



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 23rd December 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
(and also covering 30th December 2018)

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP- HAPPY CHRISTMAS

8.00am Holy Communion (followed by coffee and mince pies)

10.00am Parish Communion

President: Revd. Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Carol Service

30th December, 10am Holy Communion

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

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 4

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Luke 1.39-45

Collect and Post Communion for Advent 4

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised
saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace
your holy will
and with her rejoice in your
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Readings for Christmas I

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2.41-52

Collect and Post Communion for Christmas I

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at
Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one
family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home
in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own
image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our
humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:
The Ministry Team**

A very happy and blessed Christmas to you all



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

This morning's hymns at 10am:

P:	505	Lord Jesus Christ
G:	242	The Angel Gabriel
O:	63	O little town of Bethlehem
R:	362	Tell out my soul!

Hymns for 10am on Sunday 30th December,

P:	64	Of the father's love begotten
G:	60	Lully lulla
O:	44	Angels from the realms of glory
HC:	59	Love came down at Christmas
R:	54	I cannot tell

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

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.

Revd Sally will be on a study course in Jerusalem for the first part of January. At that time Revd Nicola (07966395104) or the parish office is your first port of call.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Boxing Day Ramble: All our welcome to join our Boxing Day walk, the ideal solution to an over-indulgent Christmas Day. Meet at 10.30 am in the 'pay & display' car park opposite Boulter's Lock, note this is free if you have an

'Advantage Card'. The walk is nominally 4 miles in length, over flat terrain, with little or no mud, and explores some of our local highways and by-ways with perhaps, one or two surprises en-route. Afterwards all are equally welcome to 5, Wentworth Crescent to partake of a simple lunch with Sonya and I. If you need further details please call me. Roger Clarke (Tel: 01628 632626).

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!

Christmas Lights: Thank you to everyone who came to our Open House at the weekend. We collected over £300.00 for Alzheimer's Dementia Support which we know will be much appreciated. Ann & Richard Burdett

Windsor Pantomime: A reminder to those who have bought tickets for the pantomime in Windsor that it is at 7:00pm on Friday 4th January. Please meet in the foyer no later than 6:30pm to collect your tickets from Ann Burdett. If you need transport please let Ann know (631486) as soon as possible and if you are driving and have spare places in your car please also let her know since we are short of drivers this year.

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

Advent and Christmas at St. Luke's Church

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
- For our political leaders especially throughout the Brexit debate, and for our nation.
- For peace in the world this Christmastide
- 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)
- Herbie, 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 Savoy Court
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them:
John Lovegrove, 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

This week and next week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities
Parish office closed 19th December to 7th January.

Monday 24th Dec	8.30am Morning Prayer
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.00pm Crib Service
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	11.30pm Midnight Mass
Tuesday 25th Dec	10.00am Family Christmas service
<i>Christmas Day</i>	10.30am Parish Communion
Wednesday 26th Dec	
Thursday 27th Dec	No services
Friday 28th Dec	No services
Saturday 29th Dec	No services

Sunday, 30th December 2018 Christmas I

No 8.00am

10.00am Holy Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

Col 3.12-17

Luke 2.41-52

Next week's rota under Duty Warden: John Salter

Readers: NT: Michelle Lane

Acolytes: Roger Clarke & Ben Darracott **Intercessor:** Roger Clarke

Elements: Ann Cooke & Barbara Essam **Chalice:** Michelle Lane & Jean T-D

Server at 8am: Rebecca Bryant **Crucifer at 10am:** Matthew Burdett

Coffee: Matthew and Clare Burdett

Welcome Team: 8am: Richard Hannam

10am: Peter and Eileen Goford, Don Luff, Ben Darracott, Mike and Lisa

Monday 31st– Tuesday 1st Jan No services

Wednesday 2nd Jan 8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd Jan 3.00pm Prayer meeting
8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 4th Jan 8.30am Morning Prayer

3.30pm Messy Church

Saturday 5th Jan No services



Sunday, 6th January 2019 Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Holy Communion

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Isaiah 60.1-6 Matthew 1.1-12

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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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