

Sunday 4th February
2nd Sunday before Lent
10am: Morning Worship
Lucy Bubb

Duty Warden/sound: Sue
Music: The Music Group
Sides: Maxine and Chris
Refreshments: Brenda
Counters: Richard and Dave

Saturday Coffee

11am - 12 noon

3rd February - Brenda

Church is closed after coffee



Diana Bubb RIP†

Sadly, Lucy's mum died peacefully on Friday 19th January. Please keep all the family in your prayers, especially Lucy in her role as a service leader and our churchwarden. May Diana rest in peace, and rise in glory

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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

Please Pray

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

We remember:

Sheila Field (27.01.2013)
Lance Silver (30.01.1991)

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

The Aumbry Light in February has been sponsored in memory of

Sheila Rolland



Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group
Wednesdays 1.15pm - 2.30pm



WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 28th January 2024

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Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10am: Holy Communion

The Venerable Revd Mike Power

Duty Warden: Richard

Music: David

Sides: Pat and Helen

Sound: Helen

Reader: Anna

Chalice: Helen

Refreshments: Brenda

4pm: Praise and Thanksgiving Service at St. Michael's, Galleywood

*Refreshments at 4pm,
service at 4.30pm*

Weekday Prayers

Tuesdays at 2pm

Disabled access
and toilets available

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple, in substance
or our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon
and Anna, who lived to welcome the
Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts
beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes to bring us to eternal
life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.
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

Hebrews 2:14-end

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

PCC News

The PCC met on Wednesday 17 January and would like to share the following key messages:

Revd Suzanne remains in hospital and will stay there until she has her operation. She is cheerful and doing well; please keep her and her family in your prayers. It is likely that her recovery will take several months. We have been asking for help from clergy and lay leaders around the deanery and hope to be able to continue with our regular pattern of worship. This will include Revd Stephanie leading our worship on the 4th Sundays of the month.

We had a long discussion about the large hall roof and the work required. We are committed to repairing the roof and will be applying for grants. We also recognise that we will need significant fundraising in a short timescale - we are aiming for the work to be completed by September 2024 and is likely to cost around £50,000. We will be agreeing a fundraising plan at our meeting in three weeks; some ideas that have been suggested include:

- a) Winter fuel payment donation - do you receive the winter fuel payment from the government? could you donate all or some of it towards the roof work? if so, are you a tax payer and willing to gift aid your donation? This can be done by cheque or bank transfer and letting Kevin, our Treasurer, know.
- b) Fill a Smartie Tube (or Denture Cleaning Tablet Tube) - could you fill a tube with £1 coins? Its surprising how much can be collected.

We agreed our 2023 draft accounts, which will now go to our independent examiner for review, before being finalised ready for the APCM. We overspent our General and our Fabric Fund by c£6,600. Our assets (the money in our bank accounts) reduced from £55,667 to £26,121 by the end of the year.

We agreed our 2024 budget. We are planning to break-even on our General Fund. We will need to monitor our cash flow carefully.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is taking place on Friday 1 March, this year the service has been prepared by women of Palestine. The theme of the service is 'bear with one another in love'. Everyone is welcome to join a service at 11.30am on Friday 1 March at St Mary's Church, Widford. Soup will be served afterwards.

Variety Concert

Following on from our successful concert last October we are hosting another on 9th February at 7.30pm. Please come along and bring your friends and family. No entry fee - the retiring collection is for St. Luke's Hall Appeal.