

Sunday 18th February

1st Sunday of Lent

10am: Morning Worship

Richard Field

Duty Warden/Sound: Helen

Music: David

Sides: Louise and Chris

Refreshments: Brenda

Saturday Coffee

11am - 12 noon

17th February - Sue

Church is closed after coffee



Edward Bear Baby

and Toddler Group

Wednesdays 1.15pm - 2.30pm
during term-time

Revd Suzanne—health update

Revd Suzanne's operation was
cancelled; its planned for this week.

Please Pray

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

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

We remember:

Lily Clarke (13.02.2007)

Robert Wade (14.02.1988)

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
Donald (Don) Hodgson



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Newsletter Content

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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 11th February 2024

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Sunday before Lent

10am: Holy Communion

The Venerable Revd Jonathon
Croucher, new Archdeacon of
Chelmsford

Duty Warden/Mevo: Lucy

Chalice: Sue

Reader: Pat

Sound: Dave

Music: David

Sides: Hilary and Pat

Refreshments: Maxine

Weekday Prayers

Tuesdays at 2pm

Disabled access
and toilets available

Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful
lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your
goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayers

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus
Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power
to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
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

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Mark 9:2-9

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Party

We are going to hold a Pancake Party again this year on Tuesday 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.

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.

MLMC are also running a 5 week Lent Course on Tuesdays at 2.30pm from 20 Feb entitled 'Exploring God's Mercy'.

PCC Key Messages

The PCC met on Wednesday evening and focused on planning for the coming year with the following key messages:

- We have committed to participating in Eco Church. This will help us to demonstrate our care for God's creation. Sue Davies has agreed to lead our work. We will be looking at all aspects of our church and individual life, from worship to buildings to community and global engagement and lifestyle. Watch out for more information in future newsletters!
- We have been successful in the first stage of diocesan approval for the large hall roof works. The work is likely to cost in the region of £50,000 and we will need to do some significant fundraising. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to get involved. We identified several fundraising activities that will run between now and the summer, including:
 - ◇ Winter fuel allowance donations - Thank you to those who have already made a donation from their winter fuel payment.
 - ◇ Smartie tubes - we will be launching this during the Pancake Party
 - ◇ Afternoon Cream Teas on 6 May - we have successfully applied for a significant donation of clotted cream and jam!
 - ◇ Sponsoring a plank (or part of the roof!)
 - ◇ Auction of Time and Talents
- Our APCM will be after the service on 28 April. There will be some vacancies, including PCC secretary, so please pray about whether God is calling you to join the PCC.
- There is much to give thanks for at St Luke's and also a great need for prayer, especially Revd Suzanne's health and our large hall roof works.

Hedgehog House and Bug Hotels

A huge thank you to 1st Moulsham Lodge Brownies for giving us a hedgehog house and four bug hotels that they made as part of their life skills focus, learning to use hammers and screwdrivers! We will be putting them into the gardens and watching with interest to see what creatures come to visit!

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is 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.