

ST LUKE'S PARISH CHURCH, MAIDENHEAD

September 2008



St Luke's Sunday Club

SPARKLERS

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Sparklers and Sunday Clubbers, and any interested parents of Toddlers,

Welcome back to another year, and please join us in the forthcoming events.

Events for this term

Special Church Services at 10.00am unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 5th October	HARVEST FESTIVAL. Please bring small luxury tins/vegetables/chocolates/biscuits to make up into parcels for delivery to the elderly of the parish, and/or rice, pulses and pasta which Feed the Children will be sending overseas. After the service there will be a Harvest Lunch at 12.15pm in St Luke's Hall. We would also appreciate help distributing the harvest boxes in the following week.
Sunday 2nd November	Magic Carpet service
Sunday 30th November	Advent Sunday Service
Sunday 7th December	Magic Carpet service
Sunday 21st December	Christmas Presentation by Sunday Club/Sparklers
Wednesday 24th December	Christingle Service at 4.00pm - for all the family
Wednesday 24th December	Christingle II at 5.00pm - particularly for teenagers, their families and friends, with refreshments afterwards

Windsor Afternoon Out on Saturday 14th September at 1.55pm

Come and join us for an afternoon in Windsor listening to the brass band outside the castle opening the Windsor Festival, feed the ducks, and perhaps try a ride on the Windsor Wheel. Bring a picnic tea or buy tea in Windsor. Meet at church at 1.55pm for a 2.00pm departure (Bring your RBWM Advantage Card)

Packing Harvest Boxes and Items for Feed the Children - Saturday 11th October

We would very much appreciate help making up Harvest Festival boxes for the elderly in our parish, and packing toiletries for Feed the Children. Just turn up at the Parish Centre for 2.00pm and join in the fun! We would also appreciate help distributing the harvest boxes in the following week.

Odds Farm Visit - Thursday 30th October at 10.00am

Meet at church at 10.00am and we'll share cars. Bring a picnic or buy lunch there. Everyone welcome.

Bonfire party - Saturday 1st November at 6.00pm

Eileen Goford has again kindly agreed to host this event at 6 Laxton Green, Cox Green. There will be plenty of food for everyone (parents included) and the more timid children are welcome to watch the fireworks through the patio windows. Bring a firework! Cost: £2.00 per family donation to go to support Guatemalan children and their families.

Maidenhead Drama Guild Pantomime - Saturday 13th December

We will be attending the 2.30pm performance of this pantomime at Desborough Suite, Town Hall and then return to the Parish Centre for tea. Cost £8.50 per adult and £6.50 per child. **Booking is essential - telephone Ann Burdett on 631486 by 27th October!**

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Carol Singing - Monday 8th December and Monday 15th at 7.00pm

On the 8th we will be singing at some old people's homes; meet at church at 7.00pm. On the 15th, we will be carol singing by torchlight around St Luke's Parish in aid of the Church of England Children's Society. Meet at church ready for a prompt 7.00pm departure wearing warm clothes and bringing a torch. The evenings end with mince pies, punch and soft drinks in the Hall. All children and adults are very welcome, especially on the 8th - the old people love to see children

Sparklers Reunited - Tuesday 23rd December

Pre-Christmas get-together for Sparklers past and present - date, time and venue to be confirmed..

Christingle Making - Tuesday 23rd December at 2.00pm

Christingle Making - decorate oranges for the Christingle services. Time: 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Windsor Pantomime – Peter Pan – Tuesday or Thursday 6th/8th January 2009

We will be booking our usual seats in the stalls of the Theatre Royal (in good position to catch the sweets) for this production, which stars Christopher Beeney, Michael Sharville-Martin, and Gin the Dog (from Britain's Got Talent!) for either the Tuesday or Thursday evening. Tickets cost £18.50 each. Please telephone or see Richard or Ann Burdett to buy your tickets.

Swimarathon - Saturday 10th January 2009

As in previous years we will be entering three teams into the Lions Club Swimarathon, so we need children and/or parents to take part in this relay swimming event. The emphasis is on having fun taking part, not on style or speed!

Post Christmas Party - Sunday 11th January 2009

A post Christmas party at the Magnet has been organised and will include the inflatable assault course, badminton and swimming. Afterwards there will be tea in the Hall. More details will follow later.

The Sunday Club Leaders

If you have any ideas/suggestions for activities, events, Sunday Club/Sparkler sessions, or charity projects we could work towards, or for further information on the events, please feel free to call Ann Burdett on 01628 631486 or Eileen Goford on 01628 638238

Please complete the form below and return to Ann Burdett

Child's/Children's Names

Telephone Number

Event	Hope to Attend (please tick)	Unable to Attend (please tick)	Parent/Guardian would like/is probably able to attend (please tick)
Windsor Afternoon Out – Sunday 14th September at 1.55pm at Church			
Packing Harvest Boxes and Items for Feed the Children - Saturday 11th October at 2.0pm			
Odds Farm Visit - Thursday 30th October at 10.00am			
Bonfire Party – 1st November			
Maidenhead Drama Guild Pantomime - Saturday 13th December. Please state number of tickets required and enclose money (cheque payable to St Luke's PCC): ADULT @ £8.50 _____ CHILD @ £6.50 _____			
Carol Singing -Monday 8th Dec. at 7.00pm			
Carol Singing - Monday 15th Dec at 7.00pm			
Sparklers Reunited - TBA			N/A
Christingle Making - Tuesday 23rd December at 2.00pm			
Swimarathon - Saturday 10th Jan 2009			
Post Christmas Party - Sunday 11th Jan 2009			

I would/would not be willing to deliver a Harvest box to elderly people in our church congregation

I would/would not like a small part in the Christmas presentation on Sunday 21st December at 10.00am