



In Faith Out There

St Luke's Church, Maidenhead

WEEK COMMENCING 13th December 2009

This Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist
President: The Revd Dick Cheek
Preacher: The Revd R.Holroyd
12 Noon Baptism
6.00pm Advent Meditation

Readings: Old Testament: Zephaniah 3.14-20
New Testament: Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel: Luke 3.7-18

Mon 14th 7.00pm Carol Singing for
The Children's Society

Tues 15th 7.15pm NO Service
7.00pm Desborough School
Carol Concert

Weds 9th 10.00am NO Service
9.30am Claire's Court Carol Service
10.45am Claire's Court Carol Service
6.00pm St.Luke's School Carol Service

Thurs 18th 10.00am Mums & Toddlers
Christmas Celebration
8.00pm Standing Committee meeting
in the Parish Centre

Fri 18th 8.00pm Choir Practice

Next Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist
with Sunday Club Presentation
4.00pm Carol Service: 'From Heaven High'

Readings: Old Testament: Micah 5.2-5
New Testament: Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

If you are visiting us for the first time we would like to get to know you better. Please fill in one of the yellow welcome cards and hand it to someone on duty before you leave. Better still, stay and have a chat over a cup of coffee after the 10.00am service. Children and young people are welcome to join the groups which meet during the service. Please feel free to take a toddler to the children's corner at the front of the church if they are getting restless, but do stay with them.

The chapel is available as a quiet place for prayer after services and whenever the church is open. Please feel free to take advantage of it.

Please keep the car parking space in the churchyard free for the disabled and frail elderly. Thank you.

Next InSpire: The Winter edition will appear before Christmas. Material, preferably by email, to richardholroyd@mac.com by TODAY. Please think beyond Christmas, as the magazine has to last until May-ish. Stories, reports, pictures, etc.

Wexham Park Hospital Service Team; our last trip to the hospital this year is 20th December. Please could you let me know if you will be available to help at this service. I know of some team members who are unable to come on this date due to prior arrangements, therefore if any one would like to help, do please contact me. This is an opportunity for us to take the message and Spirit of Christmas to those who may well be in hospital over the Christmas period. Your help is very much appreciated. Many thanks Sonya (Tel: 632626)

Boxing Day Ramble:

All are invited to walk off some of the Christmas excesses and then top up again with a light lunch at 5, Wentworth Crescent.

Walk details - Meet at 10.30 am at the car park behind the 'Stag & Huntsman' P.H. in Hambledon village (MR 785865). Walk length 4 miles, grade - mostly gentle ascents/descents. Directions - from Marlow take the A4155 towards Henley. Pass through Medmenham and fork right at Mill End, then after approximately one mile turn right into Hambledon village. Keep bearing right and the car park will be found on the right behind the P.H. Look forward to seeing you, Roger C (Tel: 632626)

Christmas Lights: The Burdett's are holding their annual "open house" on Saturday 19th from 4.00pm to 9.00pm and Sunday 20th from 5.30pm to 9.00pm at 30 Mallow Park (off Cranbrook Drive). Please feel free to drop in for coffee/tea and a mince pie, iced bun, or piece of cake, and to see and hear Richard's Christmas Illuminations. Donations for People to Places will be gratefully received.

Thank you: to everyone who came to the fundraising quiz. We raised £615 for St.Luke's Hospital, Nablus.

Thursday Group Carol Singing: We shall be taking carols around the Parish on Monday 14th December and will be leaving church at 7pm. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Many thanks, Sonya.

Art Exhibition: 'Here and There', featuring the work of Gail Dorrington, at the new Gallery at Elizabeth House, Cookham. The works are inspired by travel, local scenes and personalities. Paintings are for sale with 25% of the proceeds going to Elizabeth House for their work with older members of the community. Gallery open 10am to 4.00pm every Sunday until 23rd December and on weekdays from 9.30am to 11.30am

Swimarathon: On Saturday, 9th January 2010 we need lots of volunteers to swim /support /sponsor us. The event is run as a

eam relay in the Magnet pool and each team has an hour for its swimmers to take it in turns to swim laps of 2 lengths (or just one if that is all you are comfortable with). The emphasis is on fun and taking part (speedy times NOT required!). Our church will have 3 teams and we will be swimming from 4pm till 5pm. All ages, all abilities welcome. We will be raising money for Lions Club charities and one of our own choice and we usually round the event off with tea together. Please give your name to Ann Burdett if you are willing to take part.

Sparklers reunited- 23rd December : All Sparklers and leaders past and present are warmly invited to a festive get together at the Vicarage on Wednesday 23rd December at 7.30pm. Bring some food to share and a small(ish), wrapped, novelty present.

Children's Society Box Holders: Grateful thanks to all who helped collect a grand total of £547 this year. The Christingle Services Collection will also be for the Children's Society and I will let you know how much that is in the New Year. Thanks again, Chris Sawyers

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat:

At Wycombe Swan Theatre on February 28th at 5pm. We have managed to secure top seats to see Craig Chalmers as Joseph. The usual price of the tickets is £23 but providing we have a hearty gang of children our price will be £7.50 (school rate). All children will be £7.50 whatever the number but the more children we have the more likely it will be that adults can have this price too. The theatre needs confirmation of numbers by Christmas, so please give your name to Ann Burdett as soon as possible and then the definite ticket price can be confirmed. Why not bring your grandchildren as a post Christmas treat to help boost our child numbers!

St Luke's Tours - Trip to Derbyshire & Yorkshire:We are planning another coach holiday for the May Day bank holiday weekend of Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd May 2009, this time to visit Derbyshire and Yorkshire. After an early departure (7.00am) from Maidenhead on Saturday 1st we will drive to Chatsworth House and gardens in Derbyshire, followed by a drive up to Leeds, where we will book into in the magnificent Art Deco Queen's Hotel before having dinner together at the hotel. On Sunday, after breakfast we will spend the day in York (with an optional morning trip to Castle Howard stately home costing an extra £9.00 for those who would like this), before returning to the hotel in Leeds for dinner. On Monday morning after breakfast and checking out we will visit Fountains Abbey and Studely Water Gardens, before returning to Maidenhead. Everyone who has been on our previous tours to Bruges, Rouen and Monet's Garden, and to Keukenhof and Amsterdam seemed to thoroughly enjoy them, so don't miss out on this opportunity, and tell your friends! Price per person based on two people sharing a double or twin room will be £195; single room supplement is £30. The price includes all travel, accommodation for two nights, entrance to Chatsworth and Fountains Abbey, breakfast on both mornings and dinner on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. If you do not already have suitable travel insurance then this varies depending on age but is typically £15 - £30 per person. A deposit of £60 per person will secure your place, with the balance being payable in early 2010. Please see Ann or Richard Burdett to let us know if you would like to come and request a booking form when they are ready.

Christingle Oranges needed for 23rd Dec. please

Please Pray for the people who live in Deerswood

the sick: Gillian Fitzpatrick, Tim Williams,
Vaughan Russell, Melanie Bibra, Win
Reynolds, Beryl Horsham, Pat Walker,
Nick, Margaret Burrows, Julienne, Ken
Brewer, Helga Currie, Steve N., Ros
Tieg, Hilary Fortnam, Jennifer Hyde,
Eunice Moffatt, Paul Matthews, Beryl
Darlington, Anne Preston, John Jennens,
Marjorie Knox

those who
have died Iris Carter, Robert Millard, Albert Walters,
Robert Price

**THE FLOODLIGHTING HAS BEEN
SPONSORED THIS WEEK
BY
Mary & Adrian Quick
to celebrate 'another' birthday**

Visit our website: www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

MUMS & TODDLERS meet
in the CHURCH HALL
THURSDAYS
9.30am - 11.00am
during term time

BROWNIES meet in the CHURCH HALL
THURSDAYS 6.30pm - 7.45pm

THE SUNDAY CLUB
for children aged 3-10 years : 10.00am each Sunday in the
Church Hall
(except 1st Sunday in month: All-age Worship in Church)

THE SPARKLERS
for young people (10+) meets in the Parish Centre for
discussions. "Sparklers" leave church before the sermon.

GROUPS @ ST.LUKE'S

The following groups are open for all to join:

Emmaus Discussion Group about aspects of our faith
Contact: Eileen Goford (T.638238)

Emmaus 05, (2nd Course)
Contact: Sue Harbour (T.670246)

Timeout – topical issues aired and shared
Contact: Revd R. Holroyd (T.783033)

BRF Daylight Group (discussion about current bible
reading notes) Contact: Revd Dick Cheek (T.628484)

Prayer Group – 1st Wednesday in the month. 3pm in church

News-sheet material to be handed in at The Vicarage by
Thursday MORNING please.

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