



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 19th November 2017
Second Sunday before Advent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Nicola Hulks

4.00pm 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 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 in the community hall and there is a portaloo behind the porch

... 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 Second Sunday before Advent

A Reading from I Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,

where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25. 14-30



Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves
even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power
and great glory
we may be made like him in his
eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive
and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life
for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Nicola, Jamie and Jane Buckland
In Memory of Dad, who would have been 70
on 18th November



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Choir at Christmas: Christmas is coming and the choir are expanding – that is, in terms of numbers rather than their waistbands!! We are looking for additional choir members over the Christmas period, especially for men who can sing either tenor or bass. You must have a basic music literacy and able to attend choir practices on a Friday in Church between 8pm and 9:15pm. If you are interested, please call Adam on 01753 643974 or Ruth via the Office.

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.

Advent:

The sign up sheet for the **travelling knitivity** is now available. Please sign up this week to host it for a night during Advent.

We are still rather short of **sheep** to accompany it so please do play Little Bo Peep and bring your knitted sheep into the back of church.

If you have been colouring and putting together an **Advent house** please bring it to church now so we can fill it with goodies for Advent.

If you would like your home **Advent calendar or wreath** blessed then please bring them to the All Age Communion service on 3rd December and we will bless them all then.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Social afternoon- flower demonstration: Rita Salter and Krz (well known local flower arranger) will be giving a demonstration of Christmas / winter flower arrangements, followed by tea and cake, on Thursday 23rd November, in church. Tickets are £5 and available now. The arrangements will be raffled during the afternoon. Come and see how to make your own and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship too.

Stewardship Pledges: Thank you very much indeed to the 48 individuals and couples who have returned their stewardship forms as of 30th October, representing 32% of the 149 personalised letters that we distributed. Last year we had 68 forms back out of 122 letters. If you have not yet returned your form, please can you do so, even if there is no change to your level of giving, as it makes it easier for the PCC to set the 2018 budget. If you have lost the form then please contact our treasurer, Richard Burdett, who will be happy to supply a replacement!

Ride and Stride: The £314 raised by this year's sponsored ride was the highest for ten years, so many thanks to all the sponsors. Half the money raised goes to the Berkshire Churches Trust who give grants for the repair and maintenance of local churches, and the other half comes back to our church's General Fund. Roger Bevitt.

The Mayors Charity Christmas Event:: The Mayor is hosting a black tie pre-Christmas meal at 6.30pm on 1st December at the Guildhall, Windsor. Tickets are £40 and include a three course meal and entertainment. For more information please see Sally.

WAMCF Women's Group: Monday 20th November, **tomorrow**, 7.30pm-9.00pm here in church. Ladies of all faiths or none are welcome to share refreshments, talk about winter festivals and make decorations. For more details speak to Sally.

Christmas Tree Festival

We hope that the CTF will raise a good sum of money for PLANETS, our chosen charity, and also for general church funds. If anyone would like to **sponsor** an aspect of the festival that would be a lovely thing to do. Currently there are two / three areas that might be sponsored:

An advert in the Maidenhead Advertiser, at £150

The two concerts, at £95 and £180

These might be sponsored by individuals or by businesses, if you have such links. To do so please have a word with Revd. Sally. Thank you.

A variety of **flyers and posters** are now available at the back of church. Please take as many as you like and use them to publicise the tree festival as widely as you can.

There is now also a **sign up sheet** at the back of church—please do sign up to offer any sort of help.

And finally (for now!) we are sending personal invitation to the Friday evening concert to many people who have links with this church. Please do look at the envelopes at the back and see if you can deliver nay to save postage. Thank you.

Advent and Christmas at St. Luke's Church

Friday 1st December

3.30 – 5.30 pm

Messy Advent – family fun activity for all ages with meal

Book at: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Sunday 3rd December

6.00 pm **Advent Ring Service**

Christmas Tree Festival 8th—10th December

Friday 8th December

10.00 am - 7.00 pm, Church open to view decorated trees;
stalls and refreshments

7.30 pm Free Concert among the trees: Wind and Words for Christmas

Saturday 10th

10.00 am - 7.00 pm, Church open to view decorated trees;
stalls and refreshments

lunchtime free recital, at 1.00 pm- River City Saxes

Sunday, 11th December

midday – 6.00 pm, Church open to view decorated trees;
stalls and refreshments

6.00 pm 'Christmas Tree' Service

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
- Peace in the world
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in November: Lily Morgan, Tori Patton, Harvey Patton, Arthur Ribton, Max Ostrowski-Carpenter, Edward Freear, Arthur Freear
- For Russell and Susan married here recently
- All those who live and work in North Green
- 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: Brian Roberts
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Catherine Vincent, Trevor Headington, Beryl Bunce, Daisy Cole, Francisca Knowles, Philip Littlejohn, Beryl Burrows, Marcus Lawes, James Herbert, Mary Fox, Peggy Clutterbuck, Charles (Len) Harvey, Alice Newman, Roy Rance

Inspire

Father, we give thanks for our parish magazine production team. We thank you for the skills of the editor, Louisa, and for all those who work together to produce our magazine month by month. May all who are involved – designers, illustrators, typesetters, proof readers, printers, collators and deliverers – know that they are valued and appreciated. We give thanks, too, for the creativity of all those who contribute articles and stories to the magazine and who, by doing so, make it a living account of the life and mission of this church community season by season. **Amen**



Next Sunday, 26th November

Christ the King

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

3.00pm Sundays at Six: Deaf Eucharist at Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Next week's readings at 10am:

Ephesians 1. 15-end Matthew 25. 31-end

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Ruth Sheppard

Reader: NT: John Cotterill

Intercessors: Dorothy Strack-Hankey

Chalice: Don Luff James Ellins

Acolytes: Shula Tajima Nicola Buckland

Server at 8am: Roger Clarke **Crucifer at 10am:** Matthew Burdett

Elements: Joyce Forrest, Ruth Jones and Janet Trinkwon

Coffee: Rita and John Salter

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Don Luff, Emma Shenton, Jill Bevitt, Ben Darracott,
John Cox

Monday 20th Nov

Office open

9.30—11.00 am

7.30 pm

WAMCF Women's group

Tuesday 21st Nov

8.30 pm

Morning Prayer

Office open

7.15pm

Holy Communion

9.30-11.00 am

Wednesday 22nd Nov

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Office open

10.00am

Holy Communion

9.30—11.00 am

Thursday 23rd

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Office closed

2.30 pm

Flower Demonstration

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Friday 24th

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Office closed

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Saturday 25th

9.00 am

Morning Prayer

7.30 pm

Choral Society Concert

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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