



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 10th December 2017
Advent 2 Christmas Tree Festival

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Phyl Sopp

3.00pm Sundays at Six: Christmas Tree Festival 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 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 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 2 Advent Sunday

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40. 1-11

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight",

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of re-

pentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean

countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and

were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John

was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he

ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful

than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the

thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you

with the Holy Spirit.'

Mark 1.1-8

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 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 been sponsored this week by:

Mr T Autos



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Advent and Christmas:

You may like to take on a devotional activity during Advent to prepare for Christmas, for example why not come along to morning or evening prayer now and then.

Christmas Cards: Today you have been given a Christmas tag. You may like to write a greeting to the church on it and tie it to the net tree by the font. This is in place of last year's big church Christmas card.

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. On Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm he will return to dedicate our re-ordering church building.

Rev. Roy Taylor, RIP: Those of you who knew the Rev. Roy Taylor, will be sad to learn that he passed away on Sunday. He was a good friend to many of us here, especially during the last interregnum. Funeral details will follow but please do pray for Jenny and his family.

Holy Communion: Please note that on Wednesday 13th December Holy Communion will be at 9.45am

Holy Land Pilgrimage: a reminder that Rev. 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.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Open Vicarage: as usual, Lily and I would like to invite everyone to the vicarage on Friday 22nd December to partake of seasonal drinks and light refreshments. We are open between 7pm and 10 pm – please do accept this as your personal invitation to drop in whenever you can that evening. Rev. Sally

St Lukes School OFSTED: Many congratulations to all members of our school community on achieving outstanding in the recent Ofsted inspection.

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 goes into your membership account. 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 store is Shifford Crescent and Cox Green. Please do sign up for membership.

Bonne Mamam Jars For several years now loyal friends at St. Luke's have supplied me with Bonne Mamam jars for my Marmalade. At present I am suffering from a dearth Please continue to donate them as there is always a certain amount of wastage when we have sales at general public events and the jars are very attractive. In the past I have even bought new lids from Amazon because some jars can go on for years! Just let me know when you bring them and I can store them at home. Best wishes, Jilly B.

Directory: A pdf copy of 2017-2018 church directory was sent out with this week's email update and a few hard copies are available at the back of church.

Christmas Lights: The Burdett's are holding their annual "open house" on:
. Saturday 16th from 4.00pm to 9.30pm
. Sunday 17th 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."

Lions Club Swimarathon: Saturday morning January 6th 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

Thank you: A huge thank you - from the new Mr and Mrs Burdett! We are so grateful so many friends from St Lukes were able to join our families and friends for our special day. The service will be treasured by us both for years to come. The flowers were perfect, the choir were wonderful, and the cakes after in the Community Hall were delicious! We know so many people were praying for us and supporting us - and we're sure that's why it was quite the success it was. Huge thanks again from us both. Matthew and Clare Burdett

Boxing Day Ramble: I will be arranging a walk as usual, details to follow. Roger Clarke (Tel: 01628 632626)

Advent and Christmas at St. Luke's Church

Sunday 17th December

6.00 pm, Nine Lessons and Carols, by candlelight
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

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

Candlelit Crib Services at

4.00 (younger families) and 5.00 (older families) pm,
11.30 pm, **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December

10.00 am, Short Christmas Day service for children / families
10.30 am, service of Parish Communion



Christmas Tree Festival

Visit our beautiful church full of decorated trees, and enjoy seasonal music, stalls, and refreshments

Friday 8 December

10:00 am to 7:00 pm

7:30 pm: Free concert: Wind and Words for Christmas

Saturday 9 December

10:00 am to 7:00 pm

12:00 noon: Sandwich lunches available

1:00 pm Free concert: River City Saxes

Sunday 10 December

12:00 noon to 6:00 pm

6:00 pm: Christmas Tree Service



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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, giving thanks for the completed re-ordering work.
- Peace in the world
- For the success of our Christmas Tree Festival in drawing people into church
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in December: Barnaby Craig, Summer Prater, Luke Hulks
- For Matthew and Clare who were married here recently
- All those who live and work in Way Side Mews
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Ben Francis, Stephen Sands, Tim Williams, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, babies Albert and George, Rose Dolan
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Elizabeth Pearce, Charles Hummer, Revd Roy Taylor, Colin Bowerman
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in December: David Sawyers, Robert Gardener, Eileen Pond, Max Neale, Joan Joyce, Stuart Courtier, Gerard Beattie, Eileen Hurst, Margaret Swanborough, John Norris, Denis Rayfield, Ruth Keys, Mary Church, Thomas Speakman, John Sheppard



Server Team

We ask God's blessing on all those who carry the processional cross (the crucifer). May they have strong, steady arms as they lift the cross up high. As it is carried around, between and among the people in the church, may it be seen by all as a symbol of Christ's forgiving love.

We ask for God's blessing on all those who carry candles (the acolytes). We ask that, as they hold the candles up to illuminate the word of God, all darkness will be dispelled and those who hear God's word will be filled with God's light.

Amen



Next Sunday, 17th December

Advent 3

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Carol Service here

Next week's readings at 10am:

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-1 John 6-8, 19-28

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Johanna Raffan

Intercessors: Phyllis Sigsworth

Chalice: Michelle Lane, Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake

Acolytes: Mikaela, Shula Tajima

Server at 8am: Ralph Hinchliffe **Crucifer at 10am:** Roger Clarke

Elements: Eileen and Peter Goford

Coffee: Ann Hockham and Julienne Grobler

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Richard Hannam

10.00 am: Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe, Ann Darracott, Shula Tajima,
Ben Darracott

Monday 11th Dec

9.00am

Tree take down

Office open 9.30—11.00 am

Tuesday 12th Dec

8.30am

Morning Prayer

Office open

7.15pm

Holy Communion

9.30-11.00 am

Wednesday 13th Dec

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Office open

10.00am

Holy Communion

9.30-11.00 am

Claire's Court rehearsal

Thursday 14th Dec

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

St Pirans rehearsal

Office closed

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

6.30pm

St Piran's Carol Service

Friday 15th Dec

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Office closed

9.30 and 10.45am Claire's Court Carol Service

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Saturday 16th Dec

9.00 am

Morning Prayer

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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