

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 20th December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

As we walk the Christmas Tree Trail and see the lights on them, and all around us, we are reminded of the *Comfort and Joy* of this season, and the light of Jesus bringing hope to the world – which the darkness cannot destroy.

We have Christmas hope – you may like to watch this video from TearFund

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HNVgVHw2Wk&feature=youtu.be>

As we draw to the end of Advent, our service this Sunday is a service of Parish Communion at 10 am in church and on Zoom. The usual social distancing rules apply still, and as we are on tier 2 we should not be mixing to talk outside of our own bubbles – inside or outside the church building. Morning Prayer (on Zoom only) will be said at 9 am and the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30 am. The link to join the main Communion Service is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85097790796?pwd=NUIBZE5PL3hlfOFEyUm11OTNxc0lnUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 9779 0796

Password: 900393

Please do bring your own order of service and RHP sheet with you, if you possibly can. That leaves the few in church to welcome visitors.

We continue to offer a Zoom Morning Prayer daily at 9am (except Mondays) and Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays. The order of service can be found on our website or the Daily Prayer App. Just ask if you need help finding it.

The links are:

Zoom Morning Prayer,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84140066083?pwd=ZlZ0bXgvQ0t1UTlZcW10YlFNSnpPZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 4006 6083

Passcode: 544130

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350227277?pwd=QnhoTOE1YXFid09BeDZTUffXa2JCQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 5022 7277

Passcode: 262906

Morning Prayer, daily (except Monday, and Sunday at present) on Zoom

Readings for the week beginning Sunday 20th December are:

Sunday	Psalm 144	Romans 1.1-7
Monday	Psalm 121	Isaiah 52.13-end of 53 2 Peter 1.1-15
Tuesday	Psalm 124	Isaiah 54 2 Peter 1.16-2.3
Wednesday	Psalm 130	Isaiah 55 2 Peter 2. 4-end
Christmas Eve	Psalm 45	Isaiah 56. 1-8 2 Peter 3

Daily Prayer resumes with Morning Prayer on Saturday 2nd January

Sundays at Six: Night Prayer on Zoom on the first and third Sundays of each month, resumes on 3rd January.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362755135?pwd=bmZYRkdIbW1SUjhtaHINMnBDTzF1QT09>

Meeting ID: 823 6275 5135

Passcode: 737489

There will be a **Wednesday** 10 am Holy Communion service on 23rd December, with (fully covid - secure) anointing for wholeness and healing for those who would like it.

As we are in tier 2 it is important to remember that while we may worship together, ***we should not be gathering to chat face to face before or after the services.***

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks that churches can meet for worship, and pray for our keeping of Christmas, and for those who will come into church at this time
- For our Christmas Tree Trail and all those who walk it, and every sponsor
- For the work of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance
- Give thanks for a vaccine for Covid19 and pray for those rolling it out
- That we might be kind to each other – in ‘thought, word and deed’
- That all national and local leaders might work together for the health and wellbeing of our nation and all people
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For those who feel alone
- For all the issues surrounding Brexit
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the Synagogue, Mosques, Gurdwara and elsewhere
- For the people of Armenia and Azerbaijan, that fighting may cease and ordinary people and their homes might be protected
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in December: Lily Edmonds, Luke Hulks, Carys Cox, Herbie Prater
- For all those who live and work in Grosvenor Drive
- The sick and those who care for them: John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, Stan Swansborough, Tony Boaks, and Mick Curley
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Patricia Walker
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in December: David Sawyers, Robert Gardener, Eileen Pond, Max Neale, Peggy Swansborough, John Norris, John Sheppard, Dennis Rayfield, Peter Brown, John Dickson, Anne Seagrove, Dorothy Scott, Penelope Hutchings, Joan Parker, Evelyn Rose, Roy Horsham, Peggy Harris, Colin Bowerman, Robert Gill, Pamela Barber, Sheila Mayers, Joyce Bryant, Isabella Monk, David Jones, Bernard Bowdery

Rotas for next service: 3rd January (no service on 27th December)

Read: Charlie Sloan Intercede: Young People

Antibac after service:

Welcomers:

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by

Eunice Goodman

Sending love and a Happy Christmas to all friends at St. Luke's

To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally.

There are, as yet, no slots taken in the new year!



What's on... and other news...

Christmas Tree Trail

Please continue to pray for the success of the trail and that the lights of the trees may bring comfort, joy and hope to all who see them.

Although there will be no trees inside the church, we will still have a Memory Tree and Prayer Tree in the church for people to leave prayers and memorials – tags will be available in church for this – in a socially distanced way.

Do look at the dedicated CTT website:

<https://stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk/>

The church will be open for private prayer and for putting tags on the Memory Tree and Prayer Tree from Thursday 10th – 24th December, at these times each day:

Monday 3-4pm	Tuesday 10 – 11 am	Wednesday 11am – midday
Thursday 1-2pm	Friday 2-3 pm	Saturday 10-11 am
Sundays 11 am – midday	2-3 pm	Christmas Eve: 10 am – 4pm

Christmas services:

Carol services booking: there are still a few places available – book now!!

Sunday 20th December at 6.00 pm (more suitable for adults)

Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm (more suitable for families)

Please note that in order to comply with the current restrictions:

- *it will not be possible for small children (or, indeed adults!!) to wander about the church;*
- *the congregation will be expected to wear face coverings throughout the service, and will not be able to sing;*
- *places are very limited and MUST be booked in advance.*

The office is now closed so to book your place please email:

Sally514@btinternet.com OR phone: 01628 783033

please state your name and email address (or phone number if no email) and the number of adult and child seats that you would like.

We will assume that all bookings made in one name will be seated together – please make a separate booking for each individual or 'bubble'.

Please comply with government regulations on social distancing. These will be different on Sunday and Christmas Eve.

We will confirm your place – ideally by email (or phone). Please print and bring your email confirmation with you.

Please do not come to church if you are unwell at all.

Should you be unable to take up your booked place please do contact the vicar to cancel so that another person / family can benefit from the place.

Other services: no need to book

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December: 9.00 pm, Midnight Mass (Church)

Christmas Day, Friday 25th December: 10.00 am Parish Christmas Communion (Church and Zoom – not recorded)

NB: there is NO service at all on 27th December – the diocese is streaming a service. Details at oxford.anglican.org/livestream

The **Parish office is NOW CLOSED until 5th January.**
There will be no weekly sheet next week.

The Ministry Team will all be taking (much needed!) leave from after church on Christmas day until 2nd January. In an emergency (ONLY!!!) Revd. Sally is very happy to be contacted by mobile. If you do not have access to this a churchwarden can contact her for you.

Advent resources: do look at: <https://adventonline.faith/> for loads of resources and ideas.

Roots on the web for this week: www.rootsontheweb.com/athome20dec

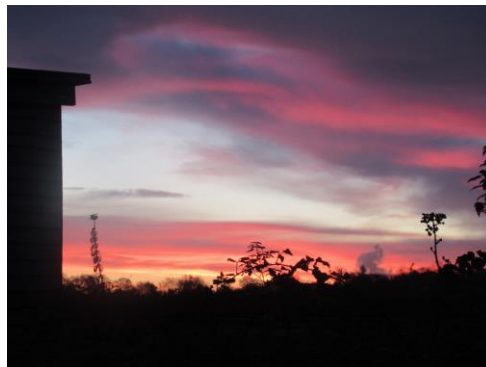
Weekly video for children and young people: do check our website, where you will find a new video each week. In Advent we are working through the season using Godly Play.

Comfort and Joy is a little video from the Church of England: <https://youtu.be/5jucc-YrGJA?t=12>
Why not look – and share it with friend and family.

The WAMCF Joy of Movement sessions continue into 2021 – Tuesdays 12th January – 16th February, 6-7pm totally free. Sign up details to come in the new year. A fun way to keep fit.

And finally...

Jose Kershaw sent this beautiful sunrise photo, inspired by our Advent calendar booklet:



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas – stay safe.

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033
The Annual Year Book with contact details for key parish personally can be accessed on the church website