**Sunday 26th November** 

Sunday next before Advent Christ the King

**3pm:** Licensing of Revd Stephanie Gillingham as Priest-in-Charge with Holy Communion

The Ven Canon Mike Power

**Duty Warden:** Lucy **Chalice/Sound:** Helen **Music:** The Music Group

**Sides:** Maxine, Pat **Refreshments:** Brenda

Saturday Coffee 11am - 12 noon



with Brenda

Church is closed after coffee

## Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm

## **Living Light**

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

Agnes Millward



### **Please Pray**

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

#### We remember:

Marjorie Betts (20.11.2000) Agnes Millward (21.11.2019) Gladys Smiles (24.11.2003) Margaret Lant (25.11.2010)

#### Parish Roads:

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

Gloucester Avenue Gordon Road Goshawk Drive Gunson Gate Hawfinch Walk

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requests for prayer) contact Janette Tadman - janettetadman@gmail.com or 07749 298639



# ST LUKE'S WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 19th November 2023

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**Sunday 19th November** 

2nd Sunday before Advent

**Safeguarding Sunday** 

10am: Morning Worship Lucy

Duty Warden/Sound: Sue

Music: David

**Sides:** Maxine, Chris **Refreshments:** Pat

Tuesday 21 November 1pm: The Bible Course All welcome! Bring your lunch

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Weekday Prayer -Tuesdays at 2pm
Wheelchair accessible and toilets
will be available

#### Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in 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

#### Isaiah 41:10-13

<sup>10</sup> So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

\*All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced;

those who oppose you

will be as nothing and perish.

<sup>12</sup> Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them.

Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.

<sup>13</sup> For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

#### Mark 12:28-31

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

# Fairtrade Quiz

The Chelmsford City Fairtrade Campaign is holding a quiz night on Friday 24th November at St Augustine's Church, Springfield CM1 6GX. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Admission is £5 per person. Teams of up to 8. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. There will be a free raffle and a Fairtrade stall. Please contact gill.parker@sky.com to book a place.

## **Advent Course**

We are invited to join ML Methodists for an advent course based on the prophecies of Isaiah "Light to the Nations". This will run from Tuesday 28 Nov at 2.30pm for four weeks at ML Methodist Church.

## **Revd Stephanie's Licensing Service**

Next week is Revd Stephanie's licensing service at 3pm—please do let Kathryn or Lucy know if you would like to come to the service so that we can make sure we have enough seats. We would like to lay on a delicious spread after the service so if you are able to provide some cakes and help serve refreshments on the day, please let Brenda know.

## **PCC Key Messages**

The PCC met on Wednesday, and any member of the PCC would be happy to answer your questions:

- Our ADVENTure community event and carol service is in two weeks (3 Dec). We need volunteers to help with welcoming and refreshments. Please speak to Revd Suzanne or Pat if you can help in any way.
- While the large hall is closed, there is a very small team who are setting and re-setting the church for services each week. If you are able to help in anyway with this, or have friends or family members who can assist please let Lucy know.
- We are going to support two charities with our Christmas giving this year: Friends of the Holy Land (financial donations), and CHESS Homeless (shopping list items). In response to the appeal by the Archbishops of Canterbury and Jerusalem to support the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Anglican-run hospital in Gaza, the PCC felt it was important to offer our giving as well as our prayers. We also know that CHESS Homeless are in need of support at this time.

## **Pray for Palestine and Israel**

O God of all justice and peace,

we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call to you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children - for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Prayer from Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem