

Sunday 3rd December

Advent Sunday

4pm ADVENTure Carol Service

Duty Warden/Sound: Sue

Music: The Music Group

Sides: Helen and Maxine

Counters: Lucy and Mike

***Advance Notice:** We will be worshipping together at ML Methodist Church on Sunday 10 December at 11am*

Saturday Coffee

11am - 12 noon

with Sue

Church is closed after coffee



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

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:

Daisy Swadling (01.12.1996)

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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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

Tuesday 28th November

1pm: The Bible Course

All welcome! Bring your lunch

Weekday Prayer -Tuesdays at 2pm

Wheelchair accessible and toilets
will be available

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ
the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory
Amen,

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously reward-
ed; 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

Ezekiel 34:11-15, 23-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Matthew 23:31-end

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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.

Next Weekend

SATURDAY at 4pm: The Farleigh Hospice 'Light Up A Life' service is being held here.

SUNDAY, 2-5pm: Our ADVENTure community event and carol service so please invite your friends, family and neighbours for a fun crafting afternoon –there will also be a plant stall, a lucky dip stall and a raffle. We still need volunteers to help with welcoming and refreshments. Please speak to Revd Suzanne or Pat if you can help in any way.

PCC Key Messages

The key messages from the last PCC meeting:

- 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, 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 CHES Homeless (shopping list items). This is 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, and we know CHES 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