



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 14th January 2018
Epiphany 2

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

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

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 Epiphany 2

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,

and they will reign on earth.'

Revelation 5. 1-10

Collect

Almighty God

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature

by the riches of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;

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 forever

Post Communion

God of glory,

you nourish us with your Word

who is the bread of life:

fill us with your Holy Spirit

that through the light of your glory

may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus

Christ our Lord.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

John 1. 43-end



**BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN CHRIST**

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Joan Lynch

“In memory of my beloved husband Len”



What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too 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.

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 or see poster at back of church. **There will be NO 7.15pm service here on those evenings:**

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

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.

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 -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 Lake View
- 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, Bill Butler



Sunday, 21st January 2018 Epiphany 3

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Terrie Robinson

6.00pm Unity Service at All Saints

Next weeks readings at 10am

Rev 19:17-20 John 2: 1-11

Next week's rota under Duty Warden: Johanna Raffan

Reader NT: Michael Masango

Intercessor: Phyl Sopp

Chalice: James Ellins, Don Luff

Acolytes: Shula Tajima and Michael Masango

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

Elements: Michelle and Tony Lane

Coffee: Sally Somerville and Dorothy Strack-Hankey

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Richard Hannam

10.00 am: Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe, Ann Darracott,
John Cox, Dave Sopp

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 15th Jan

Office 9.30am-11am

Tuesday 16th Jan

Office 9.30am-11am

8.30am Morning Prayer

NO Holy Communion.

7pm WAMCF dialogue at Taplow Court

Wednesday 17th Jan

Office 9.30am-11am

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 18th Jan

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 19th Jan

Office closed

No services

10.00 am Seated stretch and breathe

Saturday 20th 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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