enables me to "Retire" after eight years in the job.

There may still be a need to appoint a successor to cover casual cash donations and a decision will be made by the finance committee shortly.

Dave Chambers

National Day of Remembrance - Wed 23 March

St Luke's will be taking part in the National Day of Remembrance with a special focus at Morning Prayer at 9.15am led by Revd Suzanne. This is a day to support the millions of people who've been bereaved during the pandemic and to reflect on the lives of those we've lost. Everybody is welcome.

Lent 2022

The **weekly Lent group** (Finding a Voice) continues Mondays at 7.30pm at St John's Church, and is based on the film: The King's Speech.

For **Lent giving**, we are supporting Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal, <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>.

Donations can also be made by cheque, payable to 'DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal'. Please gift aid your donation if you pay tax.

Prayer for the Peace of the World

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**