



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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**Week commencing: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

## **The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

As the Covid 19 statistics continue to be worrying, we are carrying on with no in-person worship in church. This Sunday we have a Zoomed service at 10 am, which will be recorded and available on our website later in the day. Between now and Lent we will use the order of service attached again with this sheet and available on our website. Also attached is an RHP sheet. On 31<sup>st</sup> January there will be an online Christingle service, with a separate order of service. More about that in due course.

Morning Prayer continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am; Evening Prayer, Friday at 5pm.

Sundays at Six continues on Zoom at 6pm on first and third Sundays each month. There is one TODAY and then 7<sup>th</sup> February, often using Night Prayer from the blue *Prayers during Coronavirus* booklet (do ask Revd Sally if you need a copy).

Please note that **for all Zoom services from last week the new links below are being used:**

### **Sunday Morning Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

### **Zoom Morning Prayer at 9 am Tuesday - Saturday**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

### **Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810

Passcode: 171263

### **Sundays at Six:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRlZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349

Passcode: 945101

**Roots at Home:** we subscribe to Roots material which offers resources to support weekly worship. A new resource has been launched - a weekly sheet with ideas for all ages to explore, it comes as a pdf so can be downloaded or printed (whatever is easiest for you to use). We will print a copy to send with the deliveries to those without internet and attach the sheet to the weekly mailing, also adding the link here: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22250/roots-at-home-17-jan-2021.pdf>

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January are:*

Sunday	Psalm 145.1-12	1 Corinthians 6. 11-end	
Monday	Psalm 146	Amos 6	1 Corinthians 6.1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 132	Amos 7	1 Corinthians 6. 12 -end
Wednesday	Psalm 81	Amos 8	1 Corinthians 7.1-24
Thursday	Psalm 76	Amos 9	1 Corinthians 7.25-end
Friday	Psalm 27	Hosea 1.1- 2.1	1 Corinthians 8
Saturday	Psalm 122	Hosea 2. 2-17	1 Corinthians 9. 1-14

***Prayer suggestions for this week:***

- Give thanks for generous giving among us last year and a much smaller than anticipated shortfall at year end; pray for sustained good income in 2021
- Give thanks for a second approved vaccine for Covid19 and pray for those rolling it out, especially for Phyl and Jeanette
- That we might be kind to each other – in ‘thought, word and deed’
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For those who feel alone and are struggling with these long winter months
- For all online worship and other activities
- For those with challenging decisions to make
- For school teachers, parents home schooling, and all children
- 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
- For a smooth Presidency transition in the USA
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in January: Otilie Beresford-Jones, Grace Mondal, Ryan Westbury Jr, Ritchie Westbury, Jonas Lanyon, Sebastian Lanyon
- For all those who live and work in Hazel Close
- The sick and those who care for them: Monica Olley, Stan Swansborough, Tony Boaks, Mick Curley, Nicholas Hanna, Claire Hanna Pasic, Adam Hanna Pasic and Benjamin Hanna Pasic.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Roy Goff
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in January: Peter Joyce, David Bateman, Mark Willard, Len Lynch, Roy Smith, Roger Martin, Clifford Collier, Alice Wellman, Jacqueline Hayward, Ida Walters, Robert Newman, Beryl Jenkins, Robert Howe, Frank Joyce, Marjorie Hopkins, Andrew Drummond, Vivian Oliver, Ann Hancock, Charles Woodman, Julie Brazenor, Florence Hampton, Derek Jones, Eileen Gulrayani, Edward Hylton-Jones, Dawn Crampin, Nora Searle, Michael Marriner, Jean Stemp, Christine Bowyer, Phyllis Boshier.

**Rotas for next service: 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Read: Faith Powley    Intercede: Jeanette Lock

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by*

*Jilly Bevitt, for a ‘special’ birthday:*

*‘In the early hours of my 50th Birthday arsonists set fire to our church but rising from the ashes the Spirit came alive’*



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally. There are plenty of weeks available this year.

## Staying safe

More staying safe tips – keep sending them for us to include...

- If you get telephone calls telling you that your internet or phone is going to be cut off please do NOT press anything they tell you to and put the phone down – it is a scam.
- I wonder whether those of you whose number comes up as 'withheld' when you make a call might consider not using that facility during the pandemic if you are calling church folk – that way they will know who is calling... just a thought....
- Please do try to stick to the rules and physically have contact as few people as possible.

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

**Teaching and discussion session: The Environment:** Our series starts again this year with an afternoon session on the environment, focussed around some short videos by Bishop Olivia. Join us – with your own tea and cake! - Thursday afternoon, 3pm, 28<sup>th</sup> January

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88563991698?pwd=cVljcG9WTU9ka0pWamlpeDZ4RVZtQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 6399 1698 Passcode: 282140

**Quiet Morning: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January**, 9.45 am – 12.30 pm. Another chance for space to reflect with two short inputs and guided reflection, concluding with a short act of worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81107842738?pwd=RDR0QTNxTmFST1pPOUdkWUx5V3lldz09>

Meeting ID: 811 0784 2738 Passcode: 026722

**Messy Church:** continues on the first Friday of each month. Revd. Sally provides a craft pack in advance and we have online stories and songs with a show and tell of what we have made. This year we are going to look again at Jesus' parables. 5<sup>th</sup> February 4-5pm: Messy Lost Sheep. Sign up by emailing Revd. Sally (Zoom link not public for safeguarding reasons).

**Church Social – Quiz:** James Ellis has kindly agreed to host another church family quiz. Join on your own, in a household bubble or by phone link with friend(s). Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 8.15 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88248700563?pwd=aFFMVUVNSEZBMUZpMUtHSDZPSHVkdz09>

Meeting ID: 882 4870 0563 Passcode: 387482

**Other activities:** we do have a draft church calendar for 2021 but are loathe to publish it in full for fear of disappointing everyone with constant cancellations and changes! A few highlights:

- There is likely to be a Lent course (just waiting for responses to the Google forms to work out what works best for most people)
- We will mark Ash Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> February) somehow
- There will be more teaching sessions and enquirers courses after Easter

### **WAMCF (Interfaith) news: 2021 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of WAMCF**

I spoke with Zia this week and he sends warm greetings from our friends at the mosque – we have also sent our regards to them. We do miss each other.

- **What is the Purpose of Life?** A WAMCF Zoom Webinar

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021

7pm - 8.30pm. The link for this Webinar will be available on the WAMCF web site nearer the date. A Buddhist, Hindu and Brahma Kumaris offer their perspective followed by a Q&A.

- **The Joy of Movement** Exercise to music for the over 50's

Every Tuesday from 12th January to 16th February 2021, 6pm to 7pm via ZOOM

JOIN US Send an email to Paul: [samuelsberks@aol.com](mailto:samuelsberks@aol.com)

- **WAMCF Women's Meetings** Ladies of all beliefs and none are warmly invited to our next meetings via Zoom.

Monday 25th JANUARY 730pm - 930pm

Monday 22nd MARCH 730pm - 930pm

Further details from: [sally514@btinternet.com](mailto:sally514@btinternet.com)

**News from Quench:** Towards the end of last year a new online bookselling platform was launched in the UK specifically designed for the benefit of independent bookshops. The demand for a new place to shop for books online, and for a more socially conscious alternative to Amazon, has been there for some time, and we are really excited to be a part of this. Without boring you with the details, you can choose us as your shop, and we will receive 30% of the cover price of any book you order. It doesn't even have to be one that we would normally stock! You could order a cookery book, or a historical fiction book - whatever takes your fancy! Obviously not *all* books are available through this website, but why not give it a go? <https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/quenchshops>

**Lent reading:** do check out Lent reading, more ideas to come soon, but for now we have ordered enough copies of the Archbishop's Live Lent booklet to deliver to everyone on our email list (hopefully with a Christingle kit at the end of January). If anyone would like to contribute towards the cost of these booklets as part of our mission please let Richard have a cheque or make a bacs payment (details on website) with the reference: LENT. Or just let Richard or Sally have your donation. Thank you.

## Keeping busy

Several people have asked what they can 'DO', both to keep busy and to support the current situation. Please keep sending ideas. Here are some starters:

**Books and jigsaws:** we have no more books in church, but we can arrange a book swop for those who have read books that they would like to pass on to others and receive books in return. Clearly, all books would need to be quarantined. Is there anyone who is willing to act as 'librarian?' (We can quarantine books in church). Likewise for jigsaws.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Here at St Luke's we would like to set up a regular gathering, virtual at the moment, to pray and knit for those in our community who are in need of support as well as those who are celebrating life's joys. As we knit (or crochet or sew) shawls and lap blankets for others, our handiwork will become an expression of prayer and the loving care of God. Each shawl will be blessed centrally and given, for example, to someone who is sick or going into hospital, or in bereavement, or nursing a baby. The pattern for the shawls is easy and will suit beginners or experienced knitters, women and men. The knitted shawls grow quickly, using chunky wool which can be provided, and 8mm needles.

If you would like to consider joining this prayerful and practical ministry which seems so timely during this season of coronavirus, please come if you can to our zoom meeting at a 3pm on Thursday 21 January, or call Terrie on 01628 634107 or email [terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com](mailto:terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com) for more information. We look forward very much to hearing from/seeing you.

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## PCC News

The PCC met last week. Key items to report:

- Frequent changes to respond to the pandemic and restrictions
- Our Christmas worship offerings were well received, thanks to all who contributed and helped
- There is a faculty notice up for a fixed digital projector and screen – if approved purchase to wait until the financial position is secure
- An end of year deficit of just £1337 (as opposed to £1763 in 2019 and a possible deficit of up to £17000). Thanks to all generous givers.
- A number of documents noted, which the PCC will study and engage with this year:
  - a) The Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing (and Reflection Document)
  - b) Flourishing Together in Church Leadership
  - c) Diocesan policy on Dignity and Respect in Ministry and at Work
  - d) Living in Love and Faith  
(<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>)
  - e) Disciples together (All age church life)
- A diocesan wide conversation about discipleship: Come and See, led by +Steven and +Olivia
- Prayer is encouraged for our school – offering both face to face an online teaching and supporting whole families
- Thanks for everyone's support together



Take heed, dear Friends,  
to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts.  
Trust them as the leadings of God  
whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life.  
Bring the whole of your life under the ordering of the spirit of  
Christ.  
Are you open to the healing power of God's love?  
Cherish that of God within you,  
so that this love may grow in you and guide you.  
Let your worship and your daily life enrich each other.  
Treasure your experience of God, however it comes to you.  
Remember that Christianity is not a notion but a way.

The opening sentences from *Advices & Queries* by the Religious Society of Friends, (The Quakers), whose founder, George Fox, is commemorated by the Church of England today

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 personnel can be accessed on the church website