

Sunday 8th October

18th Sunday after Trinity

10am: Holy Communion

Rev'd Suzanne McAllister

Duty Warden and Sound: Richard

Mevo: Lucy

Music: David

Sides: Pat, Helen

Reader: Pat

Chalice: Sue

Refreshments: Maxine

4.30pm: MMU Healing Service at St Luke's

Rev'd Suzanne McAllister

Refreshments from 4pm

Saturday Coffee 11am-12pm

7th October

with Brenda

Church is closed after coffee



Living Light

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

John Bubb



Please Pray

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

We remember:

Peter Stockwell (03.10.1996)

Rod Swan (03.10.1996)

Marjorie Shillaker (06.10.1999)

Parish Roads: We also pray this month for those living and working in:

Edward Drive, Falcon Way,
Fir Tree Rise, Firecrest Road,

Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm

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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 1st October 2023

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17th Sunday after Trinity

10am: Morning Worship

Vineyard work - Yes or No?

Richard Field

Duty Warden: Helen

Music: The Music Group

Sides: Louise, Chris

Sound: Helen

Refreshments: Pat

Counters: Mike, Dave T

Tuesday 3rd October

1pm: The Bible Course

All welcome!

Bring your lunch

Weekday Prayer - Tuesdays at 2pm

Wheelchair accessible and toilets
will be available

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of
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 de-
sire 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

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. ² The 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?' ³ But 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?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The 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. ⁶ I 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. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

Key Messages from PCC meeting—Wednesday 20 Sept

- The PCC wants to say a huge thank you to Richard, who is retiring as an Authorised Lay Preacher. We will give thanks for all that he has given us by leading our services over a bring and share lunch after our patronal festival on 22 October;
- With the additional costs being incurred in relation to the large hall investigations, the PCC has advised the diocese that we will be unable to make payments towards our 2023 Parish Share from Oct-Dec. We have been notified of our 2024 Parish Share allocation (£16,197) for 0.1 stipendiary priest.
- We hope to run a similar community event to last year on Advent Sunday (3 December) with informal carol service.

Harvest Festival—Sunday 15 October

We will be celebrating Harvest in two weeks' time on Sunday 15 October and we will be collecting donations for Chelmsford Foodbank, who have provided the list below of items that they are most grateful for.

Chelmsford Foodbank - Harvest Shopping List

Coffee (sm, med)	Instant mashed potato
Teabags (40s,80s)	Jams, spreads and preserves
Milk (non dairy)	Biscuits (sweet & savoury)
UHT fruit juice	Sponge Puddings
UHT milk	Powdered custard
Fruit squash	Breakfast Cereal
Crisps	Pulses
Pasta sauce	Washing up liquid
Tinned meals/soup/fish/potatoes/tomatoes/vegetables	
Toiletries (male and female)	Toilet rolls

They have sufficient supplies of pasta and baked beans.

Variety Concert - Friday 6 Oct, 7.30pm

Our first Variety Concert will be taking place THIS FRIDAY, raising funds for Chelmsford FoodBank and St Luke's. Local amateur entertainers, groups and soloists, both young and old, (including our own music group!) will show off their talents. Free entry and light refreshments will be provided, so do tell your friends and family and come along for a fun evening!