Sunday 14th April

3rd Sunday of Easter

10am: Holy Communion

Revd Jo Jones

Duty Warden/Mevo: Lucy

Sound: Richard Chalice: Maxine Reader: Chris Music: David

Sides: Louise and Chris **Refreshments:** Brenda

Saturday Coffee 11am - 12 noon



Church is closed after coffee

Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group is on Easter Holiday

Please Pray

For Sally, Joan, Anna, Sheila, Nicky, Amelia, Val, Audrey, Mary, Brian, Catherine, Revd Suzanne, Arthur, Dave C, June, Dave T and Sharon.

We remember:

Bill Marshall (13.04.1991)

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

Orange Tree Close, Osprey Way, Palm Close, Peregrine Drive, Petrel Way

Living Light

The Aumbry Light in April has been sponsored in memory of

James (Jim) Millward

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ST LUKE'S WEEKLY NEWS

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2nd Sunday of Easter

10am: Morning Worship

Joint Service with Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church

Lucy Bubb and Revd Mike Pengelly

Duty Warden/Sound: Sue Music: The Music Group Sides: Pat and Maxine Refreshments: Helen Counters: Sue and Hilary

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance is barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. 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

Weekday Prayers

Tuesdays at 2pm

Disabled access and toilets available

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

Acts 4:32-35

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

John 20:19-end

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Smartie Challenge?

How are you and your friends getting on with the smartie challenge, which involved eating the smarties from one of the tubes and then filling it with £1 or 20 pence coins? Don't forget to encourage friends and family to return their filled smartie tubes. Did you know that one smartie tube can hold £11 worth of 20ps?! Every little helps raise funds for the large hall roof.

Car Park Closure

Our car park will be closed for a couple of days from the afternoon of Monday 8 April. The Community Payback team will be back with us and one of their jobs is to add more gravel and rake it to make it level.

R.I.P+

The funeral for Greta Dabrowski will be on Thursday 11th April at 3pm in the North Chapel at Chelmsford Crematorium and all her St Luke's friends are welcome to attend.

APCM 28 April

We will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 28 April after our 10am service. The annual report and accounts will be sent out by email in the second week of April and some hard copies will be available in church.

The APCM is our opportunity to reflect on the last year and to elect members to various key roles - Churchwarden, Deanery Synod representatives, and PCC members. This year we also need to elect a PCC Secretary as sadly Kathryn is leaving her role at St Luke's after the APCM.

Is God calling you to serve on the PCC, which is responsible for the overall wellbeing of St Luke's, the congregation and the buildings and has a duty to promote the mission of St Luke's in the wider community? If so, please put yourself forward on the nomination forms in church. If you're not sure, have a chat with Lucy or Revd Stephanie.

College of Canons—Service

Revd Stephanie has been invited to join the Diocesan College of Canons. There is a special service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 28 April at 3.30pm. It would be lovely if some of us could go along to support her.

Fundraising Cream Teas

We are hosting an afternoon of cream teas on May Bank Holiday (6 May), 2-4pm to raise funds for our large hall roof. We are taking bookings at £3.50 per person if booked in advance through Lucy/Sue or emailing events@stlukemoulsham.co.uk, or £5 per person on the day. Please tell your friends, family and neighbours, and share our social media posts!



We still need some helpers on the day, so please let Lucy/Sue know if you can help.