



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 12th December 2021 Advent 3, Parish Communion

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way throughout the Christmas Tree Festival. It was a fabulous weekend with hundreds of people passing through the church building, marvelling at the beautiful trees, experiencing the hope of Christmas and having the opportunity to meet with God.

The trees are now gone as we prepare to fill the church with as many people as we can safely do for services in the next couple of weeks.

This Sunday we have an 8.00 am service of Holy Communion and Parish Communion at 10 am, followed by a Baptism at midday. The Sundays at Six Taize service, led by Revd. Joan and ChoGS friends, will be on zoom – usual SAS link.

Morning Prayer also continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom, at 8.30 am (9 am on Sat.)

Evening Prayer, on Fridays at 5pm also on zoom. We are now using the Advent order of service – on the app or the CofE website.

Thought for the week: as we face further restrictions to combat the new omicron variant of Covid 19, it would be very easy to sink into despair - memories of last Christmas flooding back. The prophet Zephaniah encouraged the downcast people of Israel as they despaired in exile - God was with them and would bring them through it. The incarnation of Jesus, which we are about to celebrate once again, reminds us too that God IS with US and will lead us through the present troubles to a new future. The china baby which we will place tenderly in the manger at Midnight Mass reminds us that God became human for us and life us. God knows what it is like to live a human life and can empathise in every way. And the God who became human lifts struggling, broken humanity into divinity so that, as we live each day, we can grow more Christ – like, for the sake of God's world.



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 12th December:

Sunday	Psalm 12	1 Corinthians 4.1-5	
Monday	Psalm 40	Isaiah 38.1-8, 21-22	Matthew 16. 13-end
Tuesday	Psalm 70	Isaiah 38. 9-20	Matthew 17. 1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 75	Isaiah 39	Matthew 17.14-21
Thursday	Psalm 76	Zephaniah 1.1-2.3	Matthew 17. 22-end
Friday	Psalm 98	Zeph. 3.1-13	Matthew 18. 1-20
Saturday	Psalm 71	Zeph. 3.14-end	Matthew 18. 21-end

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for a joyful tree festival
- For our keeping of a holy Advent – for space in the middle of the busyness
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For all children, especially those in need, and for the work of the Children’s Society
- For schools coming to the end of term
- For caution as Covid 19 infections remain high.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in December: Luke Hulks, Carys Cox, Herbie Prater, Lily Edmonds,
- For all those who live and work in Prince Andrew Close.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Eunice Moffett, Jim Mundy, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Ann Darracott, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in December: John Norris, Peggy Swansborough, Eileen Pond, David Sawyers, Robert Gardener, John Sheppard, Peter Brown, John Dickson, Anne Seagrove, Roy Horsham, Peggy Harris, Colin Bowerman, Robert Gill, Pamela Barber, Sheila Mayers, Joyce Bryant, Isabella Monk, David Jones, Bernard Bowdery, Patricia Walker, Roy Goff.

Rotas for next week: 19th December, Advent 4, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Nicola Buckland

Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Ann and Ben Darracott

Antibac: TBC

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by MrTAutos

To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email the office, or fill in the sheet at the back of church



What’s on...

This week:

Friday 10 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	NO Evening Prayer
	4.00 pm, Messy Church	8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 11 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer	
	9.30 am, Music Team meeting	
Sunday 12 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion	
	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom	
	6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Taize service, on zoom	
Tuesday 14 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	
	9.30 am, St. Luke’s School, Carol service	
	7.30 pm, Contactor’s social meeting	
	8.30 pm, Ministry Team meeting	
Wednesday 15 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	
	10.00 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am coffee	
Thursday 16 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	
	9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group Christmas party (booked places)	
	3.00 pm, Keeping Company	
Friday 17 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	5.00 pm Evening Prayer
	8.00 pm, Choir practice	

Saturday 18th 9.00 am, Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
6.00 pm, Carol Service, in church and on zoom

Current Christmas service details

(assuming no further government restrictions)

Christmas Eve:	4.00 pm	Candlelit Crib service
	10.00 pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day:	10.00 am	Christmas Communion
Boxing Day (Sunday 26 th)	10.00 am	Parish Communion

Christmas cards: there will be a table at the back of church from this Sunday on which people can leave cards for other church members. Please leave them in alphabetical order in single piles and please do not pick up cards once down unless they are for you or you are kindly delivering them to someone. Please note that any left on the table **will not be delivered** so please don't use this for folk you know will not be in church. You may wish to gel your hands before collecting your cards from the table.

Love Christmas is an initiative to deliver small bags of Christmas goodies to folk in the town. St. Peter's church is heading this up and Jeanette Lock is out church rep. Each bag costs around £10 to make up. We have said that we will take 30 to deliver. If you would like to donate towards this great Christmas project you can do so online / find out more at:

<https://www.stpetersmaidenhead.org.uk/lovechristmas>

Generous Giving. You should by now have had a letter thanking you for your support for the ministry of this church and inviting you to prayerfully consider your financial giving for the coming year. It would help our budgeting if you could return the pledge form, in the envelope provided, to 'the treasurer' in the box at church or directly to Dave Sopp.

Postage stamps as you start to receive Christmas cards, don't forget to save your stamps and put them in the box for used stamps at the back of church.

Christmas Holy Communion: if you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion just before Christmas, please contact Revd. Sally.

Please note that the ministry team will all be on leave immediately after Christmas, and the office will be closed. In an emergency most PCC members have my mobile number and can contact me.

Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

Midweek Holy Communion is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee (or just come at 10.30 for coffee!).

Baby and Toddler group meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am. We meet in church. Starts again 13th January. Next week is our party – fully booked!).

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is on 10th December and bookings are being taken now (email Revd. Sally), then 7th January.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 16th December.

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

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is in January.

Sundays at Six A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, with a mix of zoom and in-church services. The programme is on our website and the programme for the next quarter is also available soon.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing *6 (star six)

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRgemRod1RSR1lTcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810

Passcode: 171263

Sundays at Six: NEW link from 19th Sept.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852

Passcode: 936128

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4th Thursday, monthly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87016448043?pwd=WVJ4VIAzZVBIWTdmTOVjVGM1Q3k5UT09>

Meeting ID: 870 1644 8043

Passcode: 303678

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