



**In Faith  
Out There**

St Luke's Church, Maidenhead

WEEK COMMENCING 14th December 2008

**This Sunday 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8.00am Eucharist:  
The Revd Terrie Robinson**  
**10.00am Sung Eucharist  
President: The Revd T.Robinson  
Preacher: The Revd R.Holroyd**  
**6.00pm 'Art for Advent' & Taizé Service**

*Readings: Old Testament: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end  
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24  
Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28*

Mon 15th 7.00pm Carol Singing round the Parish with refreshments afterwards

Tues 16th 7.00pm NO 7.15pm Eucharist  
Desborough School  
Carol Service

Weds 17th 10am- NO 10.00am Eucharist  
12.30pm Claires Court Carol Services  
6.00pm St.Luke's School  
Carol Celebration

Fri 19th 8.00pm Choir Practice

**Next Sunday 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8.00am Eucharist**  
**10.00am Sung Eucharist with presentation  
by Sunday Club & Sparklers**  
**4.00pm Carol Service: Joy to the World**

*Readings: Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16  
New Testament: Romans 16.25-end  
Gospel: Luke 1.26-38*

# 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 back 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.***

**CTiM Christmas Cards:** There are still cards at the back of church that need to be distributed. Please look and see if you can help by taking a package – or Peter may end up going round the houses at midnight! Thank you.

**Thank you:** to all the Children's Society Box Holders. We collected over £680 which was a tremendous total. Many thanks, Chris Sawyers.

**Thursday Group Carol Singing:** Thank you to all who helped bring the 'Spirit of Christmas' to the residents of both Southgate and Neve Houses last Monday. Our next carol singing, around the parish, will be TOMORROW evening, Monday, 15th December. Meet at church for 7.00pm departure, Sonya (T.632626)

**St.Luke's School Carol Service:** Please feel very welcome to come and enjoy this occasion with children from our school. Wednesday, 17th December, 6pm in Church.

**Christmas Lights:** The Burdett's are holding their annual 'open house' on Saturday 20th from 2pm-4.30pm, Sunday 21st from 5.30pm-9.00pm, and Tuesday, 23rd from 4.30pm-8.00pm 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. A small donation for Furze Platt Scout Group (whose main fund raiser, the summer fete, was washed out this year) would be gratefully received.

**Wexham Park Hospital Service:** Our next visit will be on Sunday, 21st December, when we will have the opportunity to share Christmas with patients, their families and WPH staff. Please let me know if you can help on this occasion. Many thanks, Sonya (T.632626)

**Oranges:** We need a lot of oranges to make Christingles. Please bring to Church by 21st or give donations so that we can buy enough.

**Christingle Making:** In preparation for the Christmas Eve Christingle services, we will be running the Christingle factory in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 23rd December, starting at 2pm.

**Sparklers Reunited:** Sparklers past and present and

heir leaders are welcome to a Sparklers Reunited reunion on Monday, 22nd December at 7.30pm in the Vicarage to catch up on each others news. Please bring along a wrapped up mystery present to the value of about £3 and some food and drink to share. For more information, speak to Ann Burdett (T.631486) or Anne Darracott (T.620280)

**Boxing Day Ramble:** For anyone intersted in walking off some calories there will be the usual ramble on Boxing Day morning. Please meet by the green at Holyport for a 10.30am depature – MR SU892777. The walk should take about 2 hours (approx 4.5m) however, dependent upon conditions and group members this could be shortened if necessary. Walking boots or comfortable wellington boots recommended. After the walk all are invited to 5, Wentworth Crescent for a simple lunch. Roger C. (T.632626)

**Samaritan's Purse:** Thank you to all who made up a box for children this Christmas. We contributed 31 boxes from St.Luke's. Well done!!

**Cupboard:** outside the chapel needs a new home. If you can use it please speak to Don Luff.

**Change of Date:** The Sparklers/Sunday Club post Christmas party will now be on Sun. 18th January 2009.

**St.Andrews Bookshop:** is still open! The front section of the shop is now a gallery – just walk through this area and you will find the usual selection of books, cards, gifts etc.

**West Side Story:** This musical is on tour and will be at Wycombe Swan in February> 20 tickets have been reserved for the matinee on Saturday, 28th February, and cost £31.50 each. If you would like to join the group going from church, please give your cheque, payable to St.Luke's PCC, to Ann Burdett as soon as possible.

**Put on your swimming costume!** And join St.Luke's swimmers as we take part in the Lions Club Swimarathon on Saturday, 10th January. We are entering three teams, with all teams swimming in the 2.00pm tp 2.50pm time slot, so you will need to be at the pool by 1.30pm to register. Supporters and sponsors are very welcome to come and cheer us along.

**THE FLOODLIGHTING HAS BEEN SPONSORED  
THIS WEEK BY**

**Someone who wishes to remain anonymous**

**Please Pray for** the people who live in Crescent Drive & Killarney Drive

the sick: Gillian Fitzpatrick, Tim Williams, Vaughan Russell, Melanie Bibra, Win Reynolds, Beryl Horsham, Stephen Cooke, Glyn Jackson, Pat Walker, Hilda Arkell, Nick, Margaret Burrows, Julie Clark

those who have died Gavin Marmoy, Pam Murrell, Joan Swallow

## **ADVANCE NOTICES**

Dec 21st Carol Service: Joy to the World  
Jan 24th Social Evening: 'A Night at the Opera'  
Jan 25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Joint Service at St. Joseph's

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)

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

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