

# St Luke's, Sway Parish News

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 3 January

*Second Sunday of Christmas*

**9.30am** Informal Service

**11am** Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Jane Mitchell

Speaker: Lisa Thomas

### Monday 4 January

**9am** Online Prayer: Michael Christian-Edwards

### Tuesday 5 January

**9am** Online Prayer: Sandra Clarke

### Wednesday 6 January

**9am** Online Prayer: Lisa Thomas

### Thursday 7 January

**9am** Online Prayer: Jonathan & Rosemary

### Friday 8 January

**9am** Online Prayer: Kevin Smith

### Sunday 10 January

*The Peace of God - Talk 1: In His very being*

**9.30am** Informal Service

**11am** Holy Communion

Leader: Ruth Owen

Speaker: Revd Jane Mitchell

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates and blessed your children within your walls. He sends peace across your nation and satisfies your hunger with the finest wheat.

***Psalm 147: 13-14 (NLT)***

### Collect for The Second Sunday of Christmas

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**



**Please pray for  
Gordon & Davena  
Vic & Enid Welham, Mike Trask  
and Stephen Gayle**

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## Family News...

### PMAP - Parish Mission Action Plan

This week Objective 3.1

Recruit and train new welcome team post covid 19 for the different services

We are not post Covid19 yet but Sandra Clarke has recently taken responsibility for the welcome rota serving both Sunday services. Thank you Sandra! The role has changed - guidelines and training is currently offered but will change as we transition back into the 'new normal'.

### New Year Reflection from Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

*taken from The Church of England 'Comfort and Joy' Christmas reflections*

My English teacher at school seemed to have eyes in the back of her head. She always saw what I was up to. Every New Year's Day I acquire the same skill. I look backwards as well as forwards. I remember what has gone, as well as looking forward to what will be. This year, more than most, I look back with sadness at the hurts and challenges of 2020, but with great hope that 2021 might be different. And I do it with the God who, in Christ, gives light to those who dwell in darkness, even those in the shadow of death. God's eyes and heart behold the hopes and fears of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Christ is always the light in the darkness. In him we make sense of our place in the journey of the passing years. He holds out to us a lantern, lighting our path through whatever lies ahead.

### Prayer for Blessings in the Year Ahead

Father, Thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives.

Thank you that your favour has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime.

Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all of our ways, that you know what concerns us, and you cover us as with a shield. We ask that we would walk in your blessing and goodness today. That your face would shine on us.

That you would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that you would close the wrong doors and protect us from those we need to walk away from.

Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfilment all that you have given us to do in these days. We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom to hear your voice, and make us strong by your huge favour and grace. **In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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