



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 12th February 2017
Third Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion and Baptism of Isaac Smalley

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

4.45 pm Sundays at Six: Love Service here, tea at 4pm

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 parish centre.

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 the Third Sunday before Lent

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and taught them, saying: You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool,” you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.” But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Matthew 5.21-37

Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of
sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this
world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the
bread of life,
that those who come to him should
never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.

Stars and Sparks

*Our children have
chosen a new name for
themselves, and
Natasha has designed
this super 'logo'.
Please do pray for our
Stars and Sparks, and
their leaders.*



The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

*The Barber Family
to celebrate an assortment of birthdays.*

*Janice Neaves and family
in memory of her husband Peter.*



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

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 3rd 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.

Anniversaries of death: You will see that we are now including those whose anniversary of death falls at certain times in our prayers. We have a database of all funerals we have taken in the last five and a half years but if you would like us to add a loved one to our list please email the office with: name, date of death and your name.

Stars and Sparks: our children have chosen a new name for themselves, and Natasha has designed this super 'logo'. Please do pray for our Stars and Sparks, and their leaders.



Bible Reading Fellowship: Our next monthly meeting is on Monday 13th February. Anyone who takes Daily Guidelines of BRF are more than welcome to come to our study evening. We meet from 7.15pm at 5 Wentworth Cres: Further information from Roger or Sonya on 632626.

INFORMATION

Serena Tajima is singing at St George's Chapel Windsor on Saturday 18th February at 5.15pm for Evensong and on Sunday 19th February at Matins 10.45am, Eucharist at 12pm and Evensong at 5.15pm. Anyone who would like to go along is very welcome.

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

Organist / Music leader: required for 1st 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 11th 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 11th 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.

Electoral Roll: If you are not already on the electoral role please make you fill in a form at the back of church. You need to be on the electoral role to vote in the APCM in April .

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Local Walk with Winter Wildfowl Today Sunday 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.

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 - Cirque beserk. I have made a provisional booking for the matinee performance 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.

WIDER COMMUNITY

STITCH UP FOR KORI is this Monday 13th February 2017, from 2-4 pm , in the Parish Centre. 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

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. .

Consistory Court

Thank you to everybody who helped and supported the smooth running of the court case on Monday. As yet we have no date for when the ruling will be issued. Please do continue to keep the whole issue in your prayers.

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
- Those from our parish on pilgrimage in the Holy Land
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work and the outcome of the 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 Prince Andrew 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,
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Joan Brazenor, Ann Hancock, Charles Woodman
- Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Peter Sharp, Peter Joyce, David Bateman, Edward Dobson, Mark Willard, Leonard Lynch, Beryl Horsham, Roy Smith





Next Sunday, 19th February

Second Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Terrie Robinson

Preacher: Sonya Clarke

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Evensong at All Saints

Next week's readings at 10am:

Romans 8. 18-25 Matthew 6. 25-end

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Peter Goford

Intercessor: ?

Elements: Ann and Richard Burdett

Coffee: Sue Harbour and Eileen Goford

Welcomers: **8.00 am:** Richard Hannam

10.00 am: Emma Shenton, Anne Darracott, Ralph Hinchliffe
Sue Hinchliffe, Janet Trinkwon

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 13th 2.00pm Stitch Up

Office 9.30-11

Tuesday 14th 8.30 am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30-11

NO Holy Communion

7.00pm WAMCF dialogue, St Mark's Dedworth

Wednesday 15th

Office closed

10.00 am Holy Communion

Thursday 16th

Office closed

No services

Friday 17th

Office closed

No services

Saturday 18th

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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