

September 2011

# 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. If you would like further information about any of the events feel free to phone Ann Burdett on 01628 631486

### Events for this term

**Special Church Services** at 10.00am unless otherwise stated.

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| Sunday 25th September          | <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL.</b> Please bring small luxury tins / vegetables / chocolates/biscuits to make up into parcels for delivery to the elderly of the parish, and/or gifts of rice, dried pasta, dried pulses (peas, beans, lentils) and dried fruit that will be given to Feed the Children, or monetary donations for the Horn of Africa. After the service there will be a Harvest Lunch at 12.15pm in St Luke's Hall – family tickets are available from Helen Poynter. |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October | Magic Carpet service  |
| Sunday 6th November            | Magic Carpet service  |
| Sunday 4th December            | Magic Carpet service  |
| Sunday 18th December           | Family carols with Christmas Presentation by Sunday Club/Sparklers.   |
| Saturday 24th December         | Christingle Service at 4.00pm - for all the family. Children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds, angels, wise men, and stars.   |
| Saturday 24th December         | Christingle II at 5.00pm - particularly for teenagers, their families and friends, with refreshments afterwards   |

### Lions Club Fun Run – Saturday 24th September – 12 noon till 12.55 pm

Our church has entered a team in the Lions Club Fun Run. It is a relay style event at Braywick Sports Centre in which each team member jogs/walks 200m around the sports track before passing the baton to the next team member. The object is to raise money for the Lions charity which this year is "People to Places". The emphasis is definitely on fun not speed and it is always a jolly event. We particularly welcome children to join our team.

### St. Luke's Flower Festival – Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th September

Sunday club will be making a floral display (in preceding Sunday Club sessions) as part of the church's flower festival weekend. The children are also invited to help assemble the arrangement on Thursday 22nd September between 4pm and 6pm.

### Packing / delivering Harvest Boxes - Sunday 2nd October

We would very much appreciate help making up Harvest Festival boxes for the elderly in our parish. Just turn up at the Parish Centre after the morning service and join in the fun! We would also appreciate help distributing the harvest boxes in the following week.

### Tour of BBC TV Centre - Wednesday 26th October (in Half Term)

I have organised a tour of the TV studios in White City. Two tours are available - one ideally suited for children (aged 6 - 11) and one suitable for anyone aged over 9. Both commence at 1.15 pm and we can mix and match our numbers. Both tours include a visit to the newsroom, dressing rooms and Dr. Who memorabilia. The children's one has more interactivity! Cost is £7.50 for anyone on the children's tour; on the other tour the cost is £7.50 for children and £8.50 for adults. Tickets **MUST** be booked in advance so if you would like to go, please write down your ticket requirements and give it WITH PAYMENT (payable to St. Luke's PCC) to Ann Burdett by September 25th.

We will travel there by train taking advantage of group save etc. Bring a picnic to eat before our tour begins and after the tour we can visit the Westfield shopping centre.

### **The Elves and the Shoemaker – Thursday 27th October (in Half Term) - 11am**

Younger children may like to join us on a visit to Norden Farm arts centre theatre in Maidenhead to watch a lovely tale about elves helping a hardworking cobbler. The performance commences at 11am and features music, a beautifully crafted set, puppets and a comic mouse. It is advertised as suitable for ages 3+ though younger children are welcome too, and afterwards we can buy lunch/coffee in the theatre foyer. The maximum ticket price will be £7.00 and maybe cheaper if we can get a group booking. Please let Ann Burdett know asap if you would like to go, and no later than October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **The Light Party - Saturday 29th October at 4 - 7pm**

This will be an all age alternative to Halloween party, held in and around the church with crafts, food, games and songs. There will be a small entrance fee to cover costs. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring your friends.

### **Chocoholics – Thursday 24th November at 8.00pm**

There will be a coffee evening at 30 Mallow Park to raise money for People to Places. (this is a Maidenhead based charity that enables disabled people in the area to get out of their homes by providing a minibus with a lift suitable for wheelchairs) Delicious novelty chocolates will be on sale. Meanwhile I have Chocoholic catalogues available from which you can preorder. Ann Burdett (T.631486)

### **Maidenhead Drama Guild Pantomime - Saturday 17th December**

We will be attending the 2.30pm performance of this pantomime, Treasure Island, at the Desborough Suite, Town Hall and then return to the Parish Centre for tea. Cost £10.00 per adult and £8.00 per child. **Booking is essential - telephone Ann Burdett on 631486 as soon as possible and no later than 25th October!**

### **Carol Singing - Monday 12th and Monday 19th December at 7.00pm**

On these dates we will be carol singing at some old people's homes and then 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 at the start as the old people love to see children.

### **Sparklers Reunited**

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

### **Christingle Making - Friday 23rd December at 3.00pm**

Christingle Making - decorate oranges for the Christingle services. Time: 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### **New Year 's Day Firework party 5.30pm**

Eileen Goford has kindly agreed to host our traditional Bonfire night party as a New Year's day party. The venue is 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. (the change of date from November to January is to accommodate the Light Party.)

### **Windsor Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty – Friday 6th January 2012**

We have booked our usual seats in the stalls of the Theatre Royal (in good position to catch the sweets) with a considerable discount for this production. It stars Kevin Cruz, Britt Eckland and Noddy(+ his car). Our tickets cost £14.00 each instead of £22.00. Please telephone or see Richard or Ann Burdett (631486) to buy your tickets.

### **Swimarathon - Saturday 7th January 2012**

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 16th or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012**

More details about the post Christmas party at the Magnet including the inflatable assault course, and swimming, with tea in the Hall will follow later. Feel free to invite a friend.

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** .....

**e-mail** .....

<b>Event</b>	<b>Hope to Attend (please tick)</b>	<b>Unable to Attend (please tick)</b>	<b>Parent/Guardian would like/is probably able to attend (please tick)</b>
Lions Club Fun Run – Saturday 24th September – 12 noon till 12.55 pm			
Flower Arranging - Thursday 22nd September between 4pm and 6pm.			
Packing Harvest Boxes – Sunday 2nd October at 11.30 am			
Tour of BBC TV Centre - Wednesday 26th October (in Half Term)			
The Elves and the Shoemaker – Thursday 27th October			
The Light Party - Saturday 29th October at 4 - 7pm			
Maidenhead Drama Guild Pantomime - Saturday 17th December. Please state number of tickets required and enclose money (cheque payable to “St Luke's PCC”): ADULT @ £10.00 _____ CHILD @ £8.00 _____			
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Sparklers Reunited - TBA			N/A
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New Year 's Day Firework party 5.30pm			
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Swimarathon - Saturday 8th Jan 2011			

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

I would/would not like to see a Chocoholics catalogue.

I would/would not like a small part in the Christmas presentation on Sunday 18th December at 10.00am