



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 19th January, Second Sunday of Epiphany

This Sunday we have a Service of Parish Communion at 10am when there will be activities for children. Everyone is very warmly invited to worship with us.

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 Prayer

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.

First Reading

¹Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Cor. 12. 1-11

Gospel Reading

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When 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, ¹⁰'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.' ¹¹Jesus 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*

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 104 Songs of thankfulness and praise
G: 788 Take this moment
O: 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
R: 99 Jesus is Lord!



Thought for the week:

Today's gospel is set at a wedding. I joke about this being my favourite miracle as Jesus turns water into wine – but it is also his first 'sign' as John calls miracles and it is a powerful reminder that, just as husband and wife transform each other through marriage, so God can transform each of us - indeed that is the very purpose of Jesus' ministry – that we may be transformed from fallen sinners to forgiven sinners who recognise our need for grace and who once embraced revel in it, growing, flourishing and thriving.

The water that was changed was not bad to start with. In fact it was good - water is essential to life. But it became even better with Jesus' touch. We are not bad people to start with (though we all know our own faults!) but God can make us so much better and more Christ like. The world is not bad to start with – it is beautiful – but we know the damage that we are doing to it and God can transform that too through our hands.

God will transform us, if we let him, into the people we can be. And not just people but the whole world, and situations, can experience the transforming power of God's love. And it isn't just about the end – we don't have to wait to see that transformation – in the gospel it happens under the noses of the wedding guests. So, what miracles is God working under our noses – in our own lives and in our church – that we don't notice? How can we join in with this transformation – helping to make a difference in small ways to the world immediately around us?

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Revd. Canon Mary Gregory, as she prepares to become Bishop of Reading (and the Revd Canon Dave Bull who will be the Bishop of Buckingham).
- That the ceasefire between Israel and Palestine might hold and hostages be released.
- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in In-the Ray.
- For Isabel Nixon, Keeon Obianwu and Cole Brooks who were all baptised in December
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in January: Otilie Beresford Jones, Grace Mondal, Ryan Westbury, Ritchie Westbury, Jonas Lanyon, Sebastian Lanyon, Arthur Smith.

- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Faith Powley, Alicia Little.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Bill Bowyer, Laurie Holloway.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in January: Clifford Collier, David Bateman, Peter Joyce, Roger Martin, Alice Wellman, Ann Hancock, Charles Woodman, Julie Brazenor, Florence Hampton, Derek Jones, Eileen Gulrayani, Edward Hylton Jones, Dawn Crampin, Nora Searle, Michael Marriner, Christine Bowyer, Phyllis Boshier, Trevor Tilbury, Tony Boaks, Dorothy Nicks, Florence Woodruff, Joey Colton.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 19th January 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 145. 1-13	Isaiah 49.1-7	Acts 16. 11-15
Monday	Psalm 146	Amos 6	1 Cor. 6. 1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 132	Amos 7	1 Cor. 6. 12-end
Wednesday	Psalm 81	Amos 8	1 Cor. 7. 1-24
Thursday	Psalm 76	Amos 9	1 Cor. 7. 25-end
Friday	Psalm 27	Hosea 1.1 – 2.1	1 Cor. 8
Saturday	Psalm 66	Ezekiel 3.22- end	Philippians 3. 1-14

Rotas for next week

Sunday 26th January: Parish Communion

Read: Bridget Morris Intercede: Phyl Sopp Chalice: Eleanor Kershaw Sound: Raja
 Welcomers: Ralph, Sue, Don Coffee: Jeanette and Sally

Our church is floodlit at night.

The flood lighting has not been sponsored this week

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15. There are lots of weeks available.



What's on.... This week:

Sunday 19 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Night Prayer with reflection, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd (on zoom, link below)
Tuesday 21 st	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 22 nd	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
	10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 23 rd	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift (prayer shawl knitting)
Friday 24 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
Saturday 25 th	9.00 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Sunday 26 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion

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

19 th January	Night Prayer with reflection, on zoom, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2050342877?pwd=eGRyd1VQZmNZL2E4SXpCUW1RQmlkZz09
2 nd Feb	Taizé service for Candlemas, at St Luke's
16 th Feb	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
2 nd Mar	Eucharist for St. David, at All Saints
16 th Mar	Iona service with reflection, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
6 th April	Stations of the Cross, at All Saints
13 th Apr	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
4 th May	Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, at All Saints
18 th May	Choral Sung Evensong, at St. Luke's
1 st June	Desert Island Hymns and Readings, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
15 th Jun	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
6 th July	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
20 th Jly	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 7th February, 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Church Breakfast: the first breakfast of 2025 will be held on Saturday 15th February from 8.45 (doors open) to about 10.30 am. We are delighted that Mrs Sam Stevenson, Headteacher of our Primary School will speak (and answer questions) about: St. Luke's School today. Tickets at £5 pp available from the start of next week after services or from the Office. Includes a hearty breakfast! All welcome.

Electoral Roll 2025: 6 year complete update:

Every six years we have to draw up an entirely new Roll and this is one of those years. **Everyone who wishes to be on the Roll must fill in a fresh application form and return it by Wednesday 5th February** at the latest. You need to be on the Electoral Roll if you wish to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting (Sunday 2nd March this year) or to be considered for the PCC or Deanery Synod. Ruth Humphreys is our Electoral Roll Officer (i.e. it is maintained by the parish Office).

All those who are currently on the Roll should have received an email inviting them to re-apply for the Roll. There is an electronic copy of the form attached to this week's sheet. Alternatively blank forms can be found at the back of the church. Either form should be returned to the Office please – electronically or via the pigeon hole outside the office.

Anyone can apply to be on the Roll – provided they live in the parish or have been attending this church regularly for at least 6 months

The new Electoral Roll which will be on display from 14th February onwards when you can check that your entry is correct. Please contact Ruth (Parish office) with any queries.

Rev. Phyl and Dave Sopp

Phyl and Dave are moving away, as previously notified. Their last Sunday with us will be 16th February.

We would like to celebrate their ministry among us and thank them for their contribution to our church family. Individuals will wish to offer their own appreciation, but we will also have a whole church collection in order to give a cash/ token gift which will enable them to buy something that

they need / like to remember us by. If you would like to contribute, please give cash/ cheque in an envelope marked Phyl and Dave gift to Jacqueline, Clare or Bev, or indicate the same on the card reader (you will need to use the old ones for this).

On Sunday 16th February we will have a parish lunch at which we can share memories and thanks with Phyl and Dave. This will be a formal two course meal, from 1pm (with a vegetarian option available). Please sign up in church or via the office if you would like to attend so that we can cater and lay sufficient places. Guests will also be invited.

There is no charge for the meal, but if you would like to make a financial contribution to the cost please do so in the same way as the gift, labelling it 'lunch contribution'.

Children's Society boxes 'thank you': Huge thanks to our kind and generous Children's Society box holders who last year raised £268.00. These funds will support the charity as it fights for the hope and happiness of children and young people wherever threatened by abuse, exploitation or neglect.

We are looking for a coordinator for our Children's Society house boxes. This is a simple but important task. If you would like to volunteer or find out more, please speak with Terrie. Also speak to Terrie if you would like to become a Children's Society box holder.

WAMCF Ladies group: our next interfaith ladies meeting is from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on Tuesday 28th January here at St. Luke's. our speaker will be T/Superintendent Louise Warbrick about women in Policing today.

Not the Alpha course! - Christian Enquirers

Rather than run an Alpha course this year we have decided to run a shorter course for those wanting to know more about the Christian faith. It will run from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on Wednesday evenings, in the vicarage, starting 5th February, last session 19th March (week off for Ash Wednesday).

It will cover: God as Father, Jesus, Trinity / Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer, and Church and sacraments. Coffee and biscuits and a chance to explore the basics of Christian belief.

Please sign up via an email to office or in church. Do tell others about this opportunity.

And also... Taking it Further...

A day for those who attended Alpha or who would simply like to explore more about Christianity and living as a disciple of Jesus. Saturday 8th March, 10 am – 3pm (with lunch) in church. Please sign up via the office or in church.

Christmas Tree Festival 2025 – yes, really!

Marmalade for the 2025 Christmas Tree Festival. We know the Festival is a long way off, but Seville oranges are only available around January/February so now is the time to make marmalade. We need lots as we ran out very quickly at the 2024 Festival. A basket will be put at the back of church for donations of Seville oranges and sugar (Sainsburys online are selling these oranges at £3 for 1.5kg) and the Vicar has promised a retiring (CASH only) collection on 26th January that will help cover costs.

If you plan to make marmalade, please contact Ann Darracott (07761 221937) or Dorothy Strack Hankey (07743 323635).

We also need Bonne Maman & Frank Cooper jars, and Christmassy patterned cloth.

Many thanks from the Produce Stallholders.

Spring and Summer Recital series

We are planning a short series of recitals by young people at various times this year. Admission will either be free, with a retiring collection and refreshments to purchase, or by prior bought ticket if numbers are needed for catering. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Booked so far:

Sunday 6th April, Andrew Gallacher on piano , following the last Lent Lunch (lunch donations to Christian Aid, recital to church)

More to come...

Diocesan E-News: this weekly update from the diocese is really useful and anyone can subscribe:

[Subscribe to our mailing lists - Diocese of Oxford](#)

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 term time only. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 7th February 2025
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Pram Service is a monthly simple service of songs and story for ages 0-4 and their carers. Followed by coffee for adults, snack and crafts for little ones. Second Friday, 9.30am- 10.30am. Next one 14th Feb.

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 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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 25th January 2025

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

February

Sunday 2 nd , 10 am	Christingle and All Age Holy Communion service
6pm	Taize service
Saturday 15 th , 8.45 am	Church breakfast
Sunday 16 th , 1pm	Church lunch to say farewell to Revd. Phyl and Dave Sopp
Thursday 27 th ,	Consecration of the Bishop of Reading (details to come)

March

Sunday 2 nd ,	11.15 am (ish) Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 5 th	Ash Wednesday: 10 am and 8 pm services of Holy Communion with Ashing
Sundays 9 th , 23 rd	Lent lunches
Wednesday 12 th	11.00 am, Lent course starts (5 weeks)
Friday 28 th	St. Luke's School in all day
Sunday 30 th , 10 am	Mothering Sunday service (Word)

April

Tuesday 1 st , 11 am	School service
Sunday 6 th	Last Lent lunch, Recital
Saturday 12 th	Church Care session (maintenance)
Sunday 13 th	Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week
Sunday 20 th	Easter Day
Saturday 26 th	PCC planning morning

Please note that for 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