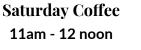
Sunday 10th December

2nd Sunday of Advent 11am: Joint Service at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church Lime Walk

> There will not be a service at St. Luke's today

Sunday 17th December **3rd Sunday of Advent 10am: Morning Worship** Lucy

Duty Warden/Sound: Richard Music: David Sides: Hilary and Chris



Church is closed after coffee 9 Dec-Richard 16 Dec–Brenda

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Please Pray For Sally, Brian, Joan, Anna, Greta,

Sheila, Nicky, Amelia, Val, Audrey, Marv. Catherine

For the PCC as they meet on 13th December

We remember:

Nonny Siseman (07.12.2005) Adrian Pudney (08.12.1994) Audrev Dunmall (10.12.2013) Kath Bell (11.12.2019) May Wade (12.12.1990) Revd Gordon Law (14.12.2010) Robert Lee (16.12.1989)

Parish Roads: We also pray this month for those living and working in: Hawthorn Close, Heath Drive, Holly Way, Hornbeam Close, Juniper Drive

Edward Bear Baby/Toddler Group Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm Last session is 13 Dec

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Advent Sunday



4pm ADVENTure Carol Service

Duty Warden/Sound: Sue Music: The Music Group Sides: Helen and Maxine **Counters:** Lucy and tbc

Weekday Prayer -Tuesdays at 2pm

Wheelchair accessible and toilets will be available

as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen Prav 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.

Collect

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

Advent and Christmas Giving

This year we are going to be supporting two charities in different ways: Financial giving—Friends of the Holy Land Shopping items—CHESS Homeless

Friends of the Holy Land

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, many of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are facing a very different reality from the one that we are living. We sing 'O Little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie.' Yet how far from the current truth can this be?

The Archbishops of Canterbury and Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum and Justin Welby, have issued a joint emergency appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. One of the charities included in this emergency appeal is **Friends of the Holy Land**, a non-political Christian Charity. Their mission is to secure a resilient and enduring Christian community in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan - the part of the world that Christians call the Holy Land.

To make a donation, please donate online:

https://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/fundraisers/moulsham-st-lukes-christmas-giving-for-friends-of-the-holy-land

If you would prefer to give by cheque or cash, please speak to Lucy for details.

CHESS Homeless

CHESS works to ensure that people who find themselves homeless are supported in ways that enable them to move forward purposefully and in good health. CHESS stands for Churches Homeless Emergency Support Scheme. The items that are needed, including those for rough sleepers are:

Coffee Sugar Hot Chocolate Toilet Roll Kitchen Roll Tissues (Boxes / ind. packets) Baked Beans	Sleeping Bags Wipes Hand Sanitizer Snack/Cereal Bars Small bottles of water Deodorant Household cleaning products
Kitchen Roll	Small bottles of water
Tissues (Boxes / ind. packets)	Deodorant
Baked Beans	Household cleaning products
Cooking Sauces (jars/packets)	Bin bags
Long Life Milk	Mens & Ladies Underwear
Biscuits	Sleeping bags
Fruit Squash	Small tents (preferably double-walled)

Please bring items to church on Sundays 17 and 24 Dec and Christmas Day.

Advent Course

The advent course run by ML Methodists started on Tuesday at 2.30pm and will continue for the next three Tuesdays in December. The course is based on the prophecies of Isaiah "Light to the Nations".

Licensing Service

Thank you to everyone who came and who helped at Revd Stephanie's licensing service last week. It was wonderful that representatives or our uniformed groups, schools, councillors and SWCC came along to support.

East Window Display

Thank you to Adrian for designing our east window display again this year and to Mike for helping to put it up. The display incorporates the Church of England theme of 'Follow The Star: Join The Song', which highlights how singing can help draw us closer to God and each other through the journey from Advent to Epiphany. With origami angels in the display and around the church, this also supports our crafting activities during the ADVENTure event.

Dates for your diary			
10th December 11am:	Service at ML Methodist Church		
17th December 10am:	Morning Worship led by Lucy		
24th December 10am:	Morning Worship led by Richard		
11.30pm:	Midnight Mass led by Revd Canon John Brown		
25th December 10am:	Family Communion led by Revd Stephanie		
31st December 10am:	Holy Communion led by Revd Suzanne		
21st January 10am:	Christingle Service		

RIP Derek Tadman †

We were greatly saddened to hear that our dear friend Derek Tadman died on 26th November. Please hold Mike, Janette and Arthur in your prayers.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Living Light The Aumbry Light for December has been sponsored in memory of:

Alina Hope Peters

