

**Sunday 18th December**

**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**10am: Morning Worship**

Richard Field

**Sides:** Elena and Louise

**Duty Warden:** Helen

**Sound:** Helen

**Music:** Nick

**Coffee:** tbc

### **Saturday Coffee 11am-12noon**

Saturday 17 December  
with Sue



*Church will be closed afterwards*

### **Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group**

Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm  
Edward Bear is on holiday after this week until 11 January 2023

### **Batteries**

If you need any 9V batteries, perhaps for Christmas presents, please talk to the Duty Warden or Sound team

### **Living Light- December**

The Aumbry Light for December has been sponsored in memory of:

Joyce & Peter Stockwell



### **Please Pray**

For Brian, Joan, Anna, Greta, Sheila, Nicky, Amelia and Val

For the PCC as they meet on 14th

### **We remember:**

Nonny Siseman (07.12.2005)  
Adrian Pudney (08.12.1994)  
Audrey Dunmall (10.12.2013)  
Kath Bell (11.12.2019)  
May Wade (12.12.1990)  
Revd Gordon Law (14.12.2020)  
Robert Lee (16.12.1989)  
Revd John Gravelle (17.12.2000)

We were saddened to hear that Alina died peacefully on 2 December; her funeral will be held at St Michael's Church, Galleywood on Tuesday 20 Dec at 2.30pm. Please keep Nicky, her family and friends in your prayers.

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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 07749 298639



# **WEEKLY NEWS**

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### **Sunday 11th December**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**"Gaudete Sunday"**

**10am: Holy Communion**  
Revd Suzanne McAllister

**Sides:** Hilary and Maxine

**Duty Warden:** Sue

**Sound:** Sue

**Mevo:** David M

**Music:** Rita

**Coffee:** Richard and Pat

**This service will be live-streamed on our Facebook page and available on our website**

Refreshments will be available after the service

### **Collect**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.  
**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
- One-off online donations accessed via the St Luke's website homepage
- Contactless card reader available at the back of church

### **James 5:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### **Isaiah 35:1-10**

### **Matthew 11:2-11**

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' <sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?' <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." <sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

### **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 over this period.

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 are giving envelopes available or you can use the online giving page that has been set up, either by using the QR code opposite or by going directly to the page using this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-lukes-moulsham-1669392467431>



### **Saturday Coffee Book Club Recommends ...**

In those quiet moments over the Christmas period, why not get lost in a good book! Here are a few recommendations from the Book Club which we have read in the last few months:

#### **How to Save a Life by S. D. Robertson**

A story about a man whose life is saved by a stranger. He knows he has been given a second chance and is determined to make it count and things begin to look up for him, but then his new resolve is tested. An easy and thought-provoking story, perfect for Christmas.

#### **The Couple on Maple Drive by Sam Carrington**

This is a crime thriller about a girl who is brutally mugged. Further events suggest someone may be out to get her. Can she and her boyfriend find out the truth before it's too late?

#### **The Nothing Man by Catherine Ryan Howard**

A young girl is the only member of her family who survives an attack by a serial killer who has never been caught. Now an adult, she is determined to find him and writes a book about her efforts to track him down. This one was hard to put down and makes you double check you've locked your doors at night!

### **What an ADVENTure ...**

Thank you to everyone who helped at our ADVENTure last Sunday; it was wonderful to be able to offer such an event to so many people from our local community, some who had not been inside our church before! Thank you also to Mary and Sue H for providing and decorating our Christmas tree; to Adrian for designing the east window display and to Mike for putting it up.

### **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.

### **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.**