



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 28th January 2018

Feast of Candlemas

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

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 Hinchliffe in the first instance (01628 784724).

The Readings for the Feast of Candlemas

A Reading from the Book of Malachi

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3.1-5

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of
Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these
gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when
he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.
Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him

Luke 2.22-40

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

Messy Church: Messy Church returns this Friday 2nd February at 3.30pm—5.30pm. This month we will be going on a Desert Adventure learning all about the story of Abraham. Each Messy Church begins with a time of crafts and play followed by a child friendly service and two course family dinner. £1.50 per child.

Two dates for your diary: Bishop Andrew is going to be spending all day (10am-3pm) 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.** We will have activities for children so that everyone can be included. 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 interfaith 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:**

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?'

Brass Cleaning: We are rather short on volunteers to clean the brass, if you are interested in helping in this way please speak to Jilly Bevitt.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Ladies Breakfast: the next Ladies breakfast will be on Saturday 10th February when Revd. Sally and Revd. Joan will speak about their pilgrimage to Ethiopia. Tickets £5 now on sale and doors open at 8.45 am. Ends by 10.30 am.

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.

Stitch up for Kori: come along with your latest creation to a sociable afternoon. THURSDAY 1st February from 2-4pm in the Community Hall , across the road from St. Luke's church. Tea, coffee and cake provided. The people of Kori really appreciate our work . With Thanks, Gill Curry.

Parish Holiday 2018: Saturday 5th May - Monday 7th May, a weekend trip to Chester, Llandudno, and Snowdonia. A brochure is available from Richard Burdett or from the back of church, to whom completed forms should be returned asap.

Community meal: Starts again on the last Tuesday of every month (30th January) from 5.30pm– 6.30pm in the Fellowship area of church, everyone is welcome.

Seated Stretch and Breathe: NEW - Weekly Friday Morning Stretch and Breathe in the beautiful surroundings of the Church from **10.15 am to 12 noon - 45 minute weekly sessions followed by refreshments - optional**) Introducing a series of classical stretches designed to restore and maintain a healthy range of joint movement so we can carry out our daily interests and activities to ensure our continued quality of life. The stretches, all based on our natural body movements, may be practised seated, standing or supine, depending on choice, ability and balance. We will also practise breathing techniques to help relax our nervous systems so that the necessary effort we bring to our movements is not accompanied by unnecessary muscular tension. The classes are suitable for more senior members of our community, beginners, those recovering from illness or injury, and also for those where stretching and breathing exercises may help in the management of specific conditions. I look forward to hearing from you should you wish to join me and am happy to talk to you and provide any further information you might find useful.

The cost is £35 for 5 sessions (taken over a seven-week period to allow for life) or £9 per single session.

The Church is kindly providing our refreshments so there will be an opportunity to make donations to the church to cover costs.

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Fundraiser: Jane has had the chop!: Jane Buckland had her hair cut on the 27th January and is donating it to Little Princess Trust who make wigs for

children who have lost their hair as a result of illness or cancer treatment. She is hoping to raise the £500 it costs to make one wig. You can either visit her JustGiving page - www.justgiving.com/Jane-Buckland?utm_id=27 or give cash to Nicola and the money will be forwarded to the charity. Thank you - Jane

A year of Mission: the PCC has agreed that we will work with All Saints and Cox Green to have a year focussing on mission our parishes. Bishop Andrew has some (generous) funding to enable us to put on some specific activities and events and to reflect on how we might share our faith with those around us—and then do it more effectively.

We will be commissioned for this year by Bishop Andrew when he is with us on 11th February. The day will end with a short service at 3.30 pm, to which I hope most people can stay, and at which we will be joined by Joan and Jeremy and friends from their churches.

The first main activity will be from 18th—28th March, when Riding Lights Theatre Company will be resident with us and lead a variety of activities in the churches and in our schools and other places. We will share Palm Sunday morning worship that day at the Desborough Suite (The People's Passion). If anyone thinks they might be able to offer accommodation to one of the team of five please do have a word with Nicola in the first instance and when Joan and Sally are back from Ethiopia (did I mention I was going....!) we will finalise details. Other events will be a day in the early summer on living as a Christian 24/7, a day on the Psalms at the start of Advent, and a day on prayer at the start of Lent 2019. We believe we have engaged some well known speakers for these days. More to follow.

Christingle Carol

The Christingle begins with an orange
which is round like the world God made.
For He showed us His love in creation;
In the world we see His power displayed.

*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.*

Every year we give thanks for the seasons
and the fruits of the earth God gives.
The Christingle is here to remind us
of the love of God for all that lives.



Then to show us His love, God sent Jesus.
We remember his birth again,
but the red ribbon round the Christingle
shows that our sin cost Him blood and pain.

To complete the Christingle, a candle,
shining out with a bright new flame.
Telling us of the true light of Jesus,
shining on in those who love His name.



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, and our year of mission.
- Peace in the world in 2018
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in January: Otilie Beresford Jones, Grace Mondal
- All those who live and work in Leighton Gardens
- 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: Peggy Harris, Florence Hampton, Eileen Gulrajani, Derek Jones
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in January: Ann Hancock, Roger March, Clifford Collier, Alice Wellman, Peter Brown, John Dickson, Anne Seagrove, Jacqueline Hayward, Ida Walters, Dorothy Scott, Penelope Hutchings, Robert Newman, Beryl Jenkins, Joan Parker, Robert Howe, Frank Joyce, Marjorie Hopkins, Evelyn Rose, Roy Horsham, Andrew Drummond, Vivan Oliver, Charles Woodman, Julie Brazenor, Dawn Crampin, Bill Butler



Sunday, 4th February 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am All Age Holy Communion
President: Revd Nicola Hulks
Preacher: Revd Nicola Hulks

3.00pm Seeking Solace
6.00pm Sundays at Six: Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing at All Saints

Next weeks readings at 10am

Colossians 1.15-20 John 1.1-14

Next week's rota under Duty Warden: Don Luff

Reader NT: Michaela Murwisi

Intercessor: Stars and Sparks

Chalice: Johanna Raffan +

Acolytes: Monique Masango, Hillary Masango

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

Elements: Don Luff, Dorothy Strack-Hankey

Coffee: Sue Harbour, Gill Curry

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 29th Jan 7.00pm WAMCF Ladies Group

Office 9.30am-11am

Tuesday 30th Jan 8.30am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30am-11am

7.30pm Holy Communion

8.00pm PCC

7.00pm WAMCF dialogues at Gurdwara

Wednesday 31st Jan 8.30am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30am-11am

10.00am Holy Communion and Healing

Thursday 1st Feb 8.30am Morning Prayer

Office closed

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 2nd Feb 8.30am Morning Prayer

Office closed

10.15 am Seated stretch and breathe

3.30pm Messy Church

Saturday 3rd Feb 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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