



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 15th January 2023, Epiphany 2

Happy new year to you all. We are back to our regular weekly sheets after a short seasonal break. Thanks to Revd.s Terrie and Phyl, churchwardens Jacqueline and Clare, and all who have supported ministry here during my visit to family in Australia.

This Sunday our service is the usual Parish Communion at 10 am, to which all are warmly invited.

The Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings for 15th January

A reading from Isaiah

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' 4 But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.'
5 And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength –
6 he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Isaiah 49. 1-7

The Gospel Reading

29 John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." 31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for

this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ 32And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” 34And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

35The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ 37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ 39He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). 42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter). his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

John 1. 29-42

Hymns for 15th January

Using our new hymn books for the first time: Ancient and Modern: hymns for refreshing worship.

38: Hark a thrilling voice is sounding

362: Come, let us join our cheerful song

127: Lord Jesus, think on me

812: Through the changing scenes of life

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For a peaceful and healthy new year.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders.
- For all who are worried and struggling with the cost of living, for those who are hungry, or who eat alone every day.
- For our ministry as part of the Warm Welcome scheme, and Thursday lunches.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For our ministry with children and for our plans to appoint a Children and Family Leader.
- For our care for creation for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in January: Ryan and Ritchie Westbury, Jonas and Sebastian Lanyon, Arthur Smith.
- For all those who live and work in Alston Gardens.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe,
- Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Eunice Goodman, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Dorothy Chalk, Steven Robinson.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in January: Ann Hancock, Roger March, Clifford Collier Alice Wellman, Peter Brown, John Dickson, Anne Seagrove, Jaqueline 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, Trevor Tilbury, Christine Bowyer, Jean Stemp, Michael Marriner, Nora Searle, Dawn Crampin, Edward Hylton-Jones, Eileen Gulrayani, Derek Jones, Florence Hampton.

Readings for Morning Prayer can be found on the MP app.

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 22nd January, Naming of Jesus, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Sally Somerville

Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Lisa

Coffee: Sally Jeanette

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by Bill Bowyer
'In loving memory of Chris – never forgotten'



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk The 2023 form is now available.

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.

Thought for the week

We have now entered the season of Epiphany when we celebrate the revealing of Christ to the world. We mark the arrival of the One who is the light of the world: a light that brings life, a light that brings hope. This light shines its brightest when we are in community – with God and with one another.

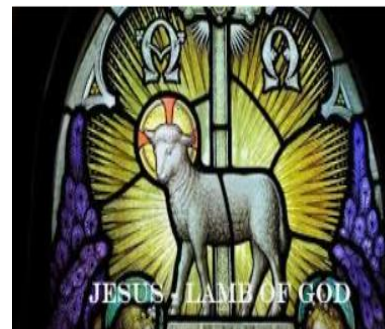
This week we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus.

John's ministry was to prepare for and point to the ministry of Jesus. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives testimony as

to who Jesus is, we hear him say "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" John's words describing Jesus can seem so familiar to us that we can forget the true impact of what this means. Jesus is the Lamb of God, the One sacrificed for us. Through His sacrifice, He takes away the sins of the world.

In a similar way to John the Baptist, our own lives are meant to offer testimony to Jesus. As we start a new year, maybe it should be an opportunity for each of us to reflect upon:

- How do we embrace Christ in our daily lives?
- Do we make His presence visible to others?



What's on... This week:

Friday 13 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, NO Evening Prayer
Saturday 14 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 15 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 17 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.45 pm, PCC meeting, in church
Wednesday 18 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 19 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group 12 noon, Warm Welcome 3.00p, Keeping Company
Friday 20 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer

Saturday 21st 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 Sunday 22nd 10.00 am, Parish Communion
 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, Night Prayer, on zoom

We are delighted to have been chosen by the **CoOp as a recipient of their Community Fund** for the coming year. By shopping in the CoOp now you can support this church.

St. Luke's Church is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/68757> #ItsWhatWeDo

Our particular project is to redevelop the churchyard to make it a more useable community space for quiet and to support the natural environment.

Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning

8 th January	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
22 nd January	Night Prayer with reflection, on zoom Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
29 th January	Taizé service for Candlemas, in church at St Luke's
12 th February	Iona Evening worship, on zoom Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
26 th February	Eucharist for St. David, in church at All Saints
12 th March	Lenten Reflections, on zoom Led by St. Luke's
26 th March	Stations of the Cross, in church at All Saints (Passion Sunday)
2 nd April	Taizé service, in church Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (Palm Sunday)
23 rd April	Easter reflections, on zoom Led by St Luke's

And on the 4th Sunday monthly: (except December)

3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints 4pm, Café church, at St. Luke's

Our 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

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

Warm Welcome Thursdays midday – 2pm, a warm space in church to meet with others (or just be quiet and warm) and have a warm meal. Free, and open to all.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 3rd February. Email Revd. Sally to book a place.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 19th January.

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

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. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is January.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

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/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZ09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

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