



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 15th January 2017
Second Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: 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 at the back of church.

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 Second Sunday of Epiphany are:

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.'
And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength –
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Isaiah 49.1-7

A Reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given

you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

A Reading from the Gospel of John

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

John 1.29-42

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,

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your
glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

The floodlighting has not been sponsored this week :

To sponsor the flood lighting please complete the form at the back of church or email the office, it costs £10 per week



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Messy church ...

Meets roughly once a month for an hour of themed craft, a short act of worship and a two course meal. All are welcome, 3.30 - 5.30 pm. The dates for this year are:

Saturday 4 th February	Friday 3 rd March
Saturday 8 th April	Friday 5 th May
Sunday 2 nd July (+ Baptism party)	
Friday 4 th August	Saturday 9 th September
Friday 6 th October	Saturday 4 th November
Friday 1 st December	

...and Christingle service

This follows the next Messy Church (and is open to anyone, whether you have been to Messy Church or not) - 5.00pm on Saturday 4th February.

Task groups meet at 8.00 pm in church over the next few weeks. These groups are an opportunity to explore our Mission Action Plan and bring it to fruition. Anyone is welcome at any group:

Tuesday 24th January: Social media / Social Gospel / Our Older Members / Children & Young People / Re-Ordering group.

INFORMATION

Re-Ordering update: We now have a date for the consistory court: **Monday 6th February, at 10 am, in this church.**

As a result the **APCM** will not now be in 26th February, as on the key dates sheet, but at 11.30 am on Sunday 2nd April, followed by a Lent Lunch.

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

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 currently only open 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. To be honest, it IS hard work. It takes around two hours for two people to give the church a good clean (dust, sweep, vacuum, mop...) but each pair can do it at a time to suit them (when the church is free) and it is so rewarding to see the results. 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 7 morning, 18th March—Spring clean and Saturday morning 13th May—Care time. Please help out if you can.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Inspire: The new edition of Inspire magazine is now available at the back of church. A big thank you to Louisa for putting it all together and to all the contributors.

Ladies Breakfast: Ladies Breakfast: our next Ladies breakfast will be next Saturday 21st January when our speaker will be Jeanette Lock from All Saints church. She will speak about her ministry with Maidenhead Street Angels. Tickets cost £5 and are now available. Doors open at 8.45 am. We usually end by 10.30 am.

Music Festival—get it in your diary! Our third biennial Music Festival at St. Luke's will take place from 10th to 24th June 2017. Another full programme of exciting music for most tastes during the fortnight. Further details in due course. John Cotterill, Festival Artistic Director.

Sunday Club and Sparklers Post Christmas Party

This afternoon 15th January 3.10pm The "post Christmas party" for all children (from babies to 16+) connected in any way with St. Lukes will be held at The Magnet leisure centre followed by tea in the parish centre. We will meet at The Magnet at 3.10pm for an hour's fun on a large inflatable assault course and then tea will be served in the parish centre. (Though accompanied children may like to have a swim first from 1.30pm). The cost is £5 per child or £10 for families with 2 or more children. Children are invited to bring a friend too.

Fancy a Swim: Having successfully completed the Swimathon last weekend, why not come and join us in our weekly swim? Every Wednesday morning a group of us meet at 11ish for a swim followed by a coffee at the Magnet Leisure Centre. Nothing too strenuous, and all sizes, shapes, ages and abilities are very welcome. But sorry, no chaps as it is a time for Ladies Only swimming! (their rules, not ours!) For more information contact Jean T-D on 626671.

WIDER COMMUNITY

WAMCF Women's Group: Monday 23rd January 7.30pm-9.00pm here at St Luke's Church. Ladies of all faiths and none are welcome to share refreshments and hear Gill Curry talk about the Kori project in Sierra Leone. For more details speak to Revd Sally.

STITCH UP FOR KORI is now on Monday 13th February 2017, from 2-4 pm, in the Parish Centre., please note the change of date. Come along for a sociable afternoon, with refreshments, and help to make things for Sierra Leone. Contact Gill Curry, 01628 625196.

Wycombe Swan Pride and Prejudice: Saturday matinee 2.30pm 28th January 2017. We have a booking to see Pride and Prejudice at The Wycombe Swan theatre on Saturday 28th January. We have been offered tickets at an excellent group rate price of £15.50. The show promises to bring "elegance, charm and sparkle to the stage with its inventive script and ingenious set" If you would like to join a group of us from church please let Ann Burdett know (631486). Cheques payable to St. Lukes PCC

Interfaith Dialogue: Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum are organising a series of fortnightly interfaith dialogues in centres of faith around Maidenhead and Windsor. The first session will be at SGI –UK Taplow Court,

on Tuesday 17th January 7pm on the subject of 'How much control do we have over our lives?' All welcome, see details at the back of church or visit www.wamcf.org

31st Jan Mdhd Gurdawara 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:

Book Share: The next meeting of the book share group will be on Wednesday 18th January at 2pm at 42 Ray Lea Road . We will be discussing *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and our different readings for advent. All welcome. Johanna

Local Walk with Winter Wildfowl on Sunday 29 January at 2.15 pm. All are welcome on this walk 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.

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
- The people of the USA, and President Elect Trump.
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work and for the consistory court in February
- 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 January
- All those who are travelling
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Katharine Morris, Ben Francis, Steven Sands, Tim Williams, Chris Sawyers, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, Vivienne Holland
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: David Sawyers, Eileen Pond, Robert Gardener



Next Sunday, 22nd January
Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion and Baptism
of Grace Mondal

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

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6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Unity Service, here

Next week's readings at 10am:

Isaiah 9. 1-4 I Corinthians 1. 10-18 (Matthew 4. 12-23)

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Peter Goford

Readers: OT: Peter Goford NT: Shula Tajima

Intercessor: Eileen Goford

Elements: Phyllis Sigsworth and Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake

Coffee: Phil and Dave Sopp

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Don Luff, Jilly Bevitt

Ben Darracott, John Cox

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 16th

Tuesday 17th

Office 9.30-11

8.30 am Morning Prayer

NO Holy Communion

7.00 pm Interfaith Dialogue at Taplow Court

Wednesday 18th

Office 9.30-11

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Thursday 19th

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 20th

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 21st

NO Morning Prayer

8.45 Ladies Breakfast

St. Luke's Church Office is open 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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