



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 29th January 2017
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

(President: Revd Sally Lynch)

10.00 am Parish Communion and Baptism

President: Father Jeremy Harris

Preacher: Father Jeremy Harris

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: A service of Wholeness and Healing,
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 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 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany are:

A Reading from the Book of Kings

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

1 Kings 17. 8-16

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

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. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ

Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

A Reading from the Gospel of John

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2.1-11

Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of
darkness:
we pray that the light of the
glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of
ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your
people,
and reveal the knowledge of your
glory
in the face of 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

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have
proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your
wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Organ voluntary:

*Johann Ernst (1696-1715),
Concerto in G major,
first movement
(arr J S Bach, BWV592)*

The floodlighting has not been sponsored this week :

To sponsor the flood lighting please complete the form at the back of church or email the office, it costs £10 per week



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 next date is Saturday 4th February,

...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.

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer: This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines. The theme is 'Am I Being Unfair to You'. It deals with the exploitation and discrimination against the women in the home, church and society. It is at the United Reformed Church in West Street on Friday 3rd March at 2pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome including men! Ruth Sheppard and Gill Curry

Berkshire Exploring Vocations Group: Open to all exploring God's call on their lives and seeking to understand how to respond. These sessions will offer the opportunity to meet others on the same journey, to reflect on aspects of ordained ministry in the Church of England and to explore a topic in group discussion. Each Session is standalone.

This first one is Tuesday 14th February, 7.30-9.30 pm (starting at 7.45 pm).

Knowing Me, Knowing You, Knowing Me

Criteria D: Personality and Character. Guest speaker: Revd Helen Charlton

At: St Paul's Parish Rooms, Reading Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 1EH

Future dates: 4th April, 7.30-9.30 pm and 13th June, 7.30-9.30 pm

See Weblink for booking and more information via Eventbrite

https://knowing_me.eventbrite.co.uk

Today's organ voluntary: The composer of today's voluntary was the Prince Johann Ernst of Saxe-Weimar, son of the Duke of Saxe-Weimar. While a student at the University of Utrecht (1711-13), he obtained printed copies of Italian concertos then being published and also circulating in manuscript.

As an aspiring composer, he tried to emulate the style of these in several violin concertos of his own composition. What we hear today is an arrangement of one of these concertos. The arrangement was made by one of his father's servants who happened to play the organ, Johann Sebastian Bach. In addition, it is likely that Ernst possessed a copy of Vivaldi's Opus 3 concertos. We know the servant to have studied and arranged these for other instruments, and they proved to be of considerable importance in the development of that servant's compositional style. Ernst died at the age of 18, already highly praised as a talented violinist.

INFORMATION

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

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.

WIDER COMMUNITY

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.

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, Today: 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.

Theatre trips: We have secured reduced price tickets for the following shows at Wycombe swan.

The Nutcracker performed by the Russian State Ballet Sunday matinee on 19th February at 2.30pm. Price £27

Half term theatre trip - Cirqque beserk Wednesday 3pm matinee on 15th February (open to all)

I have made a provisional booking for the matinee performance of Cirqque Beserk at Wycombe Swan on Wednesday 15th February . The show is billed as "A combination of contemporary cirque-style artistry with adrenaline-fuelled stunt action, performed by an astoundingly talented international troupe of over thirty jugglers, acrobats, aerialists, dancers, drummers, daredevil stuntmen and award-winning clown, Tweedy. The show also features the world's most hair raising circus act - the legendary motorcycle 'Globe of Death'.

The individual ticket price for where we are sitting would be £26, BUT providing 12 people come it will cost £13.50

If you would like to go as part of a group from St. Lukes please let me know and give me a cheque payable to St. Lukes PCC asap.

Many thanks 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
- 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 live and work in Boulters Island
- 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
- Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time



Next Sunday, 5th February Candlemas

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

3.00 pm Seeking Solace

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Taize, here

Next week's readings at 10am:

Hebrews 2. 14-end Luke 2. 22-40

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Dave Sopp

Readers: 1st: Gill Bevitt

Intercessor: C&YP

Elements: Shula Tajima and Nicola Buckland

Coffee: Ann Darracott and Val Herbert

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Ann Hockham

10.00 am: Phyl Sopp, Emma Cameron, Shula Tajima
John Salter and Rita Salter

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 30th

Tuesday 31st

Office 9.30-11

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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5.30 pm Community Meal

7.00 pm Interfaith Dialogue at Gurdwara

NO Holy Communion

Wednesday 1st Feb

Office 9.30-11

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

3.00 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday 2nd

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

8.00pm PCC (Chapel)

Friday 3rd

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 4th

9.00 am Morning Prayer

3.30pm Messy Church

5.00pm Christing Service

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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