

Christmas Eve
11.30pm: First Communion of Christmas
Father Meymans Sala

Duty Warden/Sound: Sue
Sides/Chalice: Helen
Reader/Music: David

Sunday 28 December
1st Sunday of Christmas
10am: Holy Communion
Revd Stephanie and the Bishop of Bradwell

Duty Warden: Lucy
Sound: Sue
Sides/Reader: Maxine
Music: David
Refreshments: Brenda


Edward Bear Baby & Toddler group
is on Wednesdays (term time only) from 1.15pm–2.30pm and is on holiday now, returning 7 Jan 2026

Please Pray
For Sally, Anna, Val, Audrey, Brian, Catherine, Revd Suzanne, Elena, Louise, and Elizabeth. For the people of Palestine and Israel, and for peace.

We remember:
Margaret Farrell 22 December 1998
Dennis Brown 27 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

Saturday Coffee
There is no Saturday Coffee on 27 Dec 

Living Light
The Aumbry Light for December has been sponsored in memory of
Hilda Ahern
Alina Hope Peters 

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

Sunday 21 December
4th Sunday of Advent

10am: Morning Worship
Revd Julie Couchman-Boor

Duty Warden: Helen
Sound: Dave T
Sides/Reader: Hilary
Music: David
Refreshments: Brenda

Weekday Prayers
Tuesdays at 2pm
Disabled access and toilets available

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Living Light

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

Christmas Day

Everyone is welcome to worship at Church of the Holy Spirit at 10am on Christmas Day morning.

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

Romans 1: 1 – 17

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1: 18 – 25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Carol Singing

We had a wonderful time carol singing with friends from MLMC and Holy Name at the Eagle and Hind pub on Tuesday evening with a very receptive crowd! A total of £94.48 was raised for Next Chapter.

Thank You—The Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who donated to The Children's Society at our Christingle Service on Advent Sunday. We raised £101.75, including gift aid.

PCC Key Messages

The PCC met on Wednesday and share the following key messages:

- We reviewed our Christmas outreach services so far, which have had positive feedback, and will be repeated next year.
- Archdeacon Jonathan is coming to the February PCC meeting.
- We agreed the draft 2026 budget (we plan to break even) and reviewed and approved our Risk Assessments.

We would like to wish everyone a blessed and peaceful Christmas!

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: 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

See the Amazon wishlists on the noticeboard or Connect email. Here are some other 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.

Coming up for Advent and Christmas:

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

Too many unwanted gifts end up in landfill. What about a gift of cooking for someone once a month for a year, taking them for a coffee, house cleaning... or whatever. Just make a 'gift of time gift voucher' and put it in a card.