

Sunday 23 August

Trinity 12

10am Green Communion

Rev'd Stephanie

Duty Warden:/Sound: Sue

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Sides/Reader: Maxine

Mevo: Lucy

Music: David

Refreshments: Brenda

Saturday Coffee

22 Aug - Brenda

The church will be closed afterwards



Edward Bear Baby & Toddler Group

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

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

Please Pray

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

For the people of Palestine and Israel, the Middle East 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

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.



WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 16 August 2026

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10am Holy Communion

Rev'd Suzanne

Duty Warden: Richard

Chalice: Richard

Sound: Dave T

Sides/Reader: Hilary

Music: David

Refreshments: Sue

Weekday Prayers

Tuesdays at 2pm

Disabled access and toilets available

Collect

God of glory,
at the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking
your kingdom,
and give to all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
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.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful
people have celebrated that one true
sacrifice which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace: by our
communion keep us firm in the
foundation of the gospel and
preserve us from all sin: 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 11:1-2a; 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:10-28

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³ He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶ Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Audrey Phillips - RIP

Our dear friend and member of the congregation, Audrey, died on 7 August, in Admirals Reach. She will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. We will share details of the funeral arrangements when we can.

Sundays, coming up

Next Sunday (23 Aug), Revd Stephanie will be back from holiday and will be leading us in our regular Holy Communion service, but with a difference! As long as its not raining, we will have our service outside as we thank God for His creation. Please come along, dressed for being outside according to the weather.

The following Sunday (30 Aug) our service will be led by Revd Stephanie in the afternoon at 3.30pm. The pianist will be Ed, who has performed in our community concerts.

Teddy Bears Tea Party

As part of the Mothers' Union 150th anniversary celebrations, Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union are hosting a Teddy Bears Tea Party from 2-4pm next Saturday (22 Aug) in the Chapter House, which is behind the Cathedral. There will be face painting, games, craft activities and yummy food! There is no entry fee, pop along when you can. There are flyers in church, please share with friends, family and neighbours.

Harvest Detective

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

Donations - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has signed up and used EasyFundraising - this week we received £28.27 for the last quarter!

If you haven't joined yet, all your online shopping this year could raise free donations for us— at no extra cost to you. Please sign up to support us on EasyFundraising today. It will take you two minutes and we could win a £5,000 donation when you join!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/moulsham-st-lukes-church/1myhao/dda1/U5SijpKB/Q226V/textcopy/28.27>