



Sunday 7th January
2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany
10am: Morning Worship

Duty Warden: Helen
Sound: Helen
Music: The Music Group
Sides: Hilary and Maxine
Refreshments: Pat

Saturday Coffee
11am - 12 noon 
 30th Dec - Richard
 6th Jan - Brenda
Church is closed after coffee

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

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Newsletter Content If you have any items for the Newsletter (including
 requests for prayer) contact Janette Tadman -
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Please Pray
 For Sally, Brian, Joan, Anna, Greta,
 Sheila, Nicky, Amelia, Val, Audrey,
 Mary, Catherine

We remember:
 Dennis Brown (27.12.1990)
 Alex Bliss (30.12.1996)
 Glenda Collins (30.12.2011)
 Revd Henry Hughes (02.01.2001)
 Ron Smiles (05.01.2013)

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
and Toddler Group
 Wednesday 10th January
 1.15pm - 2.30pm

Sunday 24th December
4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

10am: Morning Worship
 'Perfect gift unwrapping'
 Richard

Duty Warden: Helen
Sound: Mike
Reader: Chris
Music: David
Sides: Maxine and Pat
Refreshments: Volunteers

11.30pm: Midnight Mass
 Canon John Brown
Duty Warden/Mevo/Chalice: Lucy
Sound/Sides: Sue
Readers: Sue and Lucy
Music: David

Weekday Prayers
 The next Prayers will be on
 Tuesday 2nd January 2.30pm

Monday 25th December
Christmas Day

10am: Family Communion
 Revd Stephanie Gillingham

Duty Warden/Sound/Chalice: Richard
Sides: Helen
Music/Reading: David

Sunday 31st December
1st Sunday of Christmas

10am: Holy Communion
 Revd Suzanne McAllister

Duty Warden: Sue
Mevo: tbc
Music: David
Sides: Maxine and Chris
Reader: Chris
Sound: Sue
Chalice: Maxine
Refreshments: Brenda

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

Readings and Collect for Sunday 24th December

Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house

Readings continued →

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of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Readings and Collect for Sunday 31st December

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord and Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2:15-21

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Derek Tadman RIP

The funeral for Derek is at St. Luke's on Friday 29th December, followed by a short service at Chelmsford Crematorium at 1pm. Everyone is welcome. Please let Janette know if you will be joining them at the Secret Garden Tea Rooms after for refreshments.