

**Sunday 11th February**

**Sunday before Lent**

**10am: Holy Communion**

The Venerable Revd Jonathon Croucher, new Archdeacon of Chelmsford

**Duty Warden/Mevo:** Lucy

**Chalice:** Mike

**Reader:** Pat

**Sound:** Dave

**Music:** David

**Sides:** Hilary and Pat

**Refreshments:** Maxine

**Saturday Coffee**

**11am - 12 noon**

10th February - Brenda

*Church is closed after coffee*



**Edward Bear Baby  
and Toddler Group**

Wednesdays 1.15pm - 2.30pm

**Please Pray**

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

For PCC as they meet on Weds.

For Lucy and her family, as they prepare for Diana's funeral in Orsett on 16th February at 1.30pm.

**We remember:**

Anne Blake (07.02.2003)

George Cresswell Bell (08.02.2007)

**Parish Roads:**

**We also pray this month for those  
living and working in:**

Lime Walk, Linden Close,  
Linnet Drive, Longstomps Avenue,  
Lucas Avenue

**Living Light**

The Aumbry Light in February has been sponsored in memory of Sheila Rolland



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**Newsletter Content**

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**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:** Mike and Dave

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Weekday Prayers**

Tuesdays at 2pm

Disabled access  
and toilets available

**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

### **Psalm 104:26-end**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. <sup>27</sup>These all look to you to give them their food in due season; <sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. <sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. <sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. <sup>35</sup>Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

### **John 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

<sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

<sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### **Help Still Needed: Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group**

Thank you to those who have been helping while Revd Suzanne is poorly; we could still do with some more help on a Wednesday afternoon. Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group is a fantastic outreach serving our community. Any help is welcomed - putting toys out, washing up at the end. If you have a bit of time to give, please speak to Brenda, David or Pat.

### **Revd Suzanne—update**

Revd Suzanne's op is due to be 8 Feb; please keep her in your prayers.

### **Variety Concert**

We are hosting another Variety Concert next Friday (9th February) at 7.30pm. Please spread the word, come along and bring your friends and family. No entry fee - the retiring collection is for St. Luke's Hall Appeal.

### **Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Party**

We are going to hold a Pancake Party again this year on 13 February from 3.30pm-5pm (or when the pancakes run out, whichever is sooner). Its not just for children so would be lovely to see members of the congregation too!

### **Ash Wednesday Services—14 February**

There will be an Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service with imposition of ashes at St Luke's at 10am, and at St Michael's, Galleywood at 7.30pm. This is an important day as it marks the beginning of Lent.

### **Lent Course**

Revd Stephanie is going to be leading a Lent Course at St Luke's on five Wednesdays, 7pm—9pm. The group study course will be based on Nick Fawcett's Spot the Difference book and considers what difference does being a Christian make to your life and what difference should it make? The dates are: 21 Feb, 6 Mar, 13 Mar, 20 Mar and 25 Mar.

### **Thank you**

The PCC want to say a big thank you to Pat for all her work as a PCC member, as she has decided to step down from the PCC ahead of the APCM. She will be continuing as Lettings Officer and helping with Edward Bear.

### **Future Dates for the Diary**

#### **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.

#### **A Passion Play for Lent**

Wednesday 13th March, Riding Lights Theatre will present The Narrow Road, by Paul Birch, at Chelmsford Cathedral. This is a powerful Passion Play on the journey to Easter. which opens up at key moments for worship, music and reflection arising directly out of the drama, creating a powerful act of remembrance which is both participatory and reflective.