



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 16th December 2018**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

- 8.00am**     **Holy Communion**  
**10.00am**   **Parish Communion**  
                  President: Revd. Sally Lynch  
                  Preacher: The Revd Canon Terrie Robinson
- 12 noon**     **Baptism of Herbie Prater**  
**6.00pm**     **Sundays at Six: Carols at CHoGS, Cox Green**

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](mailto: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 3**

### **A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

*Zephaniah 3.14-20*

## A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Luke 3.7-18*

### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your  
messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of  
your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready  
your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the  
world we may be found an acceptable  
people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the  
Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

### Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for  
these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes  
again  
we may shine as lights before his  
face;  
who is alive and reigns now and  
for ever

**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:  
Iris Brown**

*A Very Happy Christmas to Everyone*



**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too [www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)**

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**This morning's hymns at 10am:**

P: 39 Wake, O wake!  
G: p7 How lovely on the mountains  
O: 35 People look east  
HC: p7 The Kingdom of God  
R: 32 O come, o come Emmanuel!

**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!

**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**

**Christmas Tree Festival:** Thank you to everyone one who visited and helped or sponsored a tree at our Christmas Tree festival last weekend. And a huge thanks to everybody who helped out in whatever capacity. Whether you gave one hour or four days, made one cake or four, all that everyone did contributed to making the whole festival a massive success. Please pray for all those who passed through our church building that they may be touched by God's loving hands this Christmastide.

As a result of everyone's generosity ( and gift aid!) we will be able to send almost £2300 to Myeloma UK, and the church general fund will benefit by over £4000 which brings down our predicted deficit considerably.

**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.

**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](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk).

## **SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING**

**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: today 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 Swimathon – Saturday 5th January 2019 11am :** St Luke's church are entering 3 teams (men's, ladies and children) in the charity swimming event. 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 and for more details 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!

**Homeless Bus:** A purple double-decker bus has been bought by the Sue Brett Foundation. The bus has been converted into a temporary home, with the seating taken out and instead there being twelve beds upstairs, and a kitchen, desk and bathroom downstairs. They need:

1. bus drivers who can do short journeys once in the morning and once in the evening to take the bus to its location in the town centre at night, and then back to its day-time home in Maidenhead (it will be empty and there will be no passengers on board)
2. volunteers - for evening meals, overnight supervision and/or breakfasts
3. money - especially standing order donations to pay for supervisors, as we need to employ a qualified person to spend every night with the bus. To donate or to volunteer, visit : [www.thebrettfoundation.org.uk](http://www.thebrettfoundation.org.uk)

## **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**



**For your prayers (to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)**

- Give thanks for the success of our Tree Festival and pray for all who visited this church
- 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
- 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 Saint-Cloud Way
- 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, Olive Powell, Sheila Mayers, Robert Gill
- 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

## **Gradual Hymn**

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him  
Who brings good news, good news  
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness  
Our God reigns, our God reigns  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns*  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns*

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one  
Shout for your King, your King  
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!  
*Your God reigns, your God reigns!*  
*Your God reigns, your God reigns!*

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy  
We are redeemed, redeemed  
The Lord has saved and comforted His people  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!  
*Your God reigns, your God reigns!*  
*Your God reigns, your God reigns!*

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord  
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

*Your God reigns, your God reigns!*  
*Your God reigns, your God reigns!*

## **Holy Communion Hymn**

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace,  
and joy in the Holy Spirit!  
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom!

## **This week at St. Luke's-**

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities

**Monday 17th Dec** 9.30am St Lukes School Carol Service

*Office open*

**Tuesday 18th Dec**

*Office open*

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Claires Court Carol Services

7.15pm Holy Communion

**Wednesday 19th Dec**

*Office open*

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

11.30am Funeral of John Lovegrove, RIP

**Thursday 20th Dec**

*Office closed*

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Friday 21st Dec**

*Office closed*

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday 22nd Dec**

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm-9.00pm Open Vicarage



## **Sunday, 23rd December 2018 Advent 4**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00am Parish Communion**

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

**6.00pm Sundays at Six: Carol Service, here**

Micah 5.2-5a Luke 1.39-45

**Next week's rota under Duty Warden:** Sue Hinchliffe

**Readers: OT:** Sally Somerville

**Acolytes:** Michaela Masango, Shula Tajima **Intercessor:** Phyl Sopp

**Elements:** Sonya and Roger Clarke

**Chalice:** Tony Lane and Nicola Buckland

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

**Coffee:** Fran Hornby and Valerie Herbert

**Welcome Team: 8am:** Joan Harnby

**10am:** Don Luff, Jilly Bevitt, Nikola, Ben Darracott, Shula Tajima, Natasha and Charlie

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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