



## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 5th February 2017**  
**Candlemas**

### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



- 8.00 am Holy Communion**  
**10.00 am All Age Holy Communion**  
President: Revd Sally Lynch  
Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch  
**12.00 noon Baptism of Elsie-Rae Jarnak**  
**3.00 pm Seeking Solace**  
**6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Taize 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 at the back of 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](mailto: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

## **The readings for Candlemas are:**

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

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Hebrews 2. 14-end*

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

I which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she

came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.  
When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Luke 2.22-40*

**Collect**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son  
was this day presented in the  
Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon  
and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts  
beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he  
comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for  
ever.  
Amen



**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week :**

*Ralph Hinchliffe  
To mark another milestone. Happy Birthday*



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

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

### **Messy church ...**

Thanks to all that helped at Messy Church and our Christingle Service yesterday. The next Messy Church is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Taize:** Our Taize service is at 6pm tonight. All welcome

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines. The theme is '*Am I Being Unfair to You*'. It deals with the exploitation and discrimination against the women in the home, church and society. It is at the United Reformed Church in West Street on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome including men! Ruth Sheppard and Gill Curry

**Lent course:** This year's Lent course will follow the Pilgrim booklet: *Beatitudes*, and will take place on Wednesdays at 11 am and 8 pm in the church / parish centre, starting on 8th March for five weeks. If you would like a copy of the booklet (£5.99 each) please sign up in church.

**Berkshire Exploring Vocations Group:** Open to all exploring God's call on their lives and seeking to understand how to respond. These sessions will offer the opportunity to meet others on the same journey, to reflect on aspects of ordained ministry in the Church of England and to explore a topic in group discussion. Each Session is standalone.

This first one is Tuesday 14th February, 7.30-9.30 pm (starting at 7.45 pm).

*Knowing Me, Knowing You, Knowing Me*

Criteria D: Personality and Character. Guest speaker: Revd Helen Charlton  
At: St Paul's Parish Rooms, Reading Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 1EH

Future dates: 4th April, 7.30-9.30 pm and 13th June, 7.30-9.30 pm

See Weblink for booking and more information via Eventbrite

[https://knowing\\_me.eventbrite.co.uk](https://knowing_me.eventbrite.co.uk)

## **INFORMATION**

**Consistory Court:** A reminder that **tomorrow (6th February)** the consistory court will be held in church from 10.00 am. This hearing is open to everyone to observe but not participate. Refreshments will be available all day! Please do pray for all those involved and our whole church.

As a result the **APCM** will not now be in 26th February, as on the key dates sheet, but at 11.30 am on Sunday 2nd April, followed by a Lent Lunch.

We have two posts vacant, please do consider these yourself and / or pass the information to anyone you know who may be interested:

**Organist / Music leader:** required for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 (or sooner), an organist to play for Sunday morning services, mid-week festivals and limited evening services. Also to take a lead on music in the church and to lead the church choir. Details from Revd. Sally Lynch sally514@btinternet.com / 01628 783033) and applications by 11<sup>th</sup> **February**. Salary negotiable.

**Office administrator:** required asap, an assistant to work in the parish office, initially for five hours across two mornings per week. As above, details from Revd. Sally Lynch sally514@btinternet.com / 01628 783033) and applications by 11<sup>th</sup> **February**. Salary on request.

**Parish Office:** The office is now open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9.30-11am. Please make sure any pew sheet notices are with the office by Tuesday evening at the latest.

**Church cleaning:** Thank you to the band of folk who clean our church so well and so regularly. They are really committed – but, with respect, aging and aching. A number are having to drop off the rota for this reason. So... we really do need to add to the number and I urge everyone who is able bodied to consider offering a cleaning session once every three months Please do pray about this and if you think that offer your services then speak to Janet Trinkwon or Sally Somerville or myself. And to get us started... I will join the rota... who will join me? Revd. Sally

**Or...Can You Help to Give a Shine to Our Church?** : Several of the loyal volunteers on the brass cleaning rota have needed to retire, so we want some new faces, who will be able to see themselves in the brass they have worked on. One of the present volunteers has been doing it for 40 years, so young and old are welcome. It requires coming in for up to an hour about once every 2 months - day and time are flexible. Please, please contact me for details. Jilly Bevitt T.633464.

**...and deep cleaning..** please note two extra dates: Saturday morning, 18th March—Spring clean and Saturday morning 13th May—Care time. Please help out if you can.

## **SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING**

**Local Walk with Winter Wildfowl Today Sunday 5 February (or 12 February) at 2.15 pm :** All are welcome on this walk postponed from last week of just over 2 miles around a nature reserve lake. Meet at the public car

Park just beyond the Spade Oak Inn (GR884875) which is signposted down Coldmoorholme Lane a turning south off the A4155 Bourne End to Marlow road. Bring binoculars, telescope, bird book if you have them and wear warm clothes and walking boots or wellies. It would help if you could let us know if you expect to come and, if it's wet, phone to check that the walk is still on. Please share cars if possible. Roger & Jilly Bevitt T.633464.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers** : It's that time again! Please bring in any Sainsbury's vouchers for the school—they really do appreciate our help! There is a box to put them in at the back of church.

## **WIDER COMMUNITY**

**STITCH UP FOR KORI** is now on Monday 13th February 2017, from 2-4 pm , in the Parish Centre., please note the change of date. Come along for a sociable afternoon, with refreshments, and help to make things for Sierra Leone . Contact Gill Curry, 01628 625196.

**Interfaith Dialogue:** Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum are organising a series of fortnightly interfaith dialogues in centres of faith around Maidenhead and Windsor.

All welcome, see details at the back of church or visit [www.wamcf.org](http://www.wamcf.org)

14th Feb: St. Mark's RC church, Dedworth

28th Feb: Maidenhead Synagogue

14th March: Maidenhead Mosque

Please note that there will be **NO TUESDAY EVENING HOLY COMMUNION** service on these days.

**Inter Faith Youth Concert**, 7.00 pm, this Wednesday, 8th February from 7.00—8.30 pm at Taplow Court. Our own school choir will be singing. All warmly welcome.

**Maidenhead Mosque open afternoon: This afternoon** Sunday 5th February, 2-4pm. All are invited to drop in to the mosque during that time to get to know our brothers and sisters there a little better.

**Theatre trips:** We have secured reduced price tickets for the following shows at Wycombe swan.

**The Nutcracker** performed by the Russian State Ballet Sunday matinee on 19th February at 2.30pm. Price £27

**Half term theatre trip - Cirqque beserk** Wednesday 3pm matinee on 15th February (open to all) . have made a provisional booking for the matinee performance of Cirqque Beserk at Wycombe Swan on Wednesday 15th February .

The show is billed as "A combination of contemporary cirque-style artistry with adrenaline-fuelled stunt action, performed by an astoundingly talented international troupe of over thirty jugglers, acrobats, aerialists, dancers, drummers, daredevil stuntmen and award-winning clown, Tweedy. The show also features the world's most hair raising circus act - the legendary motorcycle 'Globe of Death'. The individual ticket price for where we are sitting would be £26, BUT providing 12 people come it will cost £13.50 If you would like to go as part of a group from St. Lukes please let me know and give me a cheque payable to St. Lukes PCC asap. Many thanks Ann Burdett (631486)

**Inter-Faith Golf Tournament:** Sunday 26th March 2017, 10am. The tournament has been arranged by WAMCF and will take place at Bird Hills Golf Club, Drift Road Hawthorn Hill Maidenhead SL6 3ST. Contact: Trip Pannu on 0741 3588524 trip.pannu@sky.com for booking and further information.

**Men's Matters Windsor:** This new charity supporting older men in Maidenhead and Windsor who are isolated, feel lonely and experiencing major life changes. From Monday 6th February, Men's Matters Windsor has a 'drop-in' centre for men over 50 living in and around Windsor. It is open from 1pm to 3.30pm every Monday at the All Saints Church, Dedworth Road, Windsor SL4 4JW to meet with each other and enjoy a cuppa.

**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
- Our personal and corporate spiritual growth in this new year
- The people of the USA, and President Trump.
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work and for tomorrow's consistory court
- Our Mission Action Plan priorities and Task groups exploring them
- Our town and parish and RBWM's borough planning for new homes
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in February: Harry Blackwell
- All those who live and work in Holly Drive, Hazel Close
- 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
- Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time



**Next Sunday, 12th February**

**Third Sunday before Lent**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.00 am Parish Communion and Baptism**

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

**4.45 pm** Celebration of Love Service, **here**, with tea at 4pm

**Next week's readings at 10am:**

Matthew 5. 21-37

**Next week's rotas under Duty Warden:** Don Luff

**Intercessor:** Shula Tajima

**Elements:** Shula Tajima and Nicola Buckland

**Coffee:** Sylvia Jones and Bridget Morris

**Welcomers:** **8.00 am:** Ann Hockham

**10.00 am:** Peter Goford, Phyllis Sigsworth, Shula Tajima

Eileen Goford, Anne Burdett

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

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 6th	10.00 am	Consistory Court in church, all day
Tuesday 7th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	7.15 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 8th Feb	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	Interfaith Youth Concert at Taplow
Thursday 9th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	2.00pm	Thursday Teas
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
	8.00pm	Standing Committee - vicarage
Friday 10th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 11th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	Wedding

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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