



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 7th January**  
**Feast of the Epiphany**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.00 am All Age Holy Communion**

President: Revd Terrie Robinson

Preacher: Revd Nicola Hulks

**6.00pm Epiphany Carol 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 - 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 in the first instance (01628 784724).

## **The Readings for Epiphany**

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

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Isaiah 60. 1-6*

### **Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the  
peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to  
face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Post Communion**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the  
nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men  
have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence  
in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ  
our Lord

## A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Matthew 2. 1-12*



The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

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

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**Christingle Service:** This service will now take place during the 10am parish communion service on Sunday 28th January rather than at 4pm that afternoon as advertised.

**Seeking Solace** Monday 8th January: Seeking Solace meets from 3.00pm in church for any one who has been bereaved and would like to share time with others. Join us for tea/coffee and cake followed by a quiet time for reflection. If you would like to come along but have transport problems, or would like further information, please contact me on 632626. Sonya

**Beatitudes:** The Beatitudes group will run in January on Tuesday afternoons only— 9th, 16th and 23rd. See Johanna or Revd. Nicola for more details.

**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.** We will have activities for children so that everyone can be included. On Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm he will return to dedicate our re-ordering church building.

**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.

**WAMCF Dialogues:** The next set of interfaith dialogues will begin on 16th January at SGI-UK Taplow Court at 7pm with the question *What do you want most in life?* The dialogues continue fortnightly at different places of worship until 27th March. For more information visit [www.wamcf.org](http://www.wamcf.org) or see poster at back of church. **There will be NO 7.15pm service here on those evenings:**

**See dates on next page:**

16th January, SGI-UK Taplow Court 'What do you want most in life?'  
30th January, Maidenhead Gurdwara 'What makes a good friend?'  
13th February, Dedworth Green Baptist Church 'What is true strength?'  
27th February, Maidenhead Synagogue 'What are you most grateful for?'  
Tuesday 13th March, Maidenhead Mosque 'If you could choose just one thing to change about the world, what would it be?'  
Tuesday 27th March, Windsor Humanists 'What does it mean to be human?'

## **SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING**

**Thursday Teas** meets again this Thursday (11th January) from 2pm in the Community Hall. Everyone is warmly invited to an afternoon of fellowship, tea and delicious cakes. Every second Thursday.

**Ladies Breakfast:** the next Ladies breakfast will be on Saturday 10th February when Revd. Sally and Revd. Joan will speak about their pilgrimage to Ethiopia. Tickets £5 now on sale and doors open at 8.45 am. Ends by 10.30 am.

**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 then comes to St. Luke's. 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 stores are Shifford Crescent and Cox Green. Please do sign up for membership.

**WAMCF Ladies:** will now be meeting monthly. The next two meetings are: Monday 29th January from 7.30—9.00 pm at Maidenhead Gurdwara on Rutland Road: what do Sikhs believe? Wednesday 21st February, from 1.30—3.00 pm, here at St. Luke's: Gill Curry will speak about her visit to Kori in Sierra Leone.

**Theatre Trips:** Ann has organised some new year trips to Wycombe Swan with a discount (providing 12 people book.) Russian State Ballet Romeo and Juliet for the matinee (2.30pm) on Sunday 21st January "Shakespeare's timeless tragedy is brought to life by Prokofiev's soaring score, colourful costumes, a fantastic setting and amazing ballet" Group rate price = £25 pp  
Flashdance -at Wycombe Swan for the matinee (2.30pm) on Saturday 28th January Flashdance is an inspiring musical about the power of holding onto your dreams and love against all the odds. It is "an astonishing musical spectacle with phenomenal choreography to an iconic score" Group rate = £32.50 pp For more details see Ann Burdett (631486)

**Community meal:** Starts again on the last Tuesday of every month (30th January) from 5.30pm– 6.30pm in the Fellowship area of church, everyone is welcome.

**Swimarathon:** Congratulations to all who participated in the Swimarathon yesterday.

**Charitable Giving:** The Outward Giving Group will be meeting during January to think and pray about our Outward Giving for 2018. If you know of any Organisation or Groups which you think might appreciate our financial support, particularly if Christian based, I would welcome information from you. As we plan to put forward our thoughts to the PCC for discussion at their meeting on 30th January please could you contact me as soon as possible. Further, if you would like to join the meeting your input would certainly help us in the decision making process. Thank you for thinking about this, for all that you do to help those less fortunate than us and for your prayers. Roger Clarke (Tel: 01628 632626).

**Seated Stretch and Breathe:** NEW - Starting on 12th January Friday Morning Stretch and Breathe in the beautiful surroundings of the Church from 10.00 – 11.45 pm (45 minute weekly sessions followed by refreshments - optional) . Introducing a series of classical stretches designed to restore and maintain a healthy range of joint movement so we can carry out our daily interests and activities to ensure our continued quality of life. The stretches, all based on our natural body movements, may be practised seated, standing or supine, depending on choice, ability and balance. We will also practise breathing techniques to help relax our nervous systems so that the necessary effort we bring to our movements is not accompanied by unnecessary muscular tension.

The classes are suitable for more senior members of our community, beginners, those recovering from illness or injury, and also for those where stretching and breathing exercises may help in the management of specific conditions.

I look forward to hearing from you should you wish to join me and am happy to talk to you and provide any further information you might find useful.

The cost is £35 for 5 sessions (taken over a seven-week period to allow for life) or £9 per single session.

The Church is kindly providing our refreshments so there will be an opportunity to make donations to the church to cover costs.

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**A year of Mission:** the PCC has agreed that we will work with All Saints and Cox Green to have a year focussing on mission our parishes. Bishop Andrew has some (generous) funding to enable us to put on some specific activities and events and to reflect on how we might share our faith with those around us—and then do it more effectively.

We will be commissioned for this year by Bishop Andrew when he is with us on 11th February. The day will end with a short service at 3.30 pm, to which I hope most people can stay, and at which we will be joined by Joan and Jeremy and friends from their churches.

The first main activity will be from 18th—28th March, when Riding Lights Theatre Company will be resident with us and lead a variety of activities in the churches and in our schools and other places. We will share Palm Sunday morning worship that day at the Desborough Suite (The People's Passion).

If anyone thinks they might be able to offer accommodation to one of the team of five please do have a word with Nicola in the first instance and when Joan and Sally are back from Ethiopia (did I mention I was going....!) we will finalise details.

Other events will be a day in the early summer on living as a Christian 24/7, a day on the Psalms at the start of Advent, and a day on prayer at the start of Lent 2019. We believe we have engaged some well known speakers for these days. More to follow.



**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.
- Peace in the world in 2018
- The clergy group visiting Ethiopia
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in January: Otilie Beresford Jones, Grace Mondal
- All those who live and work in Summerleaze Road
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Ben Francis, Stephen Sands, Tim Williams, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, Rose Dolan
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Charles Hummer, Colin Bowerman, Peggy Harris
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in January: Ann Hancock, Roger March, Clifford Collier, Alice Wellman, Peter Brown, John Dickson, Anne Seagrove, Jacqueline Hayward, Ida Walters, Dorothy Scott, Penelope Hutchings, Robert Newman, Beryl Jenkins, Joan Parker, Robert Howe, Frank Joyce, Marjorie Hopkins, Evelyn Rose, Roy Horsham, Andrew Drummond, Vivan Oliver, Charles Woodman, Julie Brazenor, Dawn Crampin.



## Sunday, 14th January 2018 Epiphany 2

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.00 am Parish Communion**

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Nicola Hulks

6.00pm Evensong and Benediction at All Saints

### Next weeks readings at 10am

Revelation 5. 1-10 John 1. 43-end

**Sunday 14th January rotas under Duty Warden: Don Luff**

**Reader NT:** Richard Burdett

**Intercessor:** Dorothy Strack-Hankey

**Chalice:** Sue Harbour, Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake

**Acolytes:** Shula Tajima and Roger Clarke

**Server at 8am:** Ralph Hinchliffe **Crucifer at 10am:** Nicola Buckland

**Elements:** Hazel and Gerry Knight

**Coffee:** Bridget Morris and Mary Oubridge

**Welcomers:** 8.00 am: Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Peter and 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 8th Jan

*Office 9.30am-11am*

### Tuesday 9th Jan

*Office 9.30am-11am*

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.15pm Holy Communion

### Wednesday 10th Jan

*Office 9.30am-11am*

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

### Thursday 11th Jan

*Office closed*

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Thursday Teas (Hall)

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 12th Jan

*Office closed*

No services

10.00 am Seated stretch and breathe

### Saturday 13th Jan

No Services

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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