



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week Commencing: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**Baptism of Christ**

This Sunday we have an 8.00 am service of Holy Communion and then 10.00am Parish Communion during which we welcome Alice to baptism. All welcome.

## **The Collect**

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again  
by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your  
adopted children;  
through 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**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed  
yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **First Reading**

34Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*Acts 10. 34-43*

## **Gospel Reading**

13Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' 15But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. 16And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the

heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

*Matthew 3. 13-17*

P: 99	Hail to the Lord's appointed
G: 109	When Jesus came to be baptised
O: 337	Source and fount of all creation
HC: 569 (i)	The Kingdom of God
R: 227	Crown him with many crowns

***Prayer suggestions for this week:***

- For a healthy and peaceful new year
- For our PCC and church officers, and for those covering the vacancy.
- For the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, nominated as the next Archbishop of Canterbury
- For the strengthening of our efforts to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
- For a just and sustainable peace in Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, and Sudan
- For our local schools and teachers and all children and young people in education.
- For all those who live and work in Sheephause Road and Simpson Close
- For Alice to be baptised on Sunday and for her family
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in January: Arthur
- The sick and their carers : Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Ralph Hinchliffe, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam, John Cotterill, Barbara Romaker
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in January : Leonard Lynch, Trevor Tilbury, Tony Boakes, Dorothy Nicks, Florence Woodruff, Bill Bowyer, Pauline Norris, Jean Meadows.
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*A prayer for the start of the year: Lord God, as you led the magi by the star and showed the world your light, please help us to allow your light to shine in our hearts and to set them on fire with love for you. Amen*

**Rotas for next week**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January : Epiphany 2**

Reader: Edgar      Intercede: Jacqueline      Chalice: Jean      Sound: Simon  
Welcomers: Kim, Shula, Isobel      Coffee: Gill and Margaret      Children: Sam

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

The church floodlighting this week has been sponsored by Genevieve Usher  
*'For Caroline, a kind, generous and faithful friend'*

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)



It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.

### **What's on.... This week:**

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddlers No Keeping Company this month
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion

**Sundays at Six:** All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Night Prayer with reflection, via zoom. Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	International Taizé Prayer at St Luke's
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Iona Evening Worship, via zoom. Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Eucharist for St David's Day at All Saints
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Stations of the Cross at All Saints
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Taizé Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Songs of Praise at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Choral Evensong at St Luke's

### **Christmas Tree Festival – Thank you and final totals**

A huge thank you again to everyone who volunteered, sponsored, decorated the church and helped out in so many ways at the Christmas Tree Festival.

In total, we've raised a fabulous £11,110. This is £5490 for our church and £5620 for our chosen charity (Alzheimer Dementia Support)

I'm pleased to confirm that the votes have been counted and verified, and our winning tree is: '**Café by the Lake**' by **Thames Hospice**. A big well done to Genevieve and the team.

A big round of applause (for a garland of rainbow-coloured hands) also to the Pines Veterinary Clinic who came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Our Regular activities:**

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

**Midweek Holy Communion** is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee

**Baby and Toddler group** meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am **term time only**. We meet in church.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. **Next one 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) to book a place.

**Keeping Company** is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

**Thursday Lunches** meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on [Jeant-d2@outlook.com](mailto:Jeant-d2@outlook.com) for further details.

**Gaynor's Gift** is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly.

**Please note that for Zoom services the links below are being used:**

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400                    Passcode: 526076

**Zoom Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday (no Saturday during the vacancy)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmlldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925                    Passcode: 180609