



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 4th December 2016
Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

**6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Simple Mass with Art reflections, at
All Saints Church**

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 at the back of the church.

You might like to know that...

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with 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 Second Sunday of Advent are:

A Reading from The Book of Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious

Isaiah 11. 1-10



A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Matthew 24. 36-44

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and
wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The floodlighting has not been sponsored this week :

To sponsor the flood lighting please complete the form at the back of church or email the office, it costs £10 per week



What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Stewardship Sunday: At this time of year we reflect on and re-commit ourselves to giving our time, talents and money to the ministry of God in this place. There is a personal letter for everyone to take away and prayerfully reflect on if you have not already done so. We invite you to return the form about financial giving (which helps the PCC to budget for the coming year) by 11th December. You may also like to make a one-off gift to the work of the church, particularly as a thank offering in this 150th year. Thank you for all that each of you give of yourselves to God's work. Sally

Advent and Christmas: a sheet is now available with details of all our Advent and Christmas services and activities. Contactors, there are now bundles for you to deliver to your contactees.

INFORMATION

Church Cleaning: The cleaning team for the church is very low on numbers. We would welcome offers to help with dusting. Janet Trinkwon and Sally Somerville.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Thursday Teas: This Thursday 8th December at 2pm-4pm. Holy communion at 2pm followed by teas will be served in the parish centre.

Children's Society: Thanks to collectors for handing in your Children's Society collection boxes or cheques over the last few weeks. Ben D has kindly helped by counting the collections so far. If there are any more boxes or cheques to be handed in please let me know so I can calculate the total sum raised by your kind efforts. Boxes have been re-sealed for return and I will leave at the back of the church for you to take away. If your box is missing please do let me know and I will organise a replacement. Also, if anyone who isn't already, would like to become a collector please let me know. Next year I will collect the boxes and donations in a little earlier (September time) which will be an easier time for me to do the related admin. As the new co-ordinator, I'd like to thank you for your patience while I'm learning the ropes. Many thanks, Kristina Smith

Christmas Tree Festival: it's that time again... the CTF takes place from Friday 9th – Sunday 11th December. As usual we need lots of help to make it happen effectively. Please prayerfully consider what you can do... it would be great if every single church member played some part. We need...

Need	Contact	Detail
Raffle	Michelle and Tony Lane	- Good quality prizes by 4 th Dec. - Contributions to the usual Hamper
Publicity	Parish office	- Take posters for self or contacts to display - Deliver flyers - Facebook etc. to tell others - carol singing at the station Wed 7 th
Catering	Phyl Sopp	- Cakes, etc. to sell - sandwiches - help serving
Staffing	Sally Lynch	-Stalls over the w/e - the door - general support - around on set up and clear up days

Please contact the above or sign up on the sheets now available. Thank you.

Buy your tree here! If you would like to buy a tree after the CTF please sign up on the sheet in church—any offers of £15 or over welcome, just reserve it now!

Carol singing at the Station: We are going to be singing at Maidenhead Train Station this Wednesday (7th December) **5.00pm-7.00pm**, to publicise the Christmas Tree Festival and spread some Christmas cheer. The station staff always make us very welcome. Please let the office know if you can come along sing and / or give out fliers for the festival

Facebook and Twitter users: please publicise the Christmas Tree Festival. Email the office for a poster .

WIDER COMMUNITY

Bach to Baby: We are delighted to let you know that Bach to Baby - the critically acclaimed classical concerts for babies and young children - is back. The next concert will be a special Christmas concert on Tuesday 20th December at 3pm.

Christmas Lights: The Burdett's are holding their annual "open house" on Saturday 17th from 4.00pm to 9.30pm and Sunday 18th from 2.30pm to 5.00pm and 7.30pm 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.

Wycombe Swan Pantomime: We have a few spare tickets available for our trip to see Cinderella on Thursday 29th December at 7pm, so please let Ann Burdett (631486) know if you would like one. Tickets are £17.50 each - cheques payable to 'St Luke's PCC'. If you have ordered a ticket but not yet paid for it, please do so ASAP.

Lions Club Swimarathon: Saturday morning January 7th 2017. St. Luke's church has entered 3 teams: children's, ladies' and men's. We swim "relay style" for 55mins and the emphasis is on fun (not speed). We are looking for anyone who would like to join in this fun event as a swimmer, sponsor or supporter. We need to be at The Magnet by 10.30am for 10.55 swim off; afterwards we will head off for lunch. Our teams will be raising money for the Lions Club charities and another charity (TBC). If you would like to participate or sponsor, let Ann Burdett know (631486) and collect your sponsor form.

A simple act to mark Human Rights Day

Local Amnesty International supporters are marking this year's Human Rights Day on Saturday 10th December with a special Greetings Card event in Maidenhead. It's part of Amnesty's annual campaign to send messages of hope to political prisoners and others suffering persecution around the world. A range of people and groups have been selected for the campaign and local people are encouraged to sign cards at the Friends Meeting House in Maidenhead's West Street. The doors will be open - and refreshments provided - between 10am and 2pm on the 10th. Greetings cards will be available and it's hoped that a good number of Maidenhead people will show their support and compassion at this time of year. Those signing cards will be invited to make a contribution to cover the cost of each card and stamp.

Please spread the word and support us on the day. Anyone who cannot be there on the 10th and would like to send a card can get information about the prisoners selected by Amnesty at <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-rights-2016>. More information from Mike Copland at mandlcopland@yahoo.co.uk or on 07739 337105



Christmas Tree Festival 2016: 9th - 11th December

The church will be open for viewing at the following times:

Friday 9th December: 10.00 am – 7.00 pm

Lunches from 12.00 noon

Free jazz concert at 1.00 pm

Saturday 10th December: 10.00 am – 7.00 pm

Sunday 11th December: 12.00 noon – 6.00 pm

Christmas Tree Service at 6.00pm



Sunday 18th December

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

6.00 pm, Nine Lessons and Carols, by candlelight

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December

4.00 (younger families) and 5.00 (older families) pm, **Candlelit Crib Services**

11.30 pm, **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December

8.00 am, Said Holy Communion

10.00 am, Short Christmas Day service for children / families

10.30 am, service of Parish Communion

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



- Give thanks for 150 years of St Luke's Church
- Our keeping of Advent and our preparations for a holy Christmas
- The ministry and mission of this church
- The people of the USA, and President Elect Trump.
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work and for the consistory court in the new year
- Our Mission Action Plan priorities and Task groups exploring them
- Our giving of our time, talents and money to God
- Our town and parish and RBWM's borough planning for new homes
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in December: Flynn Seligman, Barnaby Craig Summer Prater
- All those who are travelling
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Katharine Morris, Ben Francis, Steven Sands, Tim Williams, Chris Sawyers, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, Vivienne Holland
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Margaret Bowderly



Next Sunday, 11th December
Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

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6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Christmas Tree Festival Service, here

Next week's readings at 10am:

Isaiah 35 .1-10

Matthew 11. 2-11

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Dave Luff

Reader: OT: Chris Smith

Intercessor: Roger Clarke

Elements: Bridget Morris, Ruth Sheppard, Margaret Burrows

Coffee: Ruth Jones and Eileen Goford

Welcomers: **8.00 am:** Joan Harnby

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

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

Office 9.30-11

8.30 am Morning Prayer

7.15 pm Holy Communion

8.00 pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 7th

Office 9.30-11

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

3.00 pm Prayer Group

Thursday 8th

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00 am - 8.00pm Christmas Tree Set up

2pm Thursday Teas

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Friday 9th

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00 am- 7.00pm Christmas Tree Festival

1.00 pm Jazz Concert

Office closed

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 10th

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am- 7.00pm Christmas Tree Festival

St. Luke's Church Office is open 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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