



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 20th November 2016
The Feast of Christ the King

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

4.00 pm Sundays at Six: Interfaith Walk and Service

(walk starts 2pm at the Gurdwara and ends with the service at 4pm at the Synagogue, passing here around 3pm, join for what you can)

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 Christ the King are:

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross

Colossians 1. 11-20

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Luke 23. 33-43

Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN CHRIST**

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

Stewardship Sunday: This Sunday, 20th November, is the last Sunday before Advent, and as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we reflect on his lordship over our whole lives and re-commit ourselves to giving our time, talents and money to the ministry of God in this place. There should be a personal letter for everyone this week to take away and prayerfully reflect on. We invite you to return the form about financial giving (which helps the PCC to budget for the coming year) by 11th December. You may also like to make a one-off gift to the work of the church, particularly as a thank offering in this 150th year. Thank you for all that each of you give of yourselves to God's work. Sally

Advent pilgrimage: our annual pre-Advent pilgrimage will this year be to our own cathedral, Christchurch, in Oxford. We will meet at 1.45 pm outside the main gate and start with a reflective tour of the cathedral. We then have a room booked as a base from which to spend time in prayer in the cathedral or city or simply be quiet there. We will have tea together there at 5.00 pm before taking our seats (reserved) for the Advent Carol service in the cathedral at 6.00 pm. This will last for around an hour. The cost will be £5 per person to include tea and a donation to the cathedral. If you would like to join the group please sign the list at the back of church so that I know to expect you at the gate!.

Advent and Christmas: a sheet is now available with details of all our Advent and Christmas services and activities. Contactors, there are now bundles for you to deliver to your contactees.

Messy Church: The last one this year is on Saturday 3rd December in which we think about Advent. 3.30-5pm for a time of crafts, worships and food. £1 a person.

Vision meetings/Task Groups: The next meetings is **22nd November** - Social media / Social Gospel / Our Older Members / Children & Young People / poss. Re-Ordering group.

Traveling Knitvity: Each year we pass a knitted nativity set around families of the parish and a flock of sheep travel with it - families are invited to choose one to keep. We have a few stray sheep from last year but do need more to make up the flock. If you are able to knit some please take the pattern from the back of church and bring them (with their tails behind them!) to the office by **NEXT SUNDAY**. Thank you. There is a sheet at the back of church to sign up if your family would like to host the Knitvity during Advent. Please sign up today.

Kindness: Do you remember Stephen Sands ? Sadly he is severely paralysed but still likes to sing . He has very few visitors as his family do not live close by . Would you like to send him a Christmas Card this year ? He has a very good memory for names and it would mean so much to him . If you are happy to do this , please contact Enid or Dick and Jan who will gladly either deliver a card for you or give you Stephen's address . This simple act of kindness is a lovely way of living faith.

INFORMATION

Re-Ordering update: following the Objections and Replies sent to the Chancellor with regard to our faculty application, the Chancellor has directed that the proceedings be heard in consistory court in church on a date after 1st January 2017. We have no further information at this time but will update as soon as we have a date and know more. Please do keep the ministry of the church in your prayers.

Rotas: Thank you to everyone who coordinates rotas for us. From January can we please set all rotas quarterly so that they run concurrently and for ease of admin. Thank you.

Inspire: The next issue of our church magazine will be out in early December and it would be fantastic to see a wide range of contributions from the congregation - thank you to those who've already given me something. Please email your articles, ideas and/or photos to inspire@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk by 9pm on Wednesday 30th November. If email isn't possible, I can also accept paper submissions before the deadline. Thanks very much, Louisa Ellins, Editor.

Church Cleaning: The cleaning team for the church is very low on numbers. We would welcome offers to help with dusting. Janet Trinkwon and Sally Somerville.

Church Care Time: Many thanks to everyone who helped yesterday.

PCC Meeting

The PCC met on Tuesday 15th November 2016 and discussed the following matters: The Reverend Sally Lynch thanked everyone for all their help and support during our 150th Birthday events

A report was received from Sue Hinchliffe regarding the 'Baptism Matters' presentation that she and Phyll Sopp attended.

As of next Tuesday all ten Focus planning Groups for our Mission Action Plan will have met twice and reported back. We will continue to meet – and act – in the new year.

The Treasurer produced his final General Fund forecast for the year; this forecast an end of year deficit of £3339 rather than £4794 as forecast in September. This is due mainly to a one-off Parish Share rebate from the Deanery of £1145. The stall at the Combined Charities Fair raised £340.00 for the General Fund. Our 150th Birthday events generated a surplus of £373.13.

The church boiler has been serviced and a safety cut-out switch that was recommended in the last Quinquennial Inspection was fitted. Total cost £3405, charged to the Fabric Fund. One of the three circulating pumps is broken (for chapel, choir and tower double doors radiator) replacement cost £2232 including VAT. The PCC agreed that this pump should be replaced.

Fabric Fund – Including the new pump we will have spent about £8000 on the fabric of the church in 2016, against investment income of about £3,50.

The PCC agreed the new staff payments, parish fees and lettings charges for 2017. There was nothing further to add to Re-Ordering other than what has already been published.

The date of the next Annual Parochial Church meeting will be Sunday 26th February 2017

A report was received from Dorothy Strack-Hankey our Safeguarding Officer.

The meeting also looked at and discussed a number of other matters relating to the theft of lead from churches, Stewardship Renewal, A charitable donation to the church, Littlewick Green Show, Christmas events and services.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Ride & Stride: The £215 raised this year was the highest it's been for several years, so a special thanks to cyclists and sponsors. Half goes to the Berkshire Churches Trust, who give grants for repairs and maintenance, and half comes back to our church.

Children's Society: Kristina Smith has taken over as box co-ordinator, and needs your box in order that the money collected can be counted and paid in. Cheques - made payable to 'The Children's Society' - are also very welcome.

Stitch up for Kori: Please note we have moved this back to Monday 21st November 2-4pm in the Parish Centre. Gill Curry 01628 625196

Christmas Tree Festival: it's that time again... the CTF takes place from Friday 9th – Sunday 11th December. As usual we need lots of help to make it happen effectively. Please prayerfully consider what you can do... it would be great if every single church member played some part. We need...

Need	Contact	Detail
Raffle	Michelle and Tony Lane	- Good quality prizes by 4 th Dec. - Contributions to the usual Hamper
Publicity	Parish office	- Take posters for self or contacts to display - Deliver flyers - Facebook etc. to tell others - carol singing at the station Wed 7 th
Sponsor a tree	Sally Lynch / office	£25 per tree Anyone or group etc. can do it
Catering	Phyl Sopp	- Cakes, etc. to sell - sandwiches - help serving
Staffing	Sally Lynch	-Stalls over the w/e - the door - general support - around on set up and clear up days

Please contact the above or sign up on the sheets now available. Thank you.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Bach to Baby: Following a packed house in October we are delighted to let you know that Bach to Baby - the critically acclaimed classical concerts for babies and young children - is back. The next concert will be held on Tuesdays at 11am on 22nd Nov. There will also be a special Christmas concert on Tuesday 20th December at 3pm.

Church Office Vacancy: As a result of Nicola starting a new job we have a vacancy in the church office for 5 hours a week covering Thursday and Friday mornings. There is an urgent need to fill this post! If you or anyone you know is interested, please speak to Sally .



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 150 years of St Luke's
- The ministry and mission of this church
- 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
- Our Mission Action Plan priorities and Task groups exploring them
- Our giving of our time, talents and money to God
- Our town and parish and RBWM's borough planning for new homes
- Dina, Rebecca, Rhidian, Monique and Hilary, who were confirmed recently
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Lexi Smith, Lily Morgan, Tori Patton, Harvey Patton, Arthur Ribton, Max Ostrowski-Carpenter
- Those who live and/or work in Ray Park 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, Vivienne Holland
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Ruth Doreen Roberts, Eileen Rance, Thomas Yates, George Newman, John Martin, Margaret Bowderly





**Next Sunday, 27th November
Advent Sunday**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

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6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Advent Ring Service, here

Next week's readings at 10am:

Isaiah 2.1-5

Matthew 24. 36-44

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Peter Goford

Reader: OT: Nicola Buckland

Intercessor: Eileen Goford

Coffee: Ann and Richard Burdett

Welcomers: **8.00 am:** Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Don Luff, Jilly Bevitt

Ben Darracott, Anne Darracott

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 21st	7.30 pm	WAMCF Ladies meeting, here
Tuesday 22nd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	11.00 am	Bach to Baby
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	7.15 pm	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	Vision Meeting (Task groups)
Wednesday 23rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Funeral of George Newman
Thursday 24th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 25th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 26th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
		Advent Pilgrimage

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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