

Sunday 14 December

3rd Sunday of Advent

10am: Holy Communion

Rev'd Rose Bailey

Duty Warden / Sound: Richard

Sides: Maxine

Reader: Chris

Chalice: Helen

Music: David

Refreshments: Maxine

Saturday Coffee

11am - 12 noon

13 Dec - David

Church is closed after coffee



Edward Bear Baby & Toddler group

is on Wednesdays (term time only) from 1.15pm–2.30pm and will be on holiday after 10 Dec, returning on 7 Jan 2026

Please Pray

For Sally, Anna, Val, Audrey, Brian, Catherine, Rev'd Suzanne, Elena, Louise, and Elizabeth. For the people of Palestine and Israel, and for peace.

We remember:

Nonny Siseman 07 December 2005

Adrian Pudney 08 December 1994

Audrey Dunmall 10 December 2013

Kath Bell 11 December 2019

May Wade 12 December 1990

Parish Roads:

We also pray this month for those

living and working in:

Hawthorn Close, Heath Drive, Holly Way, Hornbeam Close, Juniper Drive

Living Light

The Aumbry Light for November has been sponsored in memory of

Hilda Ahern

Alina Hope Peters



Sunday 7 December

2nd Sunday of Advent

10am: Morning Worship

Lucy

Duty Warden / Sound: Sue

Sides/Reader: Maxine

Music: Music Group

Refreshments: Brenda

Counting: Sue and Lucy

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

Living Light

If you would like to sponsor the **Living Light** in memory of a loved one for any month next year, please use the sheet on the noticeboard. The cost is £10.

Birthdays:

*"Happy Birthday to you: to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessing rest today upon you."*

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Newsletter Content

If you have any items for the Newsletter (including requests for prayer) contact Lucy - moulshamchurches@gmail.com

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

Isaiah 11:1 - 10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3:1 - 12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. ———>

———> He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Advent and Christmas Giving: Next Chapter

We are supporting Next Chapter again this year, our local domestic abuse support organisation. Ways to give include:

Giving Money

We have set up a JustGiving donation page for financial donations: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/moulsham-st-luke-2025>

If you would prefer to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to *Next Chapter* and bring it to church in an envelope.

Giving Gift Cards

Gift cards of £5 or £10 can be given to the families to shop for essentials.

Giving Items

Amazon Wishlist for Adults: <https://bit.ly/48ywAQD>

Amazon Wishlist for Children: <https://bit.ly/3HfgJdJ>

If you would prefer to buy items from shops, here are some suggestions:

Adults - hot water bottles, small umbrellas, sudoku/crossword/puzzle books, colouring relaxation books, colouring pens, notebooks, fleece throw, sports waterbottle, photo album, eye shadow, photo frames,

Children - puzzle books, colouring books, waterbottles, watches, backpacks, dolls, art and craft kits.

Please pop your donations into the box in church.

Coming up for Advent and Christmas:

Tuesday 16 Dec, 6pm, **Carol singing** at the Eagle and Hind pub. We will be joined by friends from other churches in Moulsham Lodge. Please let Lucy or Revd Stephanie know if you're coming along—the more the merrier!

Monday 22 Dec, 2pm-4pm, **Come and be a Christmas Detective!** A family-focused event, with clues to find and activities to do as we follow the nativity journey inside and outside the church.

Christmas Eve, 11.30pm **Midnight Mass**—the first communion of Christmas.

Eco Tip - Green Christmas

Create homemade gifts. Baked goods for example, or buy gifts from a charity shop – you'll be amazed at what can be found. You could buy an attractive glass or vase and fill it with chocolates or flowers. Kilner jars, and other glass jars, filled with small items also make attractive gifts.