

Next Sunday, 29th January : Candlemas

8.00 am Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Sally Lynch

10.00 am 'Word ' All Age Parish Communion

Ministry Team

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Evening worship for Candlemas at



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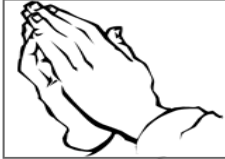
Next week's Bible readings:

Malacni. 3. 1-5 Heb. 2. 14-18 Luke. 2. 22-40

For your prayers

Please pray for:

- Our ministry and vision for the future, our giving of ourselves to God
- Peace in the world
- Pupils, staff and governors at our Primary School
- Those who are preparing for Confirmation: adults: Sue Brett, Shelley Summers, Rachel Harris, Michael Murwisi, Katheryn Russell children: Michaela Murwisi, Daniel Harris, Katie Harris, Philippa Russell, Nathan Summers, Matthew Summers
- The sick and those who care for them: Gillian Fitzpatrick, Tim Williams, Win and Len Reynolds, Nick, Katharine, Steve N. Hilary Fortnam, Stephen Sands, John Francis, Beryl Horsham, David Holden, Melanie, Betty Galliers, Carl Bartholomew, Jo Jones, Glyn Jackson, Ted Stevens, Katie, George. Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Vivan Oliver, Andrew Drummond



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If you are new to us...

We'd love to stay in touch with you, so please complete the following and pass it to one of the sidespeople or put it in the office mailbox.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Contact number _____

I / we agree to our information being kept on the parish database.

Date _____ Signed _____



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

**Week commencing
22nd January 2012
3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00 am Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Sally Lynch

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: The Reverend Terrie Robinson

Preacher: the Reverend Sally Lynch

4.00 pm Confirmation at Reading Minster

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, here.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

If you are new to St. Luke's please do make yourself known to the ministers or the sidespeople. You may like to complete the contact form on the back of this sheet.

Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments after the 10.00 am service in the Parish Centre. Please stay if you can.

This week at St. Luke's:

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Tuesday 24th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	7.15 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Conversion of St. Paul	10.00 am	Holy Communion and Payer for Healing
	7.30 pm	Pools of Stillness
	8.45 pm	Compline
Thursday 26th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	Toddler Group
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 27th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
	8.00 am	Choir Practice
Saturday 28th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 – 10.30 am	Confirmation Class
	6.30 pm	Quiz Evening

Today's readings:

First Reading: Genesis 14. 17– 20

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Second Reading: Revelation 19. 6–10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gospel: John 2. 1–11 .

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

did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Amen

The Post Communion prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Ladies breakfasts: This new activity kicks off on 3rd March. Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for a nice breakfast and a good speaker and to be pampered from 8.45 - 10.30 am, leaving much of the day still to do what you need to do on Saturdays. More to follow but do consider coming along - and bringing a friend. Tickets on sale very soon.

And so the men don't get left out. we'd love to start a men's group too so if men have thoughts about what you'd like to do together please speak to Gerry Knight in the first instance.

St Martin in the Fields - the Connection - mobile phones. This project which we sometimes support through Don Luff and Ian Gilchrist is seeking old mobile phones and chargers for a project with people they work with. If you can help or would like to know more please see Don or Ian.

Next Inspire: I need material for the next edition of the church magazine, to be published in a few weeks. For a list of suggestions, see the poster in the Parish Centre. Please email content to inspire@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk Andrew Burdett

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Community Hall

St. Luke's Toddler Group meet in the Community Hall every Thursday morning during term time, 9:30am - 11:00am,

Brownies meet in the Community Hall every Thursday evening, 6:30pm -7:45pm.

Young people

The Sunday Club, for children aged 3 to 10 years, meet every Sunday at 10.00am in the Parish Centre, (except the first Sunday in the month, which is an all-age worship service in church).

The Sparklers, for young people aged 10+, meet in the Community Hall for discussions. Sparklers leave church before the sermon.

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: Shula Tajima (T. 546889)

BRF

(discussion about bible reading notes)

Contact: Revd Dick Cheek (T.628484)

Prayer Group

1st Wednesday in the month. 3:00pm in church

etc

The floodlighting has not been sponsored this week.

What's happening...? See below, and...

...check out our website too...

www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY:

Readings: If you are reading and would like a copy in advance to practice please let the office know

Pools of Stillness: An opportunity for quiet reflection in church: Wednesday 25th January and 15th February, from 7.30 pm.

Time out: The next meeting will be at Clare Price's home (23 College Avenue) at 8pm on Tuesday 28th February

BRF Quiet Days: 17th April at Highmoor Hall is now fully booked. However the same day is to be repeated on the 16th May (Bluebell time) if you are interested, get in quickly. Remember that 5 people booking together pay the cost of 4. For further details please contact Enid.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: We are in the middle of this important week. The unity service this evening is here at St. Luke's, do come along if you can. This week there are services: Monday 23rd at 12.30pm, Tuesday 24th at 8.00pm and Wednesday 24th at 12.30pm. All at High Street Methodist Church.

Confirmation: This takes place on Sunday 29th January at 4pm in Reading Minster. Please do come along to support our 11 candidates if you can (their names are listed on the back page for your prayers). The service is not a Communion service so they will receive their first Holy Communion at the All Age service on 5th February.

Lent: There will be a leaflet shortly outlining Lenten possibilities. There will be a Wednesday evening Lent course, but at this stage it would be really helpful to know if there is sufficient interest in a Wednesday afternoon (1.30 - 2.30 pm) group to inform our planning. If you would like to take part on the afternoon group please let Sally know this week. Lifts will be available for anyone who wants to come to either group.

Westminster Abbey Annual day of Prayer: Saturday 17th March, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm in St. Margaret's church, with free admission to the abbey all day. A day called 'A Fragile Grace', led by Sister Meg Evening. I have been to a number of these are they are really helpful days. If you would like to come along, or like more details, please let me know. Sally

Prayer for St. Luke's Primary School: A reminder that we meet at school to pray at 12.15 pm on the first Wednesday each month (next, 1st Feb) and all are welcome, but please do also remember the school in Your own prayers - and do read the fortnightly newsletter on the board by the church office.

INFORMATION

Open PCC Meeting: to follow up the PCC away morning we held in October we are having an extra PCC meeting from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday 4th February, starting with coffee and croissants. This meeting is open to anyone from the congregation who would like to join us. A summary of the away morning is available from the back of church.

Church Security: Would anyone locking the church please ensure that the outer gates are also padlocked every evening. Thank you.

Also, please take care of your own possessions in church, you may wish to bring handbags up to the communion rail with you.

Olympics traffic and parking: The council is urging local people to have their say. LOCOG (the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games) is organising a community engagement exercise to raise awareness about the arrangements so far and are setting up three drop-in sessions which will give everyone the opportunity to and ask questions and get more information.

The drop-in sessions are on: . Thursday 2 February - Windsor Racecourse (4pm-8pm) . Friday 3 February - Windsor Racecourse (4pm-8pm) . Saturday 4 February - Sainsbury's, Taplow (10am-2pm). Or you can put forward your views by: . email: parkingenquiry@london2012.com . post: Freepost Traffic and Parking Enquiry . telephone: 0800 0111 300 The closing date is Friday 10 February 2012.

HELP NEEDED

Sparklers leaders: The Sparklers leaders would appreciate other adults to 'assist' in their sessions. This would not involve any preparation, just a presence as it is a requirement to have two adults present with all young people. If you think you could sometimes help please talk to Gill, Johanna, Fran, Serena or Roger.

Baby and Toddler group: This group meets in the Community Hall on Thursdays from 9.30 - 11.15 am (and comes into church sometimes) and would love to have folk from church come along to help out and just chat with mums / dads/ grandparents / carers. Please let Sally, Mary Pennington or Judith Edwards know if you can help out occasionally.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Used Postage Stamps: I am still collecting used stamps for charities. Please collect all your stamps, particularly Christmas ones and leave in the box at the back of church. Chris Sawyers.

St. Luke's Quiz: Saturday 28th January. 6.30 for 7.00pm start in the Community Hall. Tickets £7.00 per person to include a Fish 'n' Chip supper, from Helen Poynter.

Saturday Ramble: Our next outing will be on Saturday 18th February when we intend to explore the countryside to the west of Reading. We will be walking a maximum of 8 miles over gentle terrain and as usual will finish the day with a pub meal. Meet at church for a 10.30 am departure. Bring a picnic lunch, drink, waterproofs, walking boots etc. For more information please call me on 01628 632626. Roger C.

Norfolk & The Broads: 5th - 7th May. We have now fully booked the hotel with 41 people

coming on the holiday. However, if you would like your name to be put on a "waiting list" in case someone is not able to come at the last moment then please contact Richard or Ann Burdett on 01628 631486 for further information or a booking form.

Missions & Charities/Outward Giving: The 'Outward Giving' Sub Committee will be meeting on Thursday 9th February - 8.00pm at 5, Wentworth Crescent to discuss and consider which charitable organisations the church might look to support during 2012. Proposals will then be put before the PCC for final approval. If you have any thoughts on this matter, any charities which you feel are worthy of our support, would you please bring them to my attention, along with some

supporting information, so that they may be included in our discussions. As always, thank you to all who continue to work tirelessly in the background to support various local and national organisations. May we all keep them and those they care for in our prayers. Roger Clarke

Bread and Cherries: Rhidian and I are presenting a recital of English music on Sunday 12th February at 3pm in church. Tickets at the door will be £6.00 and £5.00 concession, in aid of church funds. Please come along and support us if you can. We look forward to seeing you and your friends. Ruth Sheppard

Wildfowl Walk: 2.15pm, 22 January. Everyone is welcome on a 2 hour walk to see the winter waterfowl on the Little Marlow lake. Meet at the Public Car Park at Spade Oak (GR 884876), down a turning south off the A4155 Bourne End to Marlow road. Wear boots/stout shoes and bring binoculars/telescopes and bird recognition books if you have them. Please share cars if possible and if it's raining phone to check that the walk is still on. Roger & Jilly Bevitt (T.633464)

Swimathon Many thanks to everyone who swam, supported or sponsored the 3 St. Lukes teams in the recent Swimathon. A special mention goes to our children's team of Daniel and Katie Harris, Matthew and Nathan Summers, Matthew and Sophie Mundy and Rhys Bartholomew who all swam brilliantly and really entered into the community spirit of the event. Thank you to them and the adult swimmers. All that remains now is to collect in the sponsor money!! (If anyone would like to sponsor retrospectively that would be great. Half the money goes to the Lions charities and the rest we have elected to give to Helen and Douglas House hospice for young people). Thanks Ann

Thank you: To everyone who bought chocolates from me via Chocoholics or made donations at our Christmas Lights Open house. The money raised from these events, along with the "offspring's" carol singing to our neighbours raised over £500 for People to Places. Thank you all for your generosity. Ann Burdett

Half term: Fun for youngsters Peter and the Wolf Norden farm are performing Peter and the Wolf with live music in the theatre at Norden Farm The event is suitable for anyone over 3 years old, so if you would like to hear a young person's guide to the orchestra and support Norden Farm, whatever your age come and join a group of St. Lukes Sunday clubbers on Monday 13th Feb. Tickets are £7.25 each and may be bought from Ann Burdett. (cheques payable to St. Lukes Pcc please)

New Videos: Watch new videos of the Christmas Tree Festival, St Luke's carol singing, the making of 250 Christingles, and the recent Youth Church Post-Christmas party online: <http://www.bitly.com/stlukesvideos>