

Sunday 3rd March

3rd Sunday of Lent

10am: Morning Worship

Lucy Bubb

Duty Warden: David

Sound: Volunteer needed

Music: The Music Group

Sides: Maxine and Louise

Refreshments: Brenda

Counting: Lucy and Mike

Saturday Coffee

11am - 12 noon

2nd March - Richard

Church is closed after coffee



Living Light

The Aumbry Light in February has been sponsored in memory of

Sheila Rolland

Donald (Don) Hodgson



Please Pray

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

We remember:

Marion Harris (01.03.2011)

Jim Jellicoe (02.03.1988)

Malcolm Wade (02.03.2015)

Parish Roads:

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

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

**Edward Bear Baby
and Toddler Group**

Wednesdays 1.15-2.30pm during
term-time

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Newsletter Content

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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 25th February 2024

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2nd Sunday of Lent

10am: Holy Communion

Revd Sandy Southee

Duty Warden/Chalice: Richard

Sound: Mike

Music: David

Reader: Anna

Sides: Maxine and Pat

Refreshments: Helen

Weekday Prayers

Tuesdays at 2pm

Disabled access
and toilets available

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings,
and by following his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves;
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities which may happen to the
body,
and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." ³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. ¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Mark 8:31-end

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Lent Course

Revd Stephanie led the first evening of the Lent Course at St Luke's on Wednesday. Each session is standalone so if you couldn't get to the session on 21 Feb, don't worry, you can join any of the other sessions. The group study course is 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 next session is on 6 March. The remaining dates are then 13 Mar, 20 Mar and 27 Mar from 7-9pm.

Revd Suzanne: Health Update

Revd Suzanne had her operation on Tuesday and we are pleased to report that on Friday she was moved from ITU to a ward - a very good sign. Please continue to hold Suzanne and her family in your prayers.

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 at 11.30am that day at St Mary's Church, Widford. Soup will be served afterwards.

Mothering Sunday (10 March)

Rather than buying chocolates or flowers for Mothering Sunday, why not buy a Mothers' Union 'Gift of Dignity'? In doing so, you will be supporting women to grow their independence, take on leadership roles, and build a better future for their children, making a difference for mothers and their families through the ground-breaking work Mothers' Union does around the world. You might want to buy directly for your Mother, choose to dedicate your gift in memory of a loved one, or help the grandchildren to surprise mum with these alternative and very special gifts. Check out: www.mueshop.org/collections/make-a-mothers-day-2024

Bishop's Lent Appeal

The 2024 Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal is raising funds to support the Diocese of Jerusalem's Healthcare Ministry. The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is home to about 7,000 Anglicans worshipping in 28 congregations across five different countries or territories: Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Israel. The need for support is particularly pressing at this time of war in the Holy Land. Donations can be made online www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lent-appeal or by bank transfer, using the following details:

Chelmsford Diocese Board of Finance
Sort Code: 20-20-35; Account Number: 60269603
Reference: Lent Appeal 24

Smartie Challenge

We launched our Smartie challenge on Shrove Tuesday—the challenge involves eating the smarties from one of the tubes and then filling it with £1 or 20 pence coins, and placing the filled tube in the box at the back of church. Did you know that one Smartie tube can hold £11 worth of 20ps?!