

Sunday 16 August

Trinity 11

10am Morning Worship

Rev'd Suzanne

Duty Warden: Richard

Sound: Dave T

Sides/Reader: Hilary

Music: David

Refreshments: Sue

Saturday Coffee

15 Aug - Sue

The church will be closed afterwards



Edward Bear Baby & Toddler Group

Is on holiday now, returning on
Wednesday 9 September
1.15pm - 2.30pm

Please Pray

For Anna, Audrey, Brian, Catherine,
Rev'd Suzanne, Elena, and Val.

For the people of Palestine and Israel,
the Middle East and for peace

We remember:

Neil David Chambers 9 August 2010
Christopher Urch 10 August 1992
Margaret Judd 11 August 2020
Cyril Rugg 11 August 1995

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

If you would like to sponsor the **Living Light** in memory of a loved one for the month of August or September, please use the sheet on the noticeboard.

The cost is £10.



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WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 09 August 2026

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Mary Sumner Day, founder of
Mothers' Union

10am Holy Communion

Rev'd Suzanne

Duty Warden/Mevo: Lucy

Sound/Chalice: Dawn

Sides: Sue

Reader: Chris

Music: David

Refreshments: Maxine

**3.30pm Choral Evensong for Mary
Sumner Day at Chelmsford
Cathedral**

Weekday Prayers

Tuesdays at 2pm

Disabled access and toilets available

Collect

Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive for
the renewal of family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that through word, prayer and deed
your family may be strengthened and
your people served;
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 for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Father, from whom every family in
heaven and on earth takes its name,
your servant Mary Sumner revealed
your goodness in a life of tranquillity
and service: grant that we who have
gathered in faith around this table
may like her know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge and be
filled with all your fullness; 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

Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down)⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).⁸ But what does it say?

'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Thank You

Sally's family would like to say thank you to St Luke's for the wonderful funeral service, which was just as Sally would have wanted.

Special thanks to Revd Stephanie, Revd Suzanne, David and all the people who helped setting up the church, conducting the service and clearing up after everyone had left. Sally (Mum) would have felt very loved.

For those who weren't able to attend, the service was live-streamed on St Luke's Facebook page and will be available there for 30 days.

Harvest Detective

We will be hosting our 'Come and Be a Harvest Detective' on Tues 25 Aug, 10am-11.30am, suitable for all ages. Please encourage families to come along and share the flyers that are on the welcome table.

St Luke's Finances - the first six months of 2026

At their last meeting, the PCC considered the finance report for the first six months of the year (January—June) and want to share some of it with you:

Income: we received £31,851 into our General Fund. Of this total, 23% was from planned/regular giving from the congregation, 7.5% was in gift aid from HMRC and 62% was from letting our halls.

Expenditure: we paid out £23,007 from our General Fund. Of this total, 34% was towards our Parish Share (the amount we pay to the diocese for clergy and associated costs, 26% was towards the costs of running our halls, and 30% was transferred into our Fabric Fund, which is used to pay for any church or hall building maintenance costs.

Financially we have had a positive first half of the year; however, we already know that the second half will be less positive. Our income will reduce as we feel the impact of some of our congregation moving or passing away, and some of our regular hall hirers are reducing their hours. Our expenditure will increase as the PCC considers employing staff for some of the key roles such as Caretaker, Admin Support, Treasurer/Book-keeper. We are also seeking quotes to replace the church soffits, facias and guttering, which we expect to be a significant cost.

