



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 2nd December 2018**  
**Advent Sunday**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

- 8.00am Holy Communion**  
**10.00am All Age Holy Communion**  
President: Revd. Sally Lynch  
Preacher: Revd Nicola Hulks  
**3.00pm Seeking Solace**  
**6.00pm Advent Ring Service**

If you are new to St. Luke's please do make yourself known to the ministers or a member of the Welcome Team, who can give you a contact card to complete. Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee which will be served in the fellowship area at the back of church.

### You might like to know that...

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with quiet toys and books. Do feel free to sit there with your children. For older children we have activity bags so that they can sit with you in the pews, just ask a sidesperson for one.

... we have large print orders of service and hymn books. If you would like one please ask someone wearing a name badge.

... we have a loop system for those using hearing aids.

... the toilets are through the double doors at the front of church.

... if you would like to receive an intincted wafer at communion please come to the south side of the altar and indicate to the minister.

... we have many activities going on during the week. For a full list please ask a person with a name badge

... we send out a weekly email update. If you would like to be added to the list please email the Parish Office on [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

**Pastoral Care:** If you have or know of any particular pastoral need (visiting, home communion, etc) please speak to our Pastoral Coordinator, Sue Hinchliffe in the first instance (01628 784724).

## **The Readings for Advent I**

### **A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'  
*Jeremiah 33.14-16*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Luke**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

*Luke 21.25-36*

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of  
darkness and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us  
in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal... Amen

### **Post Communion**

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.  
Amen

### **This morning's hymns at 10am:**

P: JP28 Colours of day  
G: JP221 Soon and very soon  
O: 29 Hills of the north rejoice  
HC: Be still and know that I am God  
R: Across the lands

### **Communion Hymn**

Be still and know that I am God x3

I am the Lord that healeth thee x3

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. X3

### **Recessional Hymn**

You're the Word of God the Father  
From before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory;  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation;  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry;  
With a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free!



With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven,  
Leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father,  
Interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation,  
You are leading sinners home!"

**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:**  
Matthew and Clare Burdett



*In celebration and thanksgiving for our first wedding anniversary( 2nd Dec!)*

**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too [www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)**

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

A prayer from Stars and Sparks, you may like to use this yourself:

Dear God,

We pray for our Christmas Tree Festival and all we are doing to get things ready. Please bless the decorations we are making. Thank you for the stars that light our way and the trees which give us hope. Help us to understand the Advent season, to wait and watch and prepare for Jesus, our Saviour and Friend. Amen

**Sundays at Six:** The 2019 list is now out. Do make sure you take a copy. Perhaps make it a new year's resolution to come along!

**Keeping Advent:** As we move into Advent you may like to spend a little time daily reflecting and our shared faith. There are many good quality Advent books available (Google: Advent books) and also the CofE website is promoting Follow the Star: <https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar> which you can sign up to and receive a daily reflection. You may also like to download the App: Pray as you go, which is a rather different form of daily prayer for all year round.

**Confirmation:** There will be a deanery confirmation on Wednesday 10th April next year when Bishop Andrew will be confirming for the last time before he retires. If you or someone you know is thinking about confirmation please speak to Revd. Sally asap and do come along to an enquiry evening on Wednesday 30th January at 8pm in church.

## **INFORMATION**

**Email update:** At the end of the summer we updated our email update list in line with the new data protection regulations (GDPR). If you are no longer receiving our weekly email update and would like to, please speak to Ruth in the parish office on 01628 622733, [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk).

**Safeguarding training:** A reminder to do your safe guarding training online and let Dorothy know by emailing [safeguarding.stlukes@outlook.com](mailto:safeguarding.stlukes@outlook.com). Full details are in last week's pewsheet.

We now have booking details for S1/C2 which is a face to face training here at St Lukes on Tuesday 26th February 2019 in the evening. PCC members are expected to do C2 and have had an emailed link from Ralph, but anyone is welcome to come along. Booking is essential via Eventbrite, see the electronic link via the email update or call Ruth in the parish office for help.

## **SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING**

**Christmas Tree Festival:** Our CTF this year is next weekend! Last minute offers of help to Revd. Sally please—all welcome! Please do publicise this as widely as you can. Come along – and bring your friends and relatives! A variety of flyers and posters are now available at the back of church. Please take as many as you like.

**Christmas Tree Festival catering:** The plan is to serve soup and filled rolls at lunchtime on Friday and Saturday. We shall buy the rolls and ingredients but I am hoping for **soup makers** from the congregation. We shall be serving cake all day on both days and Sunday afternoon. I shall be very grateful for **offers of cake**. There are lists for offers of food and lists at the back of church for help with **servicing, washing up** etc.. If we are as busy as last year we need to have a plentiful supply of helpers to manage the task. Sally Somerville

**Open Vicarage:** as usual, Lily and I would like to invite everyone to join us (well, Lily will probably hide!) for seasonal drinks and nibbles any time between 6 and 9 pm on Saturday 22nd December. Please do pop in and celebrate the season with us – everyone is very welcome. Revd. Sally

**"Christmas Lights:** The Burdetts are holding their annual "open house" on:  
. Saturday 15th from 3.30pm to 9.30pm  
. Sunday 16th from 2.30pm to 9.30pm  
at 30 Mallow Park (off Cranbrook Drive). Please feel free to drop in for coffee/tea and a mince pie/cake, and to see and hear Richard's Christmas Illuminations."

**Boxing Day Ramble:** There will be a Boxing Day Ramble as normal for those feeling the need to stretch their legs and get some fresh air after the turkey and mince pies. All are very welcome to join and also enjoy a simple lunch at 5, Wentworth Crescent afterwards. Further details to follow.

**Autumn Term Friday Morning Stretch and Breathe :** Fridays from 10.15 am to 12.00 noon.

The weekly one-hour sessions are followed by refreshments. Cost £35 for five sessions (to be taken within 2 terms i.e. ten weeks please). Drop-in £9. Also Mat-based regular Stretch and Breathe Hatha Yoga sessions Wednesdays from 6.30 – 7.45 pm. All equipment provided.' Cost per session £10. Please contact Paula Clayton-Nuth on 0784301664 for more details

**Lions Club Swimarathon – Saturday 5th January 2019:** St Luke's church are entering 3 teams in the charity swimming event organised by The Lions Club of Maidenhead . We usually have a men's team, a ladies team and a children's one and each team (of ideally 8 swimmers) swims relay style for an hour at The Magnet. Our "time slot" is 11am till noon BUT we need to arrive at the magnet by 10.30am. The emphasis is on having fun and raising money for local charities not on speed or style. Afterwards lots of us go to The Bear for a friendly lunch and anyone can join us. If you would like to join in , either as a swimmer, a supporter or a sponsor please speak to Ann Burdett (tel 631486).

**New Year social.... A date to book in your diaries now:** We are holding a Burns Night social evening on Saturday 26th January from 6pm in the Community Hall. Dinner, Ceilidh, Raffle and games. Tickets £10 adults and £5 children on sale soon. Book the date!

**For your prayers (to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)**



- The ministry and mission of this church, and our year of mission.
- A deeper desire to grow as disciples
- Our preparation for Advent and Christmas
- That many people will come along to our Tree Festival- and meet with God
- Bishop Andrew and Janice as they prepare for retirement in 2019
- The Orthodox and Anglican church in Ethiopia and especially the work of FACE (Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia)
- Robert, Lilly and Owen who were baptised here recently
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in December: Luke and Carys
- All those who live and work in Raymond Road
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands.
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Lillian Selby, Edward Timms, Olive Powell
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in December: David Sawyers, Robert Gardener, Eileen Pond, Max Neale, Margaret Swanborough, John Norris, John Sheppard, Denis Rayfield, Peter Brown, John Dickson, Anne Seagrove, Dorothy Scott, Penelope Hutchings, John Parker, Evelyn Rose, Roy Horsham, Peggy Harris and Colin Bowerman

## **Advent and Christmas at St. Luke's Church**

**Sunday 2nd December**

6.00 pm **Advent Ring Service**

**Christmas Tree Festival 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December**

*Friday 7th December*

10.00 am - 7.00 pm, Church open to view decorated trees;  
stalls and refreshments

7.30 pm **Winter Wonderland: An evening with  
St Luke's Church Choir.**

**Free with retiring collection**

*Saturday 8th*

10.00 am - 7.00 pm, Church open to view decorated trees;  
stalls and refreshments

**1.00pm Lunchtime free piano concert by Jonny Lane**

*Sunday, 9th December midday – 6.00 pm,*

Church open to view decorated trees; stalls and refreshments

6.00 pm **'Christmas Tree' Service**

**Sunday 23rd December**

**6.00 pm, Carol Service by candlelight**

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December**

**Candlelit Crib Services at**

4.00 (younger families) and 5.00 (older families) pm,

11.30 pm, **Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December**

10.00 am, Short Christmas Day service for children / families

10.30 am, Service of Parish Communion



## **This week at St. Luke's-**

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities

### **Monday 3rd Dec**

### **Tuesday 4th Dec**

*Office open*

### **Wednesday 5 Dec**

*Office open*

### **Thursday 6th Dec**

*Office closed*

### **Friday 7th Dec**

*Office closed*

### **Saturday 8th Dec**

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.15pm Holy Communion

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm Prayer Meeting

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00 am—800 pm Tree set up time

5.00pm Evening Prayer

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am-7.00pm *Christmas Tree Festival*

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## **Sunday, 9th December 2018 Advent 2**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00am Parish Communion**

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

**12 noon – 6.00pm Christmas Tree Festival**

**4.30pm Messy Church** (community hall)

**6.00pm Christmas Tree Service**

### **Next weeks readings at 10am:**

Malachi 3.1-4

Luke 3.1-6

**Next week's rota under Duty Warden:** John Salter

**Readers: OT:** Roger Clarke

**Acolytes:** Monique Masango, Roger Clarke **Intercessor:** Phyllis Sigsworth

**Elements:** Nicola Buckland and Shula Tajima

**Chalice:** Sue Hinchliffe, Ian Gilchrist

**Server at 8am:** Rebecca Bryant **Crucifer at 10am:** Nicola Buckland

**Coffee:** Eileen Goford and Sue Harbour

**Welcome Team: 8am:** Joan Harnby

**10am:** Peter and Eileen Goford, Phyllis Sigsworth, Ann Burdett, Dorothy SH

St. Luke's Church Office is open Mon Tues, Weds, 9.30 am - 11 am

Deadline for entries for this weekly pew sheet is 9.00 am on Tuesdays.

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