



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 27th November 2022 , Advent Sunday

This coming Sunday is Advent Sunday, and our main 10am Parish Communion service will include the baptisms of church family babies Poppie and Klarissa. We will also be offering a blessing on the Advent calendars, candles, wreaths etc that families and individuals have at home so you may like to bring yours for blessing. We will also be sending out our Travelling Knitivity – you can sign up to host it for a night on the sheet at church.

We also have Café church at 4pm. The Taize service at Cox Green is cancelled due to illness.

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you...

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

A reading from Isaiah

1The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!
Isaiah 2. 1-5

The Gospel Reading

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 36'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by Ben Darracott:

*“From Ben and Luke
to celebrate Mum, Ann’s 80th Birthday”*



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.

Thought for the week: a national radio station announced to day that on 1st December it would be playing Christmas music all day. Our Christmas trees will fill the church on the third weekend of Advent and we listen to Cliff singing mistletoe and wine a lot that weekend! The shops have been ‘Christmas ready’ for weeks and TV adverts are fully Christmas themed.



But there are still 5 weeks to go before we celebrate the incarnation of Christ!

And will we be ready to meet him? We might have done all our shopping and made the right practical preparations, but what about the spiritual? Advent offers us that lovely opportunity to reflect on our faith. Perhaps amidst the busyness of the next few weeks we might each find a few minutes a day to be quiet with Jesus – and be really ready for his incarnation afresh in our hearts.

What’s on... This week:

Thursday 24 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am Baby and Toddler group, in church 12.00 – 2.00 pm, Midday meals – open to all 3.00 pm, Gaynor’s Gift, prayer shawl knitting group
Friday 25 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom No Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 26 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30 pm, Parish Quiz night – on zoom
Sunday 27 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, with baptisms 4.00 pm, Café Church for Advent 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Taizé service at ChoGS
Tuesday 29 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 30 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion, and coffee
Thursday 1 st Dec.	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am Baby and Toddler group, in church Starting with shared Christingle with St. Luke’s School Nursery 12.00 – 2.00 pm, Midday meals – open to all 7.30 pm Christmas Tree Festival meeting on zoom
Friday 2 nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4.00 pm, Messy Church 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 3 rd	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 4 th	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion

Church news

Aaron and Laura Wilson leave us next week as they move north with Aaron's work. We send them with our love and our thanks for all that Aaron has done as Assistant Churchwarden and Chair of the fabric Committee.

Ralph Hinchliffe will take on the role of Assistant Warden and Simon Bader will chair the Fabric Committee.

Those who knew Pamela Rivers will be sad to hear that she passed away this week after a short time in hospital and long illness. It is almost exactly a year since Kenneth's passing. We extend our love and sympathy to their sons and wider family. Her funeral will take place at St. Luke's on Tuesday 6th December at 1pm.

Adam Went has decided that he needs to focus on work and has resigned as Director of Music from the end of January.

Information from the diocese

Parish share: we have come to the time of year when we think about finance and budgeting for next year. All current givers should now have received a letter of thanks from Revd. Sally and a form to return to the treasurer concerning our giving for the coming year. If you have not done so please contact Sally so that this can be corrected.

To find out more about parish share, see the new diocesan publication:

On the Money

<https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/61f2fd86f0ee5/content/pages/documents/on-the-money.pdf>

Environment Resource Pack: part of our stewardship / giving is also about the way that we live sustainably in God's creation. Our Eco group is working on ways of helping us to respond to this challenge, but you may also like to see some of the resources published by this diocese, at:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/environment-and-social-justice/environmental-action/#Environment%20Parish%20Resource%20Pack>

Together in Love and Faith: you may have read in the press that Anglican Bishops have been carefully considering issues of human sexuality and especially same-sex marriage. Our own Bishop Steven has published an essay in which he outlines his own view, having determined in favour of same-sex marriage in church. You can read more about this here:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/news/same-sex-marriage-in-cofe.php#order>

Coming up...

Christmas help

There are lots of things happening in church this Advent. If you are able to help with any of these please contact the office or Revd, Sally – thank you. (there is also a sheet to sign in church!)

Thursday 1st Baby and Toddler / School Nursery Christingle 9.00 – 10.15 am

Help steward adults

Friday 2nd Messy Church 3.45 – 5.15pm

Assist with crafts, Serve food

Monday 5th St. Piran's Carol Service 6.00 – 7.00 pm
Possibly steward, Set church out for next day at end

Tuesday 6th School Reception Nativity 9.00 – 10.00 am (starts 9.30)
Steward and sign in parents, Set church up for funeral at end

Tuesday 13th St. Luke's school Carol service 9.00 – 10.30 am
Steward and sign in parents, Make and serve refreshments to parents

Wednesday 14th Claires Court Carol services, 9.30 / 11.00
Steward if necessary, Set up for Baby and Toddler party at end

Saturday 17th church cleaning etc, 9.30 onwards

Sunday 18th Carol service, 6.30 pm (7pm start)
Welcomers, Serve mulled wine and mince pies

Saturday 24th Crib services, 4pm / 5pm
Welcomers

Love Christmas

This year we will not join with St. Peter's but will simply buy plants to take to people as a gift of love at Christmas. You can get involved by:

- Buying a small plant (poinsettia or cyclamen) and bringing to church before 7th December – with a plant saucer of some sort please
- Making a donation towards plants in the pot that will be in church
- Suggesting the names of recipients to Revd. Sally / the office
- Coming along on 17th December at 10 am to collect plants to deliver.

The Christmas Tree Festival:

How YOU can be involved:

- Sign up to help during the event
- Make cakes
- Deliver flyers
- Take posters
- Contribute to the church family hamper – first raffle prize
- Contribute a quality raffle prize (perhaps from a firm you know...)
For guidance, last years raffle prizes were: Food hamper, Beauty hamper, Reindeer Tower of treats, Diffuser/tea lights, Mug-in-a-box, John Lewis napkins, Tartan shoulder bag Shortbread house, Champagne, Panettone
- Help cover boards on Wed 7th from 11 am
- Make jams etc for the produce stall
- Come to the last planning meeting: Thursday 1st December at 7.0 pm on zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82088800230?pwd=V0liYnc2V05SRW10NlBpZ0VPc1BzZz09>
Meeting ID: 820 8880 0230 Passcode: 898571

Café church: fourth Sunday at 4pm, in church (not on zoom). Informal, lay led time with tea and cake, prayer stations for all ages and closing reflection. **Next:** THIS SUNDAY

A sign up sheet to host the **Knitivity** is now in church. This lovely knitted nativity scene in a box was made by friends in Canada and families / individuals are invited to host it in their homes for one day and night and then pass it on to the next on the list (arrange your own swop over, a list will be supplied).

Wednesday Holy Communion date change: please note that in the week beginning 12th December the midweek holy communion service will be at 11 am on Tuesday rather than Wednesday.

Quiz Night is back: James and Louisa are leading another of their famed Quiz Nights on **Saturday 26th** November at 7.30 pm. To save heating the church this will be on zoom but you may wish to form teams in each others homes, especially if you are on your own.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87577616957?pwd=MzJCOC9Mc0gxSC9Ld1RjK25HYWw2dz09>

Meeting ID: 875 7761 6957

Passcode: 259028

We are delighted to have been chosen by the **CoOp as a recipient of their Community Fund** for the coming year. By shopping in the CoOp now you can support this church.

St. Luke's Church is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/68757> #ItsWhatWeDo

Our particular project is to redevelop the churchyard to make it a more useable community space for quiet and to support the natural environment.

WAMCF (Interfaith group) activities

WAMCF Autumn 2022 Dialogues, 7pm to 830pm followed by refreshments.

Lat one this year: Tuesday 29th November Maidenhead Mosque

Topic: Can religious faith make you a happy person?

Sundays at Six, this Autumn, All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning

27 th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green NB changed date
11 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's
18 th December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

And next year:

8 th January	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
22 nd January	Night Prayer with reflection, on zoom Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
29 th January	Taizé service for Candlemas, in church at St Luke's
12 th February	Iona Evening worship, on zoom Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
26 th February	Eucharist for St. David, in church at All Saints
12 th March	Lenten Reflections, on zoom Led by St. Luke's
26 th March	Stations of the Cross, in church at All Saints (Passion Sunday)
2 nd April	Taizé service, in church Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (Palm Sunday)

23 rd April	Easter reflections, on zoom Led by St Luke's
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And on the 4th Sunday monthly: (except December)

3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints 4pm, Café church, at St. Luke's

Getting the church ready for Christmas...

On Saturday 17th December, we will be making the church look beautiful for Christmas...
flower arranging, cleaning cobweb removing, brass polishing...

Please do consider coming along to help – even if you can only give an hour... any time between 9.30 am and midday. Thank you.

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Christmas POP UP SHOP

WHERE?

- The Soltau Centre, St James the Less Stubbings, Henley Rd, Maidenhead SL6 6QW (Mon-Fri 9am-12 noon)
- Maidenhead Salvation Army, East Rd, Maidenhead SL6 1PJ (Tues & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm)
- Maidenhead Salvation Army, East Rd, Maidenhead, SL6 1PJ

WHEN? Nov 8th and 15th 9.30am-12.30pm

www.quenchshops.com

Don't forget that you can still order from Quench Bookshop...

ALEXANDER DEVINE'S POP-UP SHOP
Maidenhead's only toy shop!

Find us in the old Dorothy Perkins shop in the Nicholson's Shopping Centre

Opens Thursday 10th November and every Thursday, Friday and Saturday for six weeks, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Come in and browse our range of new and 'pre-loved' toys, puzzles, games and books at unbeatable prices!

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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. We meet in church.

Warm Welcome Thursdays midday – 2pm, a warm space in church to meet with others (or just be quiet and warm) and have a warm meal. Free, and open to all.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 2nd December. Email Revd. Sally to book a place.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 15th December.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 8th December.

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. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is January.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142