Farleigh Light Up A Life Service 4pm - Saturday 3rd December	Living Light- November The Aumbry Light for November has been sponsored in memory of: Agnes Millward Reg Chapman Jock Bond	ST LUKE'S CHURCH LOVE - GROW - SERVE WEEKLY NEWS	
Sunday 4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent		Sunday 27th November 2022 stlukemoulsham.co.uk  f /stlukesmoulshamlodg Sunday 27th November Collect	
4pm: Carol Service Lucy Bubb Sides: Chris and Louise Duty Warden: David M Sound: David M Music: Music Group Coffee: Elena and Maxine Please see notice inside this newsletter	Please Pray For Brian, Joan, Anna, Greta, Sheila, Nicky, Alina, Amelia and Val We remember: Daisy Swadling (01.12.1996)	1st Sunday of Advent 10am: Holy Communion Revd Suzanne McAllister Sides: Elena and Maxine Duty Warden: Helen Mevo: David M Sound: Helen	Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
for activities prior to this service.  Saturday Coffee 11am-12noon Saturday 3 December with Elena and Nick Church will be closed afterwards	Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm during term-time	Reader: Anna Music: Nick Coffee: tbc This service will be live-streamed on our Facebook page and available on our website	one God, now and for ever. Amen Post Communion Prayer O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
Morning Prayer 9.15am: Wednesday - at St Luke's 9.30am: Thursday - at St John's (1st Thurs each month is Holy Communion) Contacts Priest in charge Vacancy; moulshamchurches@gmail.com		Refreshments will be available after the service	that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen</b>
Curate Revd Suzanne McAlli rev suzanne mcallist	ister 07780 442317		to you: to Jesus be true.

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prayer) contact Janette Tadman - janettetadman@gmail.com or 07749 298639

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"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
- One-off online donations accessed via the St Luke's website homepage .
- Contactless card reader available at the back of church .

#### Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

#### Psalm 122

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!' <sup>2</sup>Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. <sup>4</sup>To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David. <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.' <sup>8</sup>For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.' <sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

#### Matthew 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

#### Batteries

Do you need any 9V batteries? We have some once used batteries available for a small donation - ask Lucy or anyone in the Sound Team for more information.

### Advent and Christmas Giving: Crisis

This year we are supporting Crisis, the national homeless charity, during Advent and Christmas. Your giving donations can be made at any time.

A gift of £29.07 to Crisis at Christmas could give someone who's homeless: help with a safe place to stay; hot meals and a Christmas dinner; access to health and wellbeing programmes; support to leave homelessness behind for good.

There will be giving envelopes available or you can use the online giving page that has been set up: https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-lukes-moulsham-1669392467431?

#### NEXT SUNDAY: Come to our ADVENTure!

## Sunday 4 Dec, 2pm - 5pm,

Its going to be a fun afternoon preparing for Christmas with **craft activities** for all ages - making your own Christmas wreaths, nativity sets, and tree decorations to name but a few! There will also be festive **refreshments** available throughout and we will be having our **Carol Service**, which will be our only service that day.

We still need some volunteers to be around for this event so please sign up on the sheets on the noticeboard and please invite your friends and family!

# **Advent Reflections**

**Tuesdays at 2.30pm** at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church, based on the well -known carol "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Each session is standalone. **Wednesdays at 10am** at St Luke's based on "37 Kings and a Budgerigar", which is inspired by nativity sets from around the world. This will replace Morning Prayer.

**Thursdays at 9.45am** at St John's, at the usual time of Morning Prayer, there will be focused meditations on the Sunday Gospel readings.

### Prayer for our future

God of our plans and futures, guide us as we dwell in this time of uncertainty. Help us to work together, to love, grow and serve each other; and to share the responsibility of being your light in our community. We turn to your love, comfort and peace as we journey onwards in our faith, becoming the people you desire us to be. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen**.