Sunday 24 August

10th Sunday after Trinity

10am: Holy Communion with Baptism

Revd Stephanie

Duty Warden/Sound: Richard

Chalice: Sue Sides: Hilary Reader: Hilary

Music: Ed Montgomery Refreshments: Kirsty

Saturday Coffee

11am - 12 noon

23 Aug - Brenda

Church is closed after coffee

Edward Bear Baby & Toddler group

is on holiday until 17 September

Please Pray

For Sally, Anna, Val, Audrey, Brian, Catherine, Revd Suzanne, Elena, and Elizabeth.

For Sue and all those who knew and loved Mary.

For the people of Gaza and the West Bank, that aid reaches those in need, and for peace.

We remember:

Michael Carpenter 22 August 1996

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

Alder Drive, Arbutus Close, Ash Grove, Brian Close, Bunting Close

Living Light

The Aumbry Light for August has been sponsored in memory of

Neil and Christopher

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9th Sunday after Trinity

10am: Morning Worship Revd Suzanne

Duty Warden: Lucy Sound: Dave T Sides: Maxine Reader: Dave T Music: David

Refreshments: Maxine

Weekday Prayers

Tuesdays at 2pm

Disabled access and toilets available

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the love and light of your church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

A Prayer from Bishop Guli

Gracious God, we pray for peace in our communities this day. We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions, and those who work to uphold law and justice. We pray for an end to fear, for comfort and support to those who suffer. For calm in our streets and cities, that people may go about their lives in safety and peace. In your mercy, hear our prayers, now and always. **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

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12:49 - 56

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Thank You to GoodGym Chelmsford

A huge thank you to the folk from GoodGym Chelmsford for all their help with weeding our paths during this hot weather — and to those who lent their weeding tools!

Funeral

Mary's funeral will be held at St Luke's on Monday 1 September at 2pm, followed by refreshments at The Copper Pot Café. Everyone is welcome. There will be a private service at Chelmsford Crematorium at 3pm. Please keep Mary's daughter, Sue, in your prayers.

Bible Quilting

The next Bible Quilting session will be on Saturday 30 August from 11am—12.30pm. All are welcome, whether you've been before or not. We will spend some time studying a bible passage, reading it through a couple of times, before starting to work on some quilting reflecting the passage.

Reminder

Don't forget that Sunday 31 August we will be worshipping together outdoors at St Michael's, Galleywood at 1pm, starting with a BYO picnic.

Eco Tip

Did you know that some T-bags contain hidden plastics, such as in the glue that seals the bag, which means they cannot be used on garden compost? Others that polylactic acid (PLA) cannot go in the council food waste. Try to either check to see which brands are taking action to reduce the use of plastic, or use loose leaf tea that is widely available.

Sunday Evenings at St Peter-on-the-Wall, Bradwell

The summer Sunday evening services at 6pm at St Peter-on-the-Wall, Bradwell have started and will continue until Sunday 31 August when there is a united songs of praise service led by Archdeacon Jonathan.