



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 9th December 2018
The Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

- 8.00am Holy Communion**
10.00am Parish Communion
President: Revd. Nicola Hulks
Preacher: Sonya Clarke, LLM
12 noon-6.00pm Christmas Tree Festival
3.00-5.30pm Messy Church (Community hall)
6.00pm Christmas Tree 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

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

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 2

A Reading from the Book of Malchi

Thus says the Lord God: I See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3.1-4

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Luke 3.1-6

This morning's hymns at 10am:

P: 34 On Jordan's bank
G: 234 Sing we the praises of the great forerunner
O: 58 Long ago, prophets knew
HC: Taize 2 Wait for the Lord
R: 26 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

Communion Hymn

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near,
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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....
Amen

Post Communion

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.
Amen

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:
Nicola, Jamie and Jane Buckland



Mum and Dad 08/12/68

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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

A prayer from Stars and Sparks, you may like to use this yourself:

Dear God,

We pray for our Christmas Tree Festival and all we are doing to get things ready. Please bless the decorations we are making. Thank you for the stars that light our way and the trees which give us hope. Help us to understand the Advent season, to wait and watch and prepare for Jesus, our Saviour and Friend. Amen

Sundays at Six: The 2019 list is now out. Do make sure you take a copy. Perhaps make it a new year's resolution to come along!

Keeping Advent: As we move into Advent you may like to spend a little time daily reflecting and our shared faith. There are many good quality Advent books available (Google: Advent books) and also the CofE website is promoting Follow the Star: <https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar> which you can sign up to and receive a daily reflection. You may also like to download the App: Pray as you go, which is a rather different form of daily prayer for all year round.

Confirmation: There will be a deanery confirmation on Wednesday 10th April next year when Bishop Andrew will be confirming for the last time before he retires. If you or someone you know is thinking about confirmation please speak to Revd. Sally asap and do come along to an enquiry evening on Wednesday 30th January at 8pm in church.

INFORMATION

Email update: At the end of the summer we updated our email update list in line with the new data protection regulations (GDPR). If you are no longer receiving our weekly email update and would like to, please speak to Ruth in the parish office on 01628 622733, admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk.

Safeguarding training: A reminder to do your safe guarding training online and let Dorothy know by emailing safeguarding.stlukes@outlook.com. Full details are in last week's pewsheets.

We now have booking details for S1/C2 which is a face to face training here at St Lukes on Tuesday 26th February 2019 in the evening. PCC members are expected to do C2 and have had an emailed link from Ralph, but anyone is welcome to come along. Booking is essential via Eventbrite, see the electronic link via the email update or call Ruth in the parish office for help.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Thursday Teas: Tea will be served in the Community Hall between 2pm and 4pm on Thursday 13th December. All are welcome. Children from St. Luke's School will sing carols during the afternoon do hope you can attend. Any queries please get in touch with Enid 628195 or Phyllis 778656.

Open Vicarage: as usual, Lily and I would like to invite everyone to join us (well, Lily will probably hide!) for seasonal drinks and nibbles any time between 6 and 9 pm on Saturday 22nd December. Please do pop in and celebrate the season with us – everyone is very welcome. Revd. Sally

"Christmas Lights: The Burdetts are holding their annual "open house" on:
. Saturday 15th from 3.30pm to 9.30pm
. Sunday 16th from 2.30pm 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."

Boxing Day Ramble: There will be a Boxing Day Ramble as normal for those feeling the need to stretch their legs and get some fresh air after the turkey and mince pies. All are very welcome to join and also enjoy a simple lunch at 5, Wentworth Crescent afterwards. Further details to follow.

Lions Club Swimarathon – Saturday 5th January 2019: St Luke's church are entering 3 teams in the charity swimming event organised by The Lions Club of Maidenhead . We usually have a men's team, a ladies team and a children's one and each team (of ideally 8 swimmers) swims relay style for an hour at The Magnet. Our "time slot" is 11am till noon BUT we need to arrive at the magnet by 10.30am. The emphasis is on having fun and raising money for local charities not on speed or style. Afterwards lots of us go to The Bear for a friendly lunch and anyone can join us. If you would like to join in , either as a swimmer, a supporter or a sponsor please speak to Ann Burdett (tel 631486).

New Year social.... A date to book in your diaries now: We are holding a Burns Night social evening on Saturday 26th January from 6pm in the Community Hall. Dinner, Ceilidh, Raffle and games. Tickets £10 adults and £5 children on sale soon. Book the date!

Parish Office Hours

The parish office will close on Wednesday 19th December
And re-open on Monday 7th January 2019.

Please note there will be no pewsheets on Sunday 30th
December.

**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.
- A deeper desire to grow as disciples
- Our preparation for Advent and Christmas
- That many people will come along to our Tree Festival- and meet with God
- Bishop Andrew and Janice as they prepare for retirement in 2019
- The Orthodox and Anglican church in Ethiopia and especially the work of FACE (Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia)
- Robert, Lilly and Owen who were baptised here recently
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in December: Luke and Carys
- All those who live and work in Risborough Road
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands.
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them:
Edward Timms, John Lovegrove, Jack Jones
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in December: David Sawyers,
Robert Gardener, Eileen Pond, Max Neale, Margaret Swanborough,
John Norris, John Sheppard, Denis Rayfield, Peter Brown, John Dickson,
Anne Seagrove, Dorothy Scott, Penelope Hutchings, John Parker, Evelyn
Rose, Roy Horsham, Peggy Harris and Colin Bowerman

Advent and Christmas at St. Luke's Church

Sunday 23rd December

6.00 pm, Carol Service by candlelight

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

Candlelit Crib Services at

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

11.30 pm, **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December

10.00 am, Short Christmas Day service for children / families

10.30 am, Service of Parish Communion



Sunday 6th January 2019

6pm, Epiphany Carol Service

This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities

Monday 10th Dec

Office open

Take down trees

2.00pm St Piran's school rehearsal

Tuesday 11th Dec

Office open

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.15pm Holy Communion

8.00pm Standing Committee

Wednesday 12th Dec

Office open

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

1.00pm Funeral of Jack Jones, RIP

Thursday 13th Dec

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.15am-3.00pm St Piran's School rehearsal

2.00pm Thursday Teas (community hall)

5.00pm Evening Prayer

6.30pm St Pirans School Carol Service

Friday 14th Dec

Office closed

No services

Saturday 15th Dec

9.00am Morning Prayer



Sunday, 16th December 2018 Advent 3

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Nicola Hulks

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Carols at CHoGS, Cox Green

Next weeks readings at 10am:

Zeph 3.14-20

Luke 3.7-18

Next week's rota under Duty Warden: Johanna Raffan

Readers: OT: Phyllis Sigsworth

Acolytes: Roger Clarke and Nicola Buckland **Intercessor:** Dorothy S H

Elements: Ann and Richard Burdett

Chalice: Sue Harbour and Shula Tajima

Server at 8am: Ben Darracott **Crucifer at 10am:** Matthew Burdett

Coffee: Eileen Goford and Sue Harbour

Welcome Team: 8am: Richard Hannam

10am: Ann Darracott, Ralph Hinchliffe, Sue Hinchliffe, John Cox, Mike & Lisa

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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