

In Faith Out There



St Luke's Church, Maidenhead
WEEK COMMENCING 21st December 2008

This 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

Tues 23rd 2.00pm Christingle Factory
in the Parish Centre
7.15pm Eucharist

Weds 24th 10.00am Eucharist:
The Revd Dick Cheek
4.00pm Christingle Service
5.00pm Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist:
President: The Revd D.Cheek
Preacher: The Revd R.Holroyd

10.00am **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Festival Eucharist
President: The Revd Richard Holroyd
Preacher: The Revd Terrie Robinson

Next Sunday THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8.00am NO Eucharist
10.00am Eucharist
'Towards a New Year'
President: The Revd Dick Cheek
Preacher: Sonya Clarke

Readings: Old Testament: Jeremiah 31.15-17
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1.26-29
Gospel: Matthew 2.13-18

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.

Thank you: to all who helped take the spirit of Christmas to a part of our Parish by way of Carol Singing last Monday. I think we raised about £100 which will be sent to the Children's Society. Those who live in and around Evenlode thoroughly enjoyed our singing and some said they really do look forward to this annual event. Thank you also to those who helped provide our refreshment of mulled wine and mince pies. Sonya

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.

Christmas Lights: The Burdett's are holding their annual 'open house' on, 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.

Oranges: We need a lot of oranges to make Christingles. Please bring to Church by TODAY 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 their 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 interested in walking off

ome calories there will be the usual ramble on Boxing Day morning. Please meet by the green at Holyport for a 10.30am departure – 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)

Prayer Meetng: Our next prayer meeting will be on Wednesday 7th January from 3pm in church. All are welcome to come along for a period of quiet reflection and prayer in the presence of our Lord. If you would like to come but have a problem with transport, please contact Sonya (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!!

Thursday Group: First meetinh of 2009 is on 15th January from 8pm in the Parish Centre, when Roger Clarke will be sharing a musical evening with us, entitled Musical Adrenalin. All are welcome to attend, members £1 and non-members £2 which includes refreshments. Again, if you need transport please contact Sonya (T.632626). Also if you have any good gifts or something appropriate for raffle prizes, please contact Helen Poynter, who will be delighted to hear from you.

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 Swimathon 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, Gary, Roy Gracey

those who have died Gavin Marmoy, Joan Swallow

ADVANCE NOTICES

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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