

Next Sunday, 15th January : 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Sally Lynch

10.00 am Parish Communion

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6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Service of Wholeness and Healing at COGS



Next week's Bible readings:

Gen. 14. 17-20, Rev 19. 6-10, John 2. 1-11.

For your prayers

Please pray for:

- Our ministry and vision for the future, our giving of ourselves to God
- Peace in the world
- Those preparing for Confirmation
- The sick and those who care for them: Gillian Fitzpatrick, Tim Williams, Win and Len Reynolds, Nick, Steve N. Hilary Fortnam, Stephen Sands, John Francis, Beryl Horsham, David Holden, David Cook, Melanie, Betty Galliers, Bartholomew, Jo Jones, Glyn Jackson, Ted Stevens
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Gerd Roper,



Carl

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
8th January 2012
Feast of the Epiphany**

8.00 am Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Terrie Robinson

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

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6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Evening Prayer for the Baptism of Christ at All Saints

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

Monday 9th	12.30 – 4.00 pm	Stitch up
Tuesday 10th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	7.15 pm	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	Sunday Club Planning Meeting
Wednesday 11th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 12th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	2 – 4.00 pm	Thursday Teas
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 13th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
	8.00 am	Choir Practice
Saturday 14th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer

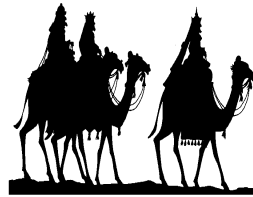
Today's readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 60. 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Second Reading: Eph. 3. 1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery *it*' was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see to bring to light' what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in by'); God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. the faith of him'



Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12 .

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, in the East, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah *the Christ*' was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from

you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, *in the East*', until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road

Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the
nations seek:
may we who with the wise men
have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in
your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Christmas Tree Festival

The festival raised around £550.00 towards our Development Fund., and generated £456.07 in charitable giving.

This giving is to each of the charities sponsored by the tree donors, the winning tree was decorated by Studio 108 hairdressers and raised £75.00 for Street Angels.

The Christingle Services and carol singing raised £736.00 for the Children's Society

Other Christmas collections raised £373.75 for St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus

Thank you to everyone for your generosity in outward giving over the Christmas period.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Community Hall

St. Luke's Toddler Group meet in the Community Hall every Thursday morning during term time, 9:30am - 11:00am, starting again on 15th September.

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

ALL ABOUT US...

www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Office Telephone

01628 622733

Services:

Our regular services are:

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion, with traditional language, quiet, held in the choir stalls

10.00 am Parish Communion, for the whole family, with young people's activities during the service (Sunday Club for ages 3-10 and Sparklers for age 10+). The first Sunday of the month everyone stays in for an All Age service.

Baptism usually take place in the main service monthly, dates from the Parish Office.

If young children are getting restless do feel free to take them to the children's area at the front of the church, but please stay with them.

6.00 pm Sundays at Six, shared with two other churches. See separate sheet for details of each week.

Tuesday to Saturday

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.30 am in the chapel (9.00 am Saturdays!)

Evening Prayer is said Thursday and Friday at 5.00 pm in the chapel.

Compline (Night Prayer) is said at 9.00 pm in the chapel, as advertised.

Midweek Communion

Tuesday at 7.15 pm in the chapel Wednesday 10.00 am in the main church.

Followed by prayer for the sick and anointing for healing and wholeness on the last week of each month.

The church is open for prayer and quiet

When the office is open and for morning and evening prayer as above.

A notice in the porch tells you what is happening each week.

Contacting Us:

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LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

Sonya Clarke Tel: 632626

Noeline Page Tel: 638739

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Tel: 01 628 622733 (answer machine)

Email: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

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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:

Sundays at Six: The new programme for January to April 2012 is now available.

Readings: If you are reading and would like to check out your reading beforehand, you might like to look it up on www.oremus.org This is a really useful website with the whole Bible - you need to ensure that for church you read it in the NRSV version. If you would like a hard copy in advance (weeks in advance if you like) please call Sue in the office and we will get you one. There is now a book mark in the lectern Bible to ensure we all get the introductory words right.

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

Emmaus: Next meeting of the Emmaus group in on Monday 9th January at 8.15pm at 30 Mallow Park.

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.

Stitch Up Party: Monday 9th January 1 to 4 pm. If you could help sewing up knitted squares into blankets for the Feed the Children charity, please make a note of the date and come to the Parish Centre and enjoy tea, biscuits and a good chat. Mary Pennington T. 635110 and Jilly Bevitt t. 633464

Sunday Club and Sparklers Post Christmas Party – Swim, Bounce and tea on Sunday 15th January The annual post Christmas party for Sunday club and Sparklers will be on Sunday 15th January. From 3pm till 4pm the children (and adults if they wish) bounce on a huge inflatable bouncy castle assault course and play parachute games at the Magnet Leisure Centre. Prior to this (from 1.30pm) a free swim is available for parents and accompanied children and at 4.15 we round the afternoon off with a party tea in the Parish Centre. This party is open to all children (and their siblings) connected in any way with St. Luke's and they may also bring a friend. The cost is £3.00 per child including all the activities and tea (and the free parent swim). Details from Ann Burdett or Eileen Goford.

Norfolk & The Broads: We now have confirmed bookings from 35 people for our weekend in Norfolk from 5th - 7th May, visiting Norwich, Cromer, Blakeney and the Broads. However, the hotel still has three double and one twin room free (double rooms can also be let as singles), so if you would like to come and have not yet booked 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 in the near future 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 (Tel: 01628 632626).

Easter Eggs: From the Really Meaningful Chocolate Company. The eggs are made from Fairtrade Chocolate and each box tells the real story of Easter and cost £3.99. If you would like one, please let me have your name and contact details, together with payment for the number of eggs you want. The orders need to be in by the 20th January. Sue Brett (M. 623554)

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

INFORMATION

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 particularly at this time of year, you may wish to bring handbags up to the communion rail with you.