

Sunday 26th March

5th Sunday of Lent

10am: Holy Communion

Rev'd Suzanne McAllister

Duty Warden: Lucy

Mevo: Lucy

Reader: Anna

Chalice: Maxine

Music: Rita

Sides: Hilary, Chris

Sound: David

Refreshments: Brenda

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



Saturday Coffee 11am-12noon

Saturday 25th March

with Brenda

Church will be closed afterwards



Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm

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.

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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 19th March 2023

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Sunday 19th March

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

10am: Morning Worship

Rev'd Suzanne McAllister

Duty Warden: Richard

Music: David

Sides: Louise, Maxine

Reader: Pat

Sound: Richard

Refreshments: Richard

Followed by refreshments

Morning Prayer

9.15am: Wednesdays at St Luke's

Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns in you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 34:11-20

¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
¹² Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all. ²⁰ He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:33-35

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Churches Together in Chelmsford

This week St Luke's is included in the Churches Together in Chelmsford prayer cycle. It is wonderful to know that others throughout Chelmsford are praying for us and our future ministry.

The Chosen (Series 1)

'The Chosen' is a multiseason television series based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. It allows viewers to see the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that know him. The first series is being shown on Sunday evenings at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Widford, at 7pm starting tonight (19 March) until Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Holy Week and Easter

Join us as we journey through Holy Week together:

Palm Sunday (2 April) - Morning Worship (hopefully starting our service outside and processing together into church)

Monday (3 April) - Meditation led by Richard at 2pm

Tuesday (4 April) - Meditation led by Lucy at 7pm

Wednesday (5 April) - Meditation led by Revd Suzanne at 10am

Thursday (6 April) - Maundy Thursday service with anointing led by Revd Suzanne at 2pm.

There is also a service at St Michael's at 7.30pm.

Friday (7 April) - Good Friday Walk of Witness

Meditation led by Revd Suzanne at 3pm

Sunday (9 April) - Easter Sunday Dawn Service at 5.30am followed by breakfast.

All Age Communion led by Revd Suzanne at 10am.

Lent Giving

Our Lent giving is 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>. To date we have raised £114 online.

Poverty is not God's plan. We are.