



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 6th November 2016
Third Sunday before Advent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

President: Revd Joan Hicks

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion with Baptism

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00 pm Desert Island Hymns and

Readings, Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

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 Third Sunday before Advent are:

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Luke 20. 27-38

A Reading from Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to the fullness of life for which we long
through Jesus Christ our Saviour



‘Open the Book’ worship at St. Luke’s School: the baby in the bulrushes

Organ voluntary after the service: Francis Jackson (b. 1917), Recessional (1963)

Organ music during coffee:

Froberger (1616-1637), Toccata in D minor
Brahms (1833-1897), Three Chorale Preludes, Op 122
Sweelinck (1562-1621), Variations on Under the green tree
Ian Hare (b. 1949), Sarabande (2004)
Bach (1685-1750), Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Joan Lynch

In loving memory of our Darling David



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Marian Brooks' Funeral will take place in church on Monday 14th November at 1.30pm as a memorial service following a family cremation in the morning.

Crucifer/Acolyte/Chalice Rota: The new rota has been sent out by email. If you are expecting it - but have not received it - please let me or the office know and a copy can be sent to you. Thank you. Nicola Buckland

Messy Church: Join us this afternoon from 3.30m-5pm for a time of craft, worship and food. Great fun for all ages. £1 per person

Grave Talk café: this event scheduled for 8th November has been postponed.

Readers and intercessors: We would love to extend the number of people reading in the main Sunday service, and leading intercessions. If you think you might be called to this ministry please speak to Sally. If you are worried about writing prayers we can always provide them for you to read.

Vision meetings/Task Groups: Thank you to all who attended and your contributions to the various discussions. Scribes - if you have yet to send your notes to Revd Sally, please do so (ideally by email to sally514@btinternet.com) at the earliest opportunity in order they may be distributed.

The next meetings are: Vision meetings – Task groups: Tuesdays at 8pm:

8th November - Sunday Middy Worship / Weddings / Music / Bereavement / Christenings.

22nd November - Social media / Social Gospel / Our Older Members / Children & Young People / poss. Re-Ordering group.

Sheep! Time is rushing by and before we know it we will be in Advent, sending out our travelling nativity set. Each year a flock of sheep travel with it and families are invited to choose one to keep. We have a few stray sheep from last year but do need more to make up the flock. If you are able to knit some please take the pattern from the back of church and bring them (with their tails behind them!) to the office by mid November. Thank you.

150th BIRTHDAY

Bags & Mugs: The bags and mugs are still available at the cost of £5 per mug and £5 per bag.

INFORMATION

Ladies Breakfast: The next Ladies Breakfast will be on the 19th November (not the 5th as previously publicised) tickets are now on sale at £5. Doors open 8.45am and ends at 10.30am so we can join the church care day.

Church Care Time: Saturday 19 November 9.30 - 12.30

We have an ambitious programme of maintenance and repairs this time, inside and out, and would welcome plenty of volunteers of both sexes. Please note the date if you may be able to help, and see the detailed list of tasks and a sign up form at the back of the church. It helps greatly with the planning if we know who is coming and what tasks would suit them, so do talk to me or Don Luff if you have not come before.

If anyone has sand & cement they can spare to re-concrete in one of the iron gate posts please let me know. Thanks, Roger Bevitt T.633464.

Inspire: The next issue of our church magazine will be out in early December and it would be fantastic to see a wide range of contributions from the congregation - thank you to those who've already given me something. Please email your articles, ideas and/or photos to inspire@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk by 9pm on Wednesday 30th November. If email isn't possible, I can also accept paper submissions before the deadline. Thanks very much, Louisa Ellins, Editor.

Organ music next Sunday, 6th November 2016: After the 10 a.m. service Rhidian wishes to play through music that he is preparing for a forthcoming concert. This will take about 25 minutes. You are welcome to stay and enjoy also while drinking coffee, eating cake etc, while he is doing this training. The music will be by Bach, Brahms, Froberger, Sweelinck, Ian Hare and Francis Jackson.

BRF: The next Bible Reading Fellowship meeting is tomorrow (Monday 7th November) from 7.15pm at Wentworth Crescent. All those who take Bible Reading Fellowship New Daylight notes are welcome to come along. Sonya

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: 10th November . We shall be visiting a Garden Centre this month for a bit of pre Christmas shopping this month, so NO Communion service at 2 p.m. Please be ready to leave the church by 1.45 p.m. Any queries re lifts etc.to Phyllis , 778656, Enid 628195 or Jean 626671

Charities Fair: A big **thank you** to everyone who helped and a special thank you to Sally Somerville.

Children's Society: Kristina Smith has taken over as box co-ordinator, and needs your box in order that the money collected can be counted and paid in. Cheques -

made payable to 'The Children's Society' - are also very welcome.

Stitch up for Kori: Please note we have moved this back to Monday 21st November 2-4pm in the Parish Centre. Gill Curry 01628 625196

Bookshare: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th November at 2pm at 42 Ray Lea Road. This time we will be all reading "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce. Do come and join us. Johanna

WIDER COMMUNITY

Bach to Baby: Following a packed house in October 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 held on Tuesdays at 11am on 22nd November. There will also be a special Christmas concert on Tuesday 20th December at 3pm.

Maidenhead Care – an urgent appeal for duty officers: Maidenhead Care has a large number of local residents on their client register who depend on them for help and support. A team of volunteers provides transport for medical appointments, both locally and further afield, also shopping and visiting the lonely. This much-needed service is organised by a rota of Duty Officers who work from home, with a telephone and computer, both of which are provided by Maidenhead Care. Currently the charity is having a real crisis due to a severe shortage of Duty Officers. They need *urgent* help *now* so that they can fulfil their promise to be available 5 days a week, every week. Please consider whether you can spare a day or half a day, monthly to enable them to continue to offer this valuable service to those who need it. All Duty Officers receive full training and ongoing support. If this type of voluntary work does not appeal, could you offer any time to help us with driving? Visit Maidenhead Care website: maidenheadcare.org.uk to find out all about us or talk to Jan Cheek or Ann Hockham, your St Luke's Representatives

A Military Man's View of Faith: Major General Tim Cross was a Commander of the British forces in Iraq during the last war there. He will be speaking about his life and beliefs at Maidenhead Synagogue on Tuesday 1st November at 8pm. All queries to admin@maidenheadsynagogue.org.uk or phone 01628 673012

Hall Caretaker: There is a vacancy for a Hall Caretaker, the position is to start in November. If you or anyone you know is interested please speak to Phyllis Sigsworth or Sally.

Church Office Vacancy: As a result of Nicola starting a new job we have a vacancy in the church office for 5 hours a week covering Thursday and Friday mornings. If you or anyone you know is interested, please speak to Sally .

Coats and Fleeces Appeal: A big thank you to everyone who gave coats and fleeces to the Lebanon appeal. The response was amazing and we collected over 700 coats from CTIM alone. These have been sorted and boxed up and will be shipped out this week in time for the cold winter. If you want to follow the work the charity is doing they can be found on Facebook under High Wycombe Helping Others. Thank you! Debbie Watson, St Peter's Church

Chocoholics and Coffee Evening: In order to raise money for 2 local charities- People to Places and Thames Hospice, I am having a coffee evening with all sorts of chocolate novelties on sale. Prices range from 20p tree decorations to large lush boxes of beautifully packaged chocolates. The chocoholics party (with full display and samples!) is on Thursday November 17th at 7.45pm at 30 Mallow park. Everyone is welcome and I have chocolate catalogues available for anyone who would like to pre-order. All the money raised and all the commission goes to the two charities. Ann Burdett (631486)

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
- The ministry and mission of this church and our offering of ourselves
- Those caught up in the refugee crises and those affected by terrorism
- Those affected by Hurricane Matthew
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work
- Tom & Nikki Brooks and Tanya & Paul Savage, celebrating their first wedding anniversary
- Dina, Rebecca, Rhidian, Monique and Hilary, who were confirmed recently
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Lexi Smith, Lily Morgan, Tori Patton, Harvey Patton, Arthur Ribton, Max Ostrowski-Carpenter
- Those who live and/or work in Lower Cookham Road
- 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: Phyl Claydon, Marian Brooks, Mick Suckling, Ruth Doreen Roberts



Next Sunday, 13th November
- Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Word Service of Remembrance

Officiant: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Eucharist for Remembrance, here

Next week's readings at 10am:

1 Thess. 4, 13-18

Rev. 21. 1-7

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Don Luff

Reader: 1st: Roger Bevitt 2nd: Joan Harnby

Intercessor: Jan Cheek, Nicola Buckland, John Cotterill, Ben Darracott

Coffee: Fran Hornby, Sue Harbour

Welcomers: **8.00 am:** Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Peter Goford, Phyllis Sigsworth

Eileen Goford, Ann Burdett

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

No morning or evening prayer this week

Monday 7th 3.00 pm Seeking Solace

Tuesday 8th

Office 9.30-11

7.15 pm Holy Communion

8.00 pm Vision and Task Group Meeting

Wednesday 9th

Office 9.30-11

10.00 am Holy Communion

Thursday 10th

2.00pm

Thursday Teas outing, meet at 2pm

Office closed

Friday 11th

Office closed

Saturday 12th

5.30pm

C+YP Firework party at 6 Laxton Green

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

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

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