



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 5th January 2020**  
**Epiphany Sunday**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00am All Age Holy Communion**

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch

**6.00pm Sundays at Six: Epiphany Carol Service, here**

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 slip to complete and a welcome card with information about our 10am service.

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 may like to prepare for worship by praying quietly using your own words or these:

*Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we might find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord*

*We take all aspects of safety very seriously at St Luke's.*

*Please do take care with hot drinks.*

*Details of our safeguarding team are on the noticeboard by the door .*

*Should you have any concerns, please do speak to someone.*

## The Readings for Epiphany Sunday

### A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.  
All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you,  
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;  
they shall be acceptable on my altar,  
and I will glorify my glorious house.  
Who are these that fly like a cloud,  
and like doves to their windows?  
For the coastlands shall wait for me,  
the ships of Tarshish first,  
to bring your children from far away,  
their silver and gold with them,  
for the name of the LORD your God,  
and for the Holy One of Israel,  
because he has glorified you.

*Isaiah 60.1-9*

For your own reading,  
the other lectionary  
readings set for today  
are:  
Ephesians 3.1-12  
Psalm 72



## **A Reading from the Gospel of St Matthew**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Matthew 2.1-12*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
The bright splendour whom the  
nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men  
have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of the presence of  
your Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord

### **Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the  
peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to  
face;  
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.

## Processional Hymn

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with accord,  
sing praises to our heavenly lord  
who with the Father we adore  
and Spirit blest for evermore.

## Gradual Hymn

*Come and join the celebration,  
it's a very special day.*

*Come and share our jubilation,  
there's a new King born today!*

See the shepherds hurry down to  
Bethlehem, gaze in wonder at the  
Son of God who lay before them.

Wise men journey, led to worship  
by a star,  
Kneel in homage, bringing precious  
gifts from lands afar. So...

'God is with us', round the world  
the message bring.  
He is with us, 'Welcome,' all the  
bells on earth are pealing.

**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too**

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**This mornings hymns at 10am:**

P: page 4      The first Nowell  
G: page 4      Come and join the celebration  
O: 68          See him lying in a bed of straw  
HC: 55        In the bleak midwinter  
R: 91          We three kings

**Music Group:** We are looking to create a music group, to support our All Age Service on the first Sunday of each month. Please let Adam know if you, or anyone you know, play an instrument and would be interested in joining us.

## **INFORMATION**

**Christmas Tree Festival Thank you!** Thank you to everyone who helped and came along to our Christmas Tree Festival. It was a fabulous weekend. We do not yet have a total for over all money raised for church funds but we are delighted that the voting boxes under each tree raised a total of over £2100 for Ivy's Gifts.

The winning tree, as voted for by money placed in the boxes was sponsored and decorated by The Claremont and Holyport Practice Nursing Team.

## **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING**

**Children's Society Box Collection:** Thank you to everyone who handed in their boxes for the Children's Society. This year £440 was raised. My thanks also go to Ben Darracott, for counting all the money. Thanks again for your continued support. Kristina

**Lions Club Swimarathon:** Saturday morning January 11th 2020. St. Luke's church has entered 3 teams: children's, ladies' and men's. We swim "relay style" for 55mins and the emphasis is on fun (not speed). We are looking for anyone who would like to join in this fun event as a swimmer, sponsor or supporter. We need to be at The Magnet by 10.30am for 10.55 swim off; afterwards we will head off for lunch at the Bear. Our teams will be raising money for the Lions Club charities and another charity (TBC). If you would like to participate or sponsor, let Ann Burdett know (631486) and collect your sponsor form.

## SOME OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Prayer Meeting:** First Wednesday monthly at 3pm. Next one 8th January

**Keeping Company (previously Seeking Solace) :** Monthly get together for the bereaved. Next one Monday 6th January.

**Generations Café** second Wednesdays 10.45 am - coffee and conversation for mums with young babies and the not so young. Next one 8th January.

**Messy Church:** First Friday monthly 3.30pm-5.30pm with craft, storytime and a two course meal for £1.50 per child. Next one Friday 7th February

**Thursday Teas:** Second Thursday monthly in the Community Hall at 2pm.

**Thursday Lunches:** Lunch in a local pub on the last Thursday of the month . Leaving church at 11.45pm. The next one is 30th January. Speak to Jean T D or Phyllis S for more details.

**Café Church:** Informal worship at 4pm, 2nd Sunday monthly with tea and cake. Begins again next week on 12th January

**Interfaith Community meal:** a meal for anyone in the community to join and eat together. Every Tuesday at 6.00pm, here in church. All welcome.

**Stretch and Breathe sessions** with Paula, Friday mornings from 10.15 am to 12.00 noon (*The weekly one-hour sessions are followed by refreshments.*) Cost £40 for five sessions (to be taken over 8 weeks). Drop-in £10. Please contact Paula Clayton-Nuth on 07843016641 for more information or to reserve your place.

**Baby and Toddler group:** Thursdays, 9.30am-11.15am in the community hall. Play, crafts, story time, singing, healthy snacks for the children and tea and cake for parents and carers. Starts again on 9th January.

**Christenings:** Baptism preparation is now via monthly 'Play and Stay' sessions for families. Next one is Saturday 11th January at 8.45am-11.00am

**The floodlighting has been sponsored next week by:**

**The Barber Family**

*“To celebrate a birthday on the other side of the world ”*



**For your prayers**

**(to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)**



- For a peaceful new year around the world
- For Bishop Olivia as she starts her new ministry among us
- Growth of our Café Church
- For our church finances– that we may be self sufficient and reflect on our own generous giving.
- For the outcome of the General Election and the way ahead for all
- The ministry of Quench our Christian bookshop
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in January: Grace Mondal and Otilie Beresford Jones.
- For all those who live and work in Heron Way
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, and Pat Lovering.
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Isabella Monk

Those whose anniversary of death falls in January: Peter Joyce, David Bateman, Mark Willard, Leonard Lynch, Roy Smith, Roger Martin, Clifford Collier, Alice Wellman, Jacqueline Hayward, Ida Walters, Robert Newman, Beryl Jenkins, Robert Howe, Frank Joyce, Marjorie Hopkins, Vivian Oliver Andrew Drummond, Ann Hancock, Charles Woodman, Julie Brazenor Florence Hampton, Derek Jones, Eileen Gulrayani, Edward Hylton Jones, Dawn Crampin, Nora Searle, Michael Marriner and Jean Stemp

## This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities



### Monday 6th Jan

Office open 9.30-11am

3.00pm Keeping Company

### Tuesday 7th Jan

Office open 9.30-11am

8.30am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Interfaith Community Meal

7.15pm Holy Communion

### Wednesday 8th Jan

Office open 9.30 am-11am

8.30 am Morning Prayer

10.45 am Generations Café

3.00pm Prayer Meeting

### Thursday 9th Jan

8.30 am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Thursday Teas (in community hall)

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 10th Jan

8.00pm CYP Meeting

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.15am Stretch and Breathe

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday 11th Jan

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.45am Baptism Play and Stay

## Sunday 12th January Baptism of Christ

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

10.00 am **Parish Communion**

President: The Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: The Revd. Sally Lynch

4.00pm **Café Church**

6.00pm **Sundays at Six: Evensong and Benediction at All Saints**

**Next weeks readings:** Isaiah 42.1-9 Matthew 3.13-end

**Rota for Sunday 12th January under Duty Warden:** John Salter

**Reader: OT:** Sue Turner **Acolytes:** Michael Masango, Shula Tajima

**Elements:** Rita and John Salter **Chalice:** Mike Mason, Ben Darracott

**Intercessor:** Sonya Clarke **Coffee:** Sally Somerville, Kim Rumble

**Server at 8am:** Rebecca Bryant **Crucifer at 10am:** Nicola Buckland

**Welcome Team: 8am:** Joan Harnby

**10am:** Eileen Goford, Ann Burdett, Dorothy SH,

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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