



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 26th November 2017
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

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

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 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 Sunday

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1. 15-end

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome

me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Matthew 25. 31-46

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.

STOP PRESS! Christmas Tree Festival

We really need items for the raffle hamper, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

We also still need quality raffle prizes and people to make produce and crafts for our stall.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Mr T Autos



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 knitvity** 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.

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.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

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!

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.

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 any to save postage. Thank you.

Thursday Lunches: We will be going to The Carvery, Stafferton Way on Thursday 30th November leaving Church at 11.50am all welcome. Contact Phyllis on 778656 with any queries.

St Lukes School OFSTED: Many congratulations to all members of our school community on achieving outstanding in the recent Ofsted inspection.

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 goes into your membership account. 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 store is Shifford Crescent and Cox Green. Please do sign up for membership.

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, giving thanks for the completed re-ordering work.
- Peace in the world
- For the success of our Christmas Tree Festival in drawing people into church
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in November: Lily Morgan, Tori Patton, Harvey Patton, Arthur Ribton, Max Ostrowski-Carpenter, Edward Freear, Arthur Freear
- For Matthew and Clare as they prepare for their marriage
- All those who live and work in West Dean
- 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: Leslie Harris, Elizabeth Pearce
- 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



Parish Office

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for Ruth (and for all the office team) working in the parish office. The smooth running of this church relies on Ruth's calm and efficient manner. Whether dealing with a baptism or wedding enquiry, or speaking with someone newly bereaved, or taking a booking for the church hall, this is a pastoral role and is valued by us all. May Ruth continue to keep us all in calm order, patiently answering our queries and sorting out the day-to-day tasks she undertakes on our behalf and to the glory of God. **Amen**



Next Sunday, 3rd December

Advent Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

3.00pm Seeking Solace

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Advent Ring Service, here

Next week's readings at 10am:

Isaiah 64. 1-9 Mark 13. 24-end

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Dave Sopp

Reader: OT: James Ellins

Intercessors: Stars and Sparks

Chalice: Don Luff James Ellins

Acolytes: Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake Dave Sopp

Server at 8am: Sue Harbour **Crucifer at 10am:** Gerry Knight

Elements: Stars and Sparks

Coffee: Gill Curry and James Ellins

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Ann Hockham

10.00 am: John and Rita Salter, Rebecca Bryant

Monday 27th Nov

Office open

9.30—11.00 am

Tuesday 28th Nov

8.30 pm

Morning Prayer

Office open

4.00pm

Re-ordering funding group

9.30-11.00 am

5.30pm

Community meal

7.15pm

Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th Nov

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Office open

10.00am

Holy Communion

9.30—11.00 am

Thursday 30th

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Office closed

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Friday 1st December

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

Office closed

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Saturday 2nd December

9.00 am

Morning Prayer

12.30pm

Wedding of Matthew Burdett and
Clare Kelly

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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