St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



Week commencing: 30th January 2022 The Feast of Candlemas, Christingle Service

This Sunday we will be keeping the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas). Our 10 am service will be an **All Age Christingle** service to which all are warmly invited and at which you may be invited to receive a Christingle. There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Children's Society. As this is a Word service, there will be a service of **Holy Communion at 8.00 am** next week so that those who wish to receive communion can do so (even if it means getting up a bit earlier!).

Morning Prayer continues: Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom, at 8.30 am (9 am on Sat.) **Evening Prayer**, on Fridays at 5pm also on zoom, except on the first Friday monthly. We are using the Epiphany order of service – on the app or the CofE website. From 2nd February we move to the daily orders.

The Collect for Candlemas

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,

who lived to welcome the Messiah:

may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,

prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Thought for the week:

At 40 days old Jesus was taken to the Temple for the special dedication service for all first-born baby boys. All very normal. What was unusual was that the aged Simeon and Anna met his parents and spoke prophetic words of blessing and warning over him. That must have been both disconcerting and worrying for the first-time parents. Yet Joseph and Mary recognised and respected the older people and their deep spirituality.



This story is beautiful for a whole host of reasons, not least that it holds together three generations of people of faith. How good are we at doing that in our church life? How well do we enable people, on all stages of their faith journey to be nurtured and flourish together?



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 30th January 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 71. 1-6, 15-17	1 Corinthians 6. 12-end	
Monday	Psalm 57	Genesis 18.1-15	Matthew 27. 11-26
Tuesday	Psalm 93	Genesis 18. 16-end	Matthew 27.27-44
Wednesday	Psalm 48	Exodus 13.1-16	Romans 12.1-5
Thursday	Psalm 15	Genesis 21.1-21	Matthew 27. 57-end
Friday	Psalm 19	Genesis 22.1-19	Matthew 28. 1-15
Saturday	Psalm 23	Genesis 23	Matthew 28. 16-end

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For the unit of the church, world wide and in our town
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For all children, especially those in need, and for the work of the Children's Society and for our work with children through Messy Church and Baby and Toddler group.
- For those who are 'feeling their age'.
- For wisdom for those making decisions about covid restrictions and for a kindness which keeps each other safe.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in February: Isaac Smalley, Elsie-Rae Jarnak,
- For all those who live and work in Ray Mead Road.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Eunice Moffett, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Ann Darracott, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Lissa Jane, Barbara Stevens.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Beryl Horsham, Edward Dobson, Peter Sharp, Valerie Merkel, Robert Crick, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macauley Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, Rodgers Murwisi, Peter Curtis, Joan Bartholomew, Harvey Lovegrove, Stanley Swansborough, Christine Dawson.

Rotas for next week: 6th February, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Kate Taylor	Intercede: Simon Bader	
Welcomers: John, Eileen and Ben	Antibac: Jeanette	

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by Ben & Luke Darracott In celebration of their parents Ann and Brian's Golden Wedding Anniversary



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

What's on...

This week:		
Friday 28 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom	
	7.30 pm, Choir social, on zoom	
Saturday 29 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	
	10.00 am, Christingle making working party, in church	
	5.00 pm, Marlow Community Choir concert, in church (tickets on door)	

8.00 am, Holy Communion
10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Evensong and Benediction at All Saints
7.30 pm, WAMCF Ladies meeting, on zoom
8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
10.00 am Holy Communion
8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church
8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
4.00 pm, Messy Church (No Evening Prayer)
8.00 pm, Choir practice
9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, on zoom

Church Quiz James Ellins has kindly prepared another church quiz for us. all are warmly invited to take part in teams, pairs or solo – zoom in on Thursday 10th February at 8pm: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89365008970?pwd=bHJJQ1JTbVJjVWxNY2xXR2RPYTRKUT09</u> Meeting ID: 893 6500 8970 Passcode: 077018

Christingle making working party we need to make 60 or so Christingles for next Sunday. If you are able to join a working party on Saturday 29th at 10 am in church you would be very welcome. Just turn up, all the bits will be provided!

WAMCF Ladies (interfaith) meeting: our next meeting is on Monday 31st January, on zoom, whenwe will think about women of faith. All ladies welcome:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81359777332?pwd=S0JBMXB6QmhoVWQ1S29LRGxaSzNCUT09Meeting ID: 813 5977 7332Passcode: 802558

NB change of APCM please note that change of date of our Annual Parochial Church Meeting from March to Sunday 3rd April. If you are not yet on the church **Electoral Roll** please do complete a form (on the table at the back of church, or ask a welcomer for one) and return it to a churchwarden.

Church cleaning thanks for all those who help out keeping our church clean and beautiful. We are now down to six volunteer cleaners and we really do need more folk to join the team. Cleaners work in pairs, at a mutually convenient time, on rota. The more we have, the less often you do it! of you are able bodied and feel you could give a couple of hours every now and then please have a word with Sally Somerville or any of the ministry team. Thank you to those who spoke to Sally on Sunday – all further offers welcome!

World Day of :Prayer: This year's World Day of Prayer service is on Friday 4th March at 2pm at St Joseph's Church. The theme this year is 'I know the plans I have for you', prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Historically Scotland does its own. It will be another 100 years before the British Isles can do it again so this year is really special and we would love as many to come as possible. Tea will be served after the service. Any enquiries to Gill Curry or Ruth Sheppard.

The WAMCF 'Joy of Movement' programme is running again in the Spring. This will be six on-line sessions at 6pm -7pm every Tuesday from 1st February to 8th March 2022. The tutor will again be Anisha Gangotra. These sessions are free to members of our faith communities. To join, email <u>samuelsberks@aol.com</u> for the link.

Inspire: the next edition of Inspire will be coming out in the Spring. Ruth would love to receive articles now (of any sort – Christmas reviews, photos, poems, reflections etc). Please email them to the office.

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 (or just come at 10.30 for coffee!).

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

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is 4th February. 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 17th February.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10th February.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 24th February.

Sundays at Six A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, with a mix of zoom and in-church services. The programme is on our website and here:

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 To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing *6 (star six)

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmlldU5Hdz09 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 Passcode: 132142

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Sundays at Six:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09 Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852 Passcode: 936128

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4th Thursday, monthly

Needs a new link!

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