Sunday 6 December

Second Sunday of Advent
10am: Morning Worship as part of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence
Lucy

Duty Warden/Sound: Helen
Sides/Reader: Maxine
Music: Music Group
Refreshments: Brenda

Living Light

The Aumbry Light for November has been sponsored in memory of

Sandra Hodgson
Agnes Millward



Edward Bear Baby & Toddler group

Every Wednesday during term-time
1.15-2.30pm
Suggested donation £1.50 per family

Please Pray

For Anna, Brian, Catherine, Elena, Revd Suzanne, and Val.
For the people of Palestine and Israel, the Middle East and for peace

We Remember

Daisy Swadling 01 December 1996

Parish Roads

We also pray this month for those living and working in:
Gloucester Avenue, Gordon Road, Goshawk Drive, Gunson Gate and Hawfinch Walk

Saturday Coffee



11am-12 noon

5 December - Richard
Church is closed after coffee

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

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Advent Sunday

4pm: Holy Communion preceded by refreshments at 3.30pm
Revd Stephanie

Duty Warden/Sound: Richard
Sides: Sue
Reader: Chris
Music: David
Refreshments: Brenda

Weekday Prayers
Tuesdays at 2pm
Disabled access and toilets available

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 notice board for information
- One-off online donations accessed via the St Luke's website homepage
- Contactless card reader available at the back of church

Isaiah 42. 1 - 9

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the
earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the
people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the
hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the
nations,
7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
8 I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to
idols.
9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Romans 16. 25 - end

25 Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the
proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that
was kept secret for long ages 26 but is now disclosed, and through the
prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command
of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise
God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Chelmsford Deanery Synod

Chelmsford Deanery Synod meets on Tuesday 1st December at CHS, Widford, 7.00 for a 7.30 start.

The first part of the agenda is a presentation by Andy Drake about the YMCA and anyone from your churches can attend. After the talk there will be the refreshment break and the rest of the meeting is for clergy and synod reps only.

PCC Key Messages

The PCC met on Tuesday 17 November and share the following key messages:

- Archdeacon Jonathan came to talk to the PCC as a follow on from our February meeting and also given Revd Stephanie's planned retirement at Easter. The PCC now needs to reflect and pray and consider what St Luke's and our community needs.
- We will be increasing our Cleaner's salary in line with the Real Living Wage with effect from January 2027.

If you have any questions, please ask any PCC member (Lucy, Sue, David, Dawn, Anna).

Edward Bear Baby and Toddler Group

Edward Bear will be having their last session on Wednesday 9 December before going on their Christmas break. They will be wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year before returning on Wednesday 6 January.

Advent Events

Saturday 12 December, 2.30pm

- Cakes and Carols - Join us for an enjoyable afternoon singing some well loved carols while enjoying some tasty sweet treats

Wednesday 16 December, 3.30pm

- Carol singing outsdie the Co-op

Monday 21 December, 2-4pm

- Come and be a Christmas detective - This is a family-focused event, thinking about the gift of Christmas with clues to collect along the way. There will be crafts and snacks available

Ecotip - Christmas Shopping

To protect our natural environment, we all have a part to play in reducing our consumption. The festive shopping rush had begun, and we are being encouraged to buy, buy, buy! Instead, take a moment to consider whether you could gift more sustainably. Consider buying locally to help reduce carbon emissions and choose products with recycled or minimal packaging rather than those wrapped in unnecessary plastic. Choose gifts which are durable and meaningful, which will be cherished for a long time. You could gift experiences or reduce waste by gifting homemade consumables: jams, chutneys, biscuits & cordials always go down a treat!