

Sunday 15 December

3rd Sunday of Advent

10am: Morning Worship

Richard Field

Duty Warden/Sound: Helen

Music: David

Sides: Maxine

Refreshments: Brenda

Saturday Coffee

11am - 12 noon

14 December - Brenda



Church is closed after coffee

Living Light

The Aumbry Light for December has been sponsored in memory of

Hilda Ahern

Alina Hope Peters



Please Pray

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

For the PCC as they meet on the 11th

We remember:

Adrian Pudney (08.12.1994)

Audrey Dunmall (10.12.2013)

Kath Bell (11.12.2019)

May Wade (12.12.1990)

Revd Gordon Law (14.12.2010)

Parish Roads:

We also pray this month for those

living and working in:

Hawthorn Close, Heath Drive,

Holly Way, Hornbeam Close,

Juniper Drive

Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group

Weds in term time 1.15-2.30pm

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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 8 December 2024

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2nd Sunday of Advent

10am: Holy Communion

Revd Sandy Southee

Duty Warden/Chalice: Lucy

Music: David

Sound: Richard

Reader: Anna

Sides: Hilary and Louise

Refreshments: Brenda

Weekday Prayers

Tuesdays at 2pm

Disabled access and toilets
available

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God,
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the
world
and will send him again to be our
judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the
humility and purity of his first com-
ing that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with
joyful love and firm faith;
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

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

Saturday 21st December

Christingle Preparation 10.30am - 11am: this will involve getting the tables ready for the Christingle service the following day (putting out sweets, red ribbon, cocktail sticks, silver foil, and oranges).

Bible Quilt 11am - 12 noon: Revd Stephanie is introducing a quilting morning here at St. Luke's. This will be the first session, so come and look at a Bible story with us and then prepare your fabric to take home to sew. It is possible to hand sew as well as machine sew your fabric - it should be fun as well as an opportunity to share and learn together. In order that we have enough fabric, please sign up for the session by signing up on noticeboard.

Thank You

A big thank you to Mary and Sue H for providing our beautifully decorated Christmas tree and Advent wreath, which add to the atmosphere in church. Thank you also to those who helped at ADVENTure last Sunday; it was lovely to welcome so many families. Look at the large hall window display too!

Advent Giving

We're supporting Next Chapter this year. It was great to hear recently from Carol about the work that Next Chapter does for women and men and children impacted by domestic abuse.

If you would like to buy something for those using the Next Chapter services its really important that these are new items rather than second-hand.

There are two Amazon Wishlists to buy from or just to get an idea of things to buy from other shops (don't forget to go via the Easy Fundraising website too to benefit St Luke's!):

Adults: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3FYAOM452HHOK?ref=wl_share

Children: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/11XKB6QL8MI0F?ref=wl_share

Gift cards of £5 or £10 can also be given to families to shop for essentials. These can be for supermarkets or shops like Boots.

There are some items that are not suitable: razors, alcohol or candles. There are no bath facilities at the refuge (showers only), so no bubble bath or bath bombs. For more info, see the noticeboard in church.

Christmas Fayre

1st Moulsham Brownies are holding their Christmas Fayre at St Luke's on Tuesday 10th Dec, 6pm-7.15pm so please pop along and support them!

EasyFundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could now be raising free donations for Moulsham St Luke's Church with easyfundraising? All you need to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/moulsham-st-lukes-church/ and join for free, and do your online shopping via the easy-fundraising platform. The retailer will make a donation to Moulsham St Luke's Church at no extra cost to you! Thank you for your support.

Fundraising events for 2025

We've got some great fundraising events planned for the first part of 2025, so make a note in your diaries:

- American Line Dancing Masterclass - Sunday 2 Feb in the afternoon, led by Joani St Cliere. Dust off your cowboy boots and strut your stuff!
- Pudding Evening - Friday 7 Feb, 7pm. A chance to try a huge variety of puddings (and put on calories that you worked off with the line dancing!)
- Table Top Sale - Saturday 1 March, 11am - 2pm, back by popular demand