



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 22nd January 2017
Third Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion and Baptism of Grace Mondal

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Unity Service, here

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 Third Sunday of Epiphany are:

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Isaiah 9.1-4

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

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4.12-23

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and
miracles
the wonder of your saving
presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and
sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped,
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by :

*Joan Lynch and Steve.
In memory of a beloved husband and father*



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.

Taize: Our next Taize service is at 6pm on Sunday 5th February. If you can speak a language other than English and would be willing to read a sentence of prayer please contact Revd. Sally asap. Thank you.

INFORMATION

The funeral of David Sawyers will take place in church at 11.15 am on Tuesday 24th January followed by a family cremation. Everyone is warmly invited to Fredericks after the funeral to share memories of Dave

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: Saturday7 morning, 18th March—Spring clean and Saturday morning 13th May—Care time. Please help out if you can.

Outward Giving: The 'Outward Giving Group' will be meeting towards the end of the month to consider possible worthy causes for our Charitable Giving in 2017. The list will then be passed to the PCC for discussion and approval. If you have any charities/organisations which you feel would benefit

from some financial assistance, or indeed, if you would like to get involved in the meeting itself, please speak to myself or Rev'd Sally Lynch. In advance thank you for your thoughts, actions and prayers. Roger Clarke (Tel: 01628 632626).

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.

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.

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.

Thursday lunches: Our monthly lunch will take place on Thursday, 26th January at the Stafferton Lodge carvery. If you would like a lift, we will be leaving Church at 11.45. Contact Jean (626671) or Phyllis (778656) for more information.

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: 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.

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:

Maidenhead Mosque open afternoon: Sunday 5th February, 2-4pm. All are invited to drop in to the mosque during that time to get to know our brothers and sisters there a little better.

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 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, 29th January
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Communion
(Revd Sally Lynch)

10.00 am Parish Communion
President: Father Jeremy Harris
Preacher: Father Jeremy Harris

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Unity Service, here

Next week's readings at 10am:

I Kings 17. 8-16 I Corinthians 1. 18-end (John 2. 1-11)

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Peter Goford

Readers: OT: Sally Somerville NT: Roger Clarke

Intercessor: Roger Clarke

Elements: Phyl and David Sopp

Coffee: Dorothy Strack-Hankey, Jan and Ian Gilchrist

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Richard Hannam

10.00 am: Dorothy Strack-Harris, Ben Darracott, John Cox
Jilly Bevitt, Emma Shenton

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 23rd	7.30 pm	WAMCF Women's Group
Tuesday 24th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Office 9.30-11	11.15 am	Funeral of David Sawyers
	7.15 pm	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	Vision Groups
Wednesday 25th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Office 9.30-11	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 26th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Office closed	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 27th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Office closed	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 28th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer

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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