



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 24th December Advent 4
and 31st December Christmas I**

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP - HAPPY CHRISTMAS

8.00 am Holy Communion, followed by coffee and mince pies

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Nicola Hulks

4.00pm Crib Service (younger families)

5.00pm Crib Service (older families)

11.30pm Midnight Mass

31st December, 10am Parish Communion with Baptism of Carys Cox

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 - 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 Hincliffe in the first instance (01628 784724).

The Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.6-8, 19-28

Collect for the fourth Sunday of Advent

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,

Post Communion for the fourth Sunday of Advent

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 Gospel reading for Christmas I

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 7. 2. 1-14

Collect for Christmas I

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in
your own image
and yet more wonderfully re-
stored 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.

Post Communion for Christmas I

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.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

The Townsend Family

*"In memory of our dear Dad and Mum, Fred
and Joan Townsend."*



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Epiphany Carol Service, 7th January 6pm. A beautiful way to end the Christmas season, do come along.

Messy church

Messy Church is going on an adventure as this year we explore the theme of Journeys! We now meet regularly on the first Friday of the month from 3.30-5.30 pm in church for craft, food, fun, games and storytelling for children of all ages. Please spread the word to friends and family and do come along yourself. Flyers are available at the back of church! Next month.... Friday 5th January 3.30pm-5.30pm, Messy Epiphany—Desert Adventures!

Beatitudes: The Beatitudes group will run in January on Tuesday afternoons 9th, 16th and 23rd and Wednesday mornings at 11am on 10th, 17th and 24th. There will be no evening group. Please sign up at the back of church.

Two dates for your diary: Bishop Andrew is going to be spending all day with us on Sunday 11th February. He will preside and preach and then join us for a church family lunch and time to explore and celebrate our mission. Please do make it a priority to be with us that day. On Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm he will return to dedicate our re-ordering church building.

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.

WAMCF Dialogues: The next set of interfaith dialogues will begin on 16th January at SGI-UK Taplow Court at 7pm with the question *What do you want most in life?* The dialogues continue fortnightly at different places of worship until 27th March. For more information visit www.wamcf.org or see poster at back of church. There will be NO 7.15pm service here on those evenings:
16th January, SGI-UK Taplow Court "What do you want most in life?"
30th January, Maidenhead Gurdwara "What makes a good friend?"
13th February, Dedworth Green Baptist Church "What is true strength?"
27th February, Maidenhead Synagogue "What are you most grateful for?"

Tuesday 13th March, Maidenhead Mosque 'If you could choose just one thing to change about the world, what would it be?'

Tuesday 27th March, Windsor Humanists 'What does it mean to be human?'

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Thank you: A big thank you to everyone who helped and came along to the Christmas Tree Festival. We raised £1253 for PLANETS and the winner of the best dressed tree was Stitch and Bitch, many congratulations!

Co-op Local Community Fund: Co-op members can pick St Luke's as their chosen community charity. 1% of everything you spend on Co-op products and services then comes to St. Luke's. They can do this by logging into their membership account on the Co-op website or calling the membership contact centre. This applies to co-op supermarkets, but also co-op funeral homes, banks, electric, insurance, legal services. The nearest Co-op stores are Shifford Crescent and Cox Green. Please do sign up for membership.

Lions Club Swimathon: Saturday morning January 6th 2017:

St. Luke's church has entered 3 teams: children's, ladies' and men's. We swim "relay style" for 55mins and the emphasis is on fun (not speed). We are looking for anyone who would like to join in this fun event as a swimmer, sponsor or supporter. We need to be at The Magnet by 10.30am for 10.55 swim off; afterwards we will head off for lunch. Our teams will be raising money for the Lions Club charities and another charity (TBC). If you would like to participate or sponsor, let Ann Burdett know (631486) and collect your sponsor form

Boxing Day Ramble: ALL WELCOME. Meet at 10.30 am in car park behind Wooburn Parish Church (MR: SU 911878) the church is approximately 0.5 miles from the mini roundabout at Cores End on the way to Wooburn Green. All are welcome for a walk including some uphill sections of 4/4.5 miles and then afterwards for a light lunch at 5, Wentworth Crescent. Please let Roger know if you are intending to join the lunch. More information from Roger Clarke (Tel: 632626)

WAMCF Ladies: will now be meeting monthly. The next two meetings are: Monday 29th January from 7.30—9.00 pm at Maidenhead Gurdwara on Rutland Road: what do Sikhs believe? Wednesday 21st February, from 1.30—3.00 pm, here at St. Luke's: Gill Curry will speak about her visit to Kori in Sierra Leone.

Inspire: with thanks to guest editor, Revd. Nicola, there is a Winter supplement to Inspire with special tree festival photos. Available at the back of church for £2 per copy.

Theatre Trips: Ann has organised some new year trips to Wycombe Swan with a discount (providing 12 people book.) Russian State Ballet Romeo and Juliet for the matinee (2.30pm) on Sunday 21st January “Shakespeare’s timeless tragedy is brought to life by Prokofiev’s soaring score, colourful costumes, a fantastic setting and amazing ballet” Group rate price = £25 pp

Flashdance -at Wycombe Swan for the matinee (2.30pm) on Saturday 28th January Flashdance is an inspiring musical about the power of holding onto your dreams and love against all the odds. It is “an astonishing musical spectacle with phenomenal choreography to an iconic score”

Group rate = £32.50 pp For more details see Ann Burdett (631486)

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, giving thanks for the completed re-ordering work.
- Peace in the world this Christmastide
- The clergy group visiting Ethiopia
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in December: Barnaby Craig, Summer Prater, Luke Hulks
- For Matthew and Clare who were married here recently
- All those who live and work in Raymill Road West
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Ben Francis, Stephen Sands, Tim Williams, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, Rose Dolan
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Charles Hummer, Colin Bowerman, Peggy Harris
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in December: David Sawyers, Robert Gardener, Eileen Pond, Max Neale, Joan Joyce, Stuart Courtier, Gerard Beattie, Eileen Hurst, Margaret Swanborough, John Norris, Denis Rayfield, Ruth Keys, Mary Church, Thomas Speakman, John Sheppard

Finance team

Lord, we give you thanks and praise that you shower us with abundant blessings. We know that all things come from you and that all we give of ourselves is yours in the first place. Each one of us has a part to play as a member of your body, the Church. We thank you for our treasurer and for our stewardship team. With their careful administration of the church’s finance, along with gentle encouragement to explore and use the gifts we all have to offer, the Holy Spirit can move and work in this place among your people to your glory.

Amen



Pleased note there will be no pew sheet next week

Next Sunday, 31st December, Christmas I

NO 8.00 am service

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion with Baptism

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

Next week's readings at 10am:

Isaiah 61, 10-62.3

Luke 2. 15-21

Reader OT: Joan Harnby

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Ruth Sheppard

Intercessor: Shula Tajima **Acolytes:** Nicola Buckland, Roger Clarke

Chalice: Sue Harbour, Michael Masango

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

Elements: Sue Harbour, Fran Hornby **Coffee:** Ian and Jan Gilchrist

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Richard Hannam

10.00 am: John and Rita Salter, Rebecca Bryant,
Ben Darracott

Sunday, 7th January 2018, the Feast of the Epiphany



8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Terrie Robinson

Preacher: Revd Nicola Hulks

6.00pm Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday 7th January readings at 10am

Isaiah 60, 1-6

Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 7th January rotas under Duty Warden: Dave Sopp

Reader: Michelle Lane

Intercessor: Stars and Sparks

Chalice: Don Luff, Tony Lane

Acolytes: Hillary and Monique Masango

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

Elements: Sue and Ralph Hinchliffe

Coffee: Fran Hornby, Eileen Goford

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Ann Hockham

10.00 am: John and Rita Salter, Rebecca Bryant, Chris,
Kristina, Isla and Scarlett



Monday 25th Dec	10.00 am	Family Service
<i>Office closed</i>	10.00am	Parish Communion
Tuesday 26th Dec	No services	
<i>Office closed</i>		
Wednesday 27th Dec	NO	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	10.00am	Holy Communion and healing
Thursday 28th—Saturday 30th— Office closed, no services		
Tuesday 2nd Jan	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	7.15pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 3rd Jan	NO morning prayer	
<i>Office 9.30am-11am</i>		
Thursday 4th Jan	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 5th Jan		
<i>Office closed</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 6th Jan	9.00am	Morning Prayer

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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