



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week Commencing: 11th January 2026
Baptism of Christ

This Sunday we have an 8.00 am service of Holy Communion and then 10.00am Parish Communion during which we welcome Alice to baptism. All welcome.

The Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again
by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your
adopted children;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

34Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Acts 10. 34-43

Gospel Reading

13Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' 15But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. 16And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the

heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3. 13-17

P: 99	Hail to the Lord's appointed
G: 109	When Jesus came to be baptised
O: 337	Source and fount of all creation
HC: 569 (i)	The Kingdom of God
R: 227	Crown him with many crowns

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For a healthy and peaceful new year
- For our PCC and church officers, and for those covering the vacancy.
- For the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, nominated as the next Archbishop of Canterbury
- For the strengthening of our efforts to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
- For a just and sustainable peace in Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, and Sudan
- For our local schools and teachers and all children and young people in education.
- For all those who live and work in Sheephause Road and Simpson Close
- For Alice to be baptised on Sunday and for her family
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in January: Arthur
- The sick and their carers : Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Ralph Hinchliffe, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam, John Cotterill, Barbara Romaker
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in January : Leonard Lynch, Trevor Tilbury, Tony Boakes, Dorothy Nicks, Florence Woodruff, Bill Bowyer, Pauline Norris, Jean Meadows.
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A prayer for the start of the year: Lord God, as you led the magi by the star and showed the world your light, please help us to allow your light to shine in our hearts and to set them on fire with love for you. Amen

Rotas for next week

Sunday 18th January : Epiphany 2

Reader: Edgar Intercede: Jacqueline Chalice: Jean Sound: Simon
Welcomers: Kim, Shula, Isobel Coffee: Gill and Margaret Children: Sam

Our church is floodlit at night.

The church floodlighting this week has been sponsored by Genevieve Usher
'For Caroline, a kind, generous and faithful friend'

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk



It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 11 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 13 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 14 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 15 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddlers No Keeping Company this month
Friday 16 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer
Sunday 18 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion

Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

18 th Jan	Night Prayer with reflection, via zoom. Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
1 st Feb	International Taizé Prayer at St Luke's
15 th Feb	Iona Evening Worship, via zoom. Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
1 st March	Eucharist for St David's Day at All Saints
22 nd March	Stations of the Cross at All Saints
29 th March	Taizé Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
12 th April	Easter Songs of Praise at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
26 th April	Choral Evensong at St Luke's

Christmas Tree Festival – Thank you and final totals

A huge thank you again to everyone who volunteered, sponsored, decorated the church and helped out in so many ways at the Christmas Tree Festival.

In total, we've raised a fabulous £11,110. This is £5490 for our church and £5620 for our chosen charity (Alzheimer Dementia Support)

I'm pleased to confirm that the votes have been counted and verified, and our winning tree is: '**Café by the Lake**' by **Thames Hospice**. A big well done to Genevieve and the team.

A big round of applause (for a garland of rainbow-coloured hands) also to the Pines Veterinary Clinic who came 2nd.

Our Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

Midweek Holy Communion is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee

Baby and Toddler group meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am **term time only**. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. **Next one 7th February**
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on Jeant-d2@outlook.com for further details.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. 4th Thursdays monthly.

Please note that for Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday (no Saturday during the vacancy)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmlldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925 Passcode: 180609