

Sunday 19th March

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

10am: Morning Worship

Rev'd Suzanne McAllister

Duty Warden: Richard

Music: David

Sides: Louise, Maxine

Sound: Richard

Refreshments: Richard

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:

Alice Olivia Stow (12.03.1993)

Nancy Chilton (16.03.2007)

Amy Cutler (18.03.2000)

Bingo Night - 18 March

New City Voices are holding a bingo night at Moulsham Infants School at 7pm to raise choir funds. Its £10 payable on the night and bring your own drinks and nibbles. Contact Mark for more info 07411 808731.

Saturday Coffee 11am-12noon

Saturday 18th March

with David

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 12th March 2023

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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: Rev'd Suzanne

Refreshments: Maxine

Followed by refreshments

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

4pm for 4.30pm: South West Chelmsford Churches Taize service at St Mary's Widford

Morning Prayer

9.15am: Wednesdays at St Luke's

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to with-
stand 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
- One-off online donations accessed via the St Luke's website homepage
- Contactless card reader available at the back of church

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4:5-15

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do

not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

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

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.