

Sunday 14th January
3rd Sunday of Christmas
10am: Holy Communion
 Revd Sandy Southee

Duty Warden: Sue
Mevo: ?
Music: David
Sides: Louise and Pat
Reader: Pat
Sound: Dave
Chalice: Sue
Refreshments: Maxine

Please Pray
 For Sally, Brian, Joan, Anna, Greta,
 Sheila, Nicky, Amelia, Val, Audrey,
 Mary, Catherine, Revd Suzanne,
 Diana, Lucy and her family.

We remember:
 Eileen Joan Cook (13.01.2015)

Parish Roads:
We also pray this month for those
living and working in:
 Kestrel Walk, Laburnum Drive,
 Larch Grove, Lewis Drive,
 Lilac Close

Living Light
 If you would like to sponsor the
 Aumbry light for January please
 sign up on the noticeboard. The
 cost is £10 per name.

Edward Bear Baby
and Toddler Group
 Wednesday 10th January
 1.15pm - 2.30pm

Saturday Coffee
11am - 12 noon
 13th Jan - Brenda
Church is closed after coffee



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 requests for prayer) contact Janette Tadman -
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Sunday 7th January

2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany

10am: Morning Worship

Lucy Bubb

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

Weekday Prayers
 Tuesdays at 2.30pm

Disabled access and toilets available

Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the
 Magi by a star to worship the Christ-
 child: guide and sustain us, that we
 may find our journey's end in Jesus
 Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.**

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 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Christingle

We will be hosting our Christingle service on Sunday 21 January at 10am so please invite your family and friends to come along! This also means that we are looking for volunteers to get the Christingles ready during Saturday Coffee on 20 January - please let Lucy or David know.

Epiphany Chalking the Doorway

Gather your household outside and write these letters above the door, down the sides or on the doorstep:

20 + C + M + B + 24

And say: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty four years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen

Christmas Giving - thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated items for CHESS Homeless over the Christmas period. These have been dropped out and the team were very grateful. The JustGiving page is still open for financial donations to support Christians in the Holy Land (£71 has been raised so far). The link is:

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

Revd Suzanne - health update

Revd Suzanne has been moved from Broomfield to Basildon Hospital following her heart attack. She is on Roding ward and has been told that she needs a triple heart bypass. She sends her thanks for everyone's prayers. Please continue to pray for Suzanne as she comes to terms with this, and her family, and Revd Stephanie and the PCC as they make cover arrangements.

Fundraising—we need your ideas

We are facing some significant expenditure this year, mainly for the large hall roof, and we need your fundraising ideas - no idea is too big or too small! Please have a think about what we could do and speak to any member of the PCC with your suggestions before the next PCC meeting on 17 January.

RIP †

We are sad to hear of the death of John McCafferty, husband of Revd. Christine McCafferty. John was Churchwarden in 1978 and a worshipper at St. Luke's for many years. We send our love and prayers to Christine and her sons at this sad time.

Alan Arnot, who played the organ monthly for our services prior to the pandemic, also died recently. He had been Mayor of Chelmsford, played the organ at Broomfield Methodist church, and was very active in many local associations. We send our sincere condolences to Jacque and family.