



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 3rd December 2017
Advent Sunday

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**
10.00 am All Age Holy Communion
President: Revd Nicola Hulks
Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch
3.00pm Seeking Solace
3.00pm Sundays at Six: Advent Ring Service, here

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 - or take a Parish Directory from the leaflet trolley.

... we send out a weekly email update. If you would like one please email the Parish Office on admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk and we will add you to the list.

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 Sunday

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence –
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil –
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Isaiah 64. 1-9

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Mark 13.24-end

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;
through him who is alive and reigns
with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Ann and Richard Burdett

*In happiness for the joy of Matthew and Clare's wedding
and future life together*



**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too
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WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Advent and Christmas:

The sign up sheet for the **travelling knitivity** is now available. Please sign up this week to host it for a night during Advent, we have a few slots.

You may like to take on a devotional activity during Advent to prepare for Christmas, for example why not come along to morning or evening prayer now and then.

Christmas Cards: Today you have been given a Christmas tag. You may like to write a greeting to the church on it and tie it to the net by the font. This is in place of last year's big church Christmas card.

Two dates for your diary: Bishop Andrew is going to be spending all day with us on Sunday 11th February. He will preside and preach and then join us for a church family lunch and time to explore and celebrate our mission. Please do make it a priority to be with us that day. On Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm he will return to dedicate our re-ordering church building.

Revd. Roy Taylor, RIP: Those of you who knew the Revd. Roy Taylor, will be sad to learnt that he passed away on Sunday. He was a good friend to many of us here, especially during the last interregnum. Funeral details will follow but please do pray for Jenny and his family.

Holy Communion: Please note that on Wednesday **13th December** Holy Communion will be at 9.45am

Holy Land Pilgrimage: a reminder that Revd. Sally is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 2nd — 11th October 2018. If you would like details of this amazing opportunity please speak to Sally or take a flyer from church. If you have shown interest could you please let Sally know if you'd like a place.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Christmas Tree Festival

We hope that the CTF will raise a good sum of money for PLANETS, our chosen charity, and also for general church funds. If anyone would like to **sponsor** an aspect of the festival that would be a lovely thing to do. Currently there are two / three areas that might be sponsored:

An advert in the Maidenhead Advertiser, at £150

The two concerts, at £95 and £180. These might be sponsored by individuals or by businesses, if you have such links. To do so please have a word with Revd. Sally. Thank you.

A variety of **flyers and posters** are now available at the back of church. Please take as many as you like and use them to publicise the tree festival as widely as you can.

There is now also a **sign up sheet** at the back of church—please do sign up to offer any sort of help. Please see the summary sheet with offers of help.

Wednesday (6th Dec) Anyone who is able to help with covering boards and placing trees please come along between 11am and 3pm.

Open Vicarage: as usual, Lily and I would like to invite everyone to the vicarage on Friday 22nd December to partake of seasonal drinks and light refreshments. We are open between 7pm and 10 pm – please do accept this as your personal invitation to drop in whenever you can that evening. Revd. Sally

St Lukes School OFSTED: Many congratulations to all members of our school community on achieving outstanding in the recent Ofsted inspection.

Co-op Local Community Fund: Co-op members can pick St Luke's as their chosen community charity. 1% of everything you spend on Co-op products and services goes into your membership account. They can do this by logging into their membership account on the Co-op website or calling the membership contact centre. This applies to co-op supermarkets, but also co-op funeral homes, banks, electric, insurance, legal services. The nearest Co-op store is Shifford Crescent and Cox Green. Please do sign up for membership.

Bonne Mamam Jars For several years now loyal friends at St. Luke's have supplied me with Bonne Mamam jars for my Marmalade. At present I am suffering from a dearth Please continue to donate them as there is always a certain amount of wastage when we have sales at general public events and the jars are very attractive. In the past I have even bought new lids from Amazon because some jars can go on for years! Just let me know when you bring them and I can store them at home. Best wishes, Jilly B.

Thursday Teas: Teas will be on Thursday 7th December in the Hall when children from St. Luke's School will entertain us, all are welcome from 2pm. If you require transport or any other assistance contact Phyllis on 778656. Note this is one week earlier than usual - the Christmas Tree Festival begins on the 8th December and we hope there will be an opportunity to have a pre-viewing later in the afternoon. Phyllis.

Directory: A pdf copy of 2017-2018 church directory was sent out with this week's email update and a few hard copies are available at the back of church.

Advent and Christmas at St. Luke's Church

Christmas Tree Festival 8th—10th December

Friday 8th December

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

7.30 pm Free Concert among the trees: Wind and Words for Christmas

Saturday 9th

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

lunchtime free recital, at 1.00 pm- River City Saxes

Sunday, 10th December

midday – 6.00 pm, Church open to view decorated trees;
stalls and refreshments

6.00 pm 'Christmas Tree' Service

Sunday 17th December

6.00 pm, Nine Lessons and Carols, by candlelight

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

10.00 am, Parish Communion, with children's nativity tableau

Candlelit Crib Services at

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

11.30 pm, **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December

10.00 am, Short Christmas Day service for children / families

10.30 am, service of Parish Communion

Christmas Tree Festival

Visit our beautiful church full of decorated trees, and enjoy seasonal music, stalls, and refreshments

Friday 8 December

10:00 am to 7:00 pm

7:30 pm: Free concert: Wind and Words for Christmas

Saturday 9 December

10:00 am to 7:00 pm

12:00 noon: Sandwich lunches available

1:00 pm Free concert: River City Saxes

Sunday 10 December

12:00 noon to 6:00 pm

6:00 pm: Christmas Tree Service



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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, giving thanks for the completed re-ordering work.
- Peace in the world
- For the success of our Christmas Tree Festival in drawing people into church
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in December: Barnaby Craig, Summer Prater, Luke Hulks
- For Matthew and Clare who were married here on Saturday
- All those who live and work in Denmark Street
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Ben Francis, Stephen Sands, Tim Williams, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, babies Albert and George, Rose Dolan
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Leslie Harris, Elizabeth Pearce, Charles Hummer, Revd Roy Taylor
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in December: David Sawyers, Robert Gardener, Eileen Pond, Max Neale, Joan Joyce, Stuart Courtier, Gerard Beattie, Eileen Hurst, Margaret Swanborough, John Norris, Denis Rayfield, Ruth Keys, Mary Church, Thomas Speakman



PCC and PCC Secretary

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise that you call us to do your work here in this place. We give special thanks today for those who serve on the Parochial Church Council. Theirs is an important role as they discuss the day-to-day running of the parish so that we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, may best witness to your kingdom. Fill them with your Holy Spirit and give them patience and understanding as they listen to each other, and the grace to make wise decisions underpinned and guided by your truth. Amen



Next Sunday, 10th December

Advent 2 Christmas Tree Festival

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Phyl Sopp

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Christmas Tree Festival, here

Next week's readings at 10am:

Isaiah 40. 1-11

Mark 1. 1-8

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Don Luff

Intercessors: Roger Clarke

Chalice: Roger Bevitt Shula Tajima **Acolytes:** Sue Hinchliffe Hilary

Server at 8am: Ben Darracott **Crucifer at 10am:** Roger Clarke

Elements: Jan and Ian Gilchrist

Coffee: Ann Darracott and Valerie Herbert

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Peter and Eileen Goford, Phyllis Sigsworth,
Ann Burdett, Dorothy Strack-Hankey

Monday 4th Dec

Office open 9.30—11.00 am

Tuesday 5th Dec

8.30am

Morning Prayer

Office open

7.15pm

Holy Communion

9.30-11.00 am

Wednesday 6th Dec

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Trees arrive

Office open

10.00am

Holy Communion

9.30-11.00 am

3.00pm

Prayer Meeting

Trees set up

Thursday 7th Dec

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Office closed

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Friday 8th Dec

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

10-7pm

Christmas Tree Festival

7.30pm

Wind and Words Concert

Office closed

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Saturday 9th Dec

9.00 am

Morning Prayer

10-7pm

Christmas Tree Festival

1.00pm

Free concert by River City Saxes

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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