

**Sunday 12th March**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**10am: Holy Communion**

Rev'd Canon Roger Matthews

**Duty Warden:** Richard

**Mevo:** David

**Music:** David

**Sides:** Chris, Hilary

**Reader:** Sue

**Sound:** Sue

**Chalice:** Sue

**Refreshments:** Maxine

### Living Light

If you would like to sponsor the Aumbry Light in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the noticeboard or speak to Lucy or Kevin.



### Please Pray

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



### We remember:

Joan Moorhouse (07.03.2008)

Bob Wood (09.03.22)

### Homemade greetings cards

There are homemade cards available on the table at the back of the church - please make donations for these using the card reader or wall safe.

### Saturday Coffee 11am-12noon

Saturday 11th March

with Sue



Church will be closed afterwards

### Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm

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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



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# WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 5th March 2023

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**Sunday 5th March**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**10am: Morning Worship**

If it were not for Nicodemus.....!

Richard Field

**Duty Warden:** Helen

**Music:** Music Group

**Sides:** Sue, Maxine

**Sound:** Helen

**Refreshments:** Pat

**Counting:** Lucy, Mike

Followed by refreshments

**Morning Prayer**

**9.15am:** Wednesdays at St Luke's

### Collect

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of  
Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### 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.**

**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

### **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

### **John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight: 27 February - 12 March 2023**

This Fairtrade Fortnight, join us in spreading a simple message: making the small switch to Fairtrade supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.

### **Lent Giving**

Our Lent giving will be in support of Tearfund, a Christian charity that partners with churches in some of the poorest parts of the world. They are part of the Disasters Emergency Committee and are working with survivors of the Turkey-Syria earthquake. Giving envelopes are available at the back of church if you would like to give by cheque, or please give online using the Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/moulsham-st-lukes-1677693925917>.

Poverty is not God's plan. You are.

From providing food and shelter to people fleeing conflict to equipping communities to start their own development projects, your gift will transform lives and play a part in ending extreme poverty and injustice around the world. This is what your donations could provide:

£24 - vital hygiene kits including soap and antiseptic for two families

£55 - enough clothing for two children to keep warm through the winter

£68 - run a community transformation programme, empowering people to escape poverty

### **St Paul's Quiz Night**

St Paul's on Loftin Way are holding a quiz night on Saturday 18 March at 5.30pm for a 6pm start and prices include a fish and chip supper. Adults £10, Under 16s £5, family of 5 discount £35.. Teams of 8 people.

### **Easter Day Dawn Service and Breakfast**

We are hosting the South West Chelmsford Churches Dawn Service on Easter Sunday morning followed by breakfast. If you are able to help prepare or serve breakfast, please speak to Lucy.

### **Moulsham St John's - Priest in Charge**

It has been announced this week that Revd Hannah Robinson has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge at Moulsham St John's and Chaplain at Anglia Ruskin University. Hannah is currently a curate in South Shoebury and will be moving with her husband Peter. The licensing service at St John's is expected to be Thursday 4 May at 7.30pm. Please keep Hannah and Peter in your prayers over the coming months.

### **Confirmation - 4 June**

If you know anyone who would like to be confirmed on 4 June, please speak to Revd Suzanne.