

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 12th January 2020 The Baptism of Christ

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion President: Revd. Sally Lynch Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch

4.00pm Café Church

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Evensong and Benediction at All Saints Church

If you are new to St. Luke's please do make yourself known to the ministers or a member of the Welcome Team, who can give you a contact slip to complete and a welcome card with information about our 10am service.

Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee which will be served in the fellowship area at the back of church.

You may like to prepare for worship by praying quietly using your own words or these:

Heavenly Father,

at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

We take all aspects of safety very seriously at St Luke's. Please do take care with hot drinks. Details of our safeguarding team are on the noticeboard by the door . Should you have any concerns, please do speak to someone.

## The Readings for Today

#### A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street: a bruised reed he will not break. and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out. who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.. Isaiah 42.1-9

For your own reading, the other lectionary readings set for today are: Acts 10.34-43 Psalm 29

## A Reading from the Gospel of St Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And 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. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3.13-end

#### **The 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.

#### 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.



BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

## **Gradual Hymn**

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you. You will never sink beneath the waves. Do not be afraid...

When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. *Do not be afraid...* 

When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. Do not be afraid...

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. Do not be afraid...

You are mine, O my child; I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love. *Do not be afraid...* 

# What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

### This mornings hymns at 10am:

P:	34	On Jordan's bank
G:	see above	Do not be afraid
O:	87	Hail to the Lord's anointed
HC:	89	O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
R:	444	God is working his purpose out

**Music Group:** We are looking to create a music group, to support our All Age Service on the first Sunday of each month. Please let Adam know if you, or anyone you know, play an instrument and would be interested in joining us.

**Music Meeting:** The Music team will be meeting this Saturday (18th January) if you have any feedback about the music you would like discussed please pass it to Ruth in the parish office.

**Bible Study:** the next four seek series of Bible studies will start on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, at 8pm in the Chapel. This series will be a short introduction to Matthew's gospel – the set gospel for this liturgical year. All welcome.

**Manger for Carol Services:** For the last several years local schools have kindly lent us their manger for our Christmas activities but it would be lovely to have our own. If any keen woodworkers or DIY experts would like to offer please have a word with Sally.

# INFORMATION

**Brass cleaning:** thank you to all who have been keeping our brass looking beautiful. Ann Hockham has kindly taken over the rota from Jilly. If anyone would like to be added to the rota please have a word with Ann and she would be delighted to give you more information, and maybe add your name to the rota.

# SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

**New Year Social:** Saturday 25th January, from 6.30 pm in the Community Hall. We will have a simple supper with baked potatoes, a short quiz and some games. Tickets available next week.

**Breakfast:** our next Church Breakfast is on Saturday 15th February when Gwen Powell will speak about the work of Clean Conscience (who did the "rather different tree" at the CTF). This is open to men as well as ladies. Tickets £5 each, available soon. Doors open 8.45 am.

**Stitch up for Kori:** Thursday 20th February, 2-4pm. St. Luke's Community Hall. Come along for a sociable afternoon, and to help this charity in Rural Sierra Leone. 'Show and tell ' of your work in blanket making since we last met. The ones you brought along then will be being distributed about now, to the children and older people in the Kori chiefdom. If you are new to us, bring a pair of size eight knitting needles or crochet hook , and some double knitting yarn. Tea, coffee and cake are provided free, and it is fun. Contact is Gill Curry, 01628 625196

# SOME OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITES

Prayer Meeting: First Wednesday monthly at 3pm. Next one 5th February

**Keeping Company (previously Seeking Solace) :** Monthly get together for the bereaved. Next one Sunday 2nd February

**Generations Café** second Wednesdays 10.45 am - coffee and conversation for mums with young babies and the not so young. Next one 12th February

**Messy Church:** First Friday monthly 3.30 pm-5.30 pm with craft, storytime and a two course meal for £1.50 per child. Next one Friday 7th February

Thursday Teas: Second Thursday monthly in the Community Hall at 2pm.

**Thursday Lunches:** Lunch in a local pub on the last Thursday of the month . Leaving church at 11.45pm. The next one is 30th January. Speak to Jean T D or Phyllis S for more details. **Café Church:** Informal worship at 4pm, 2nd Sunday monthly with tea and cake. **Today (12th January).** 

**Interfaith Community meal**: a meal for anyone in the community to join and eat together. Every Tuesday at 6.00pm, here in church. All welcome.

**Stretch and Breathe sessions** with Paula, Friday mornings from 10.15 am to 12.00 noon (*The weekly one-hour sessions are followed by refreshments.*) Cost £40 for five sessions (to be taken over 8 weeks). Drop-in £10. Please contact Paula Clayton-Nuth on 07843016641 for more information or to reserve your place.

**Baby and Toddler group:** Thursdays, 9.30am-11.15am in the community hall. Play, crafts, story time, singing, healthy snacks for the children and tea and cake for parents and carers.

**Christenings:** Baptism preparation is now via monthly 'Play and Stay' sessions for families. Next one is Saturday 1st February at 9.45am-11.00am

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

### **Mr T A**utos



#### For your prayers (to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)

- For a peaceful new year around the world
- For Bishop Olivia as she starts her new ministry among us
- Growth of our Café Church
- For our planning for and living out our mission.
- For our church finances- that we may be self sufficient and reflect on our own generous giving.
- The ministry of Quench our Christian bookshop
- For children and young people
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in January: Grace Mondal and Ottilie Beresford Jones.
- For all those who live and work in Kingfisher Drive
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Pat Lovering and Tony Lucas
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Isabella Monk David Jones
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in January: Peter Joyce, David Bateman, Mark Willard, Leonard Lynch, Roy Smith, Roger Martin, Clifford Collier, Alice Wellman, Jacqueline Hayward, Ida Walters, Robert Newman, Beryl Jenkins, Robert Howe, Frank Joyce, Marjorie Hopkins, Vivian Oliver, Andrew Drummond, Ann Hancock, Charles Woodman, Julie Brazenor, Florence Hampton, Derek Jones, Eileen Gulrayani, Edward Hylton Jones, Dawn Crampin, Nora Searle, Michael Marriner, Christine Bowyer and Jean Stemp



## This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities

#### Monday 13th Jan

Office open 9.30-11am **Tuesday 14th Jan** Office open 9.30-11am

Wednesday 15th Jan Office open 9.30 am-11 am

Thursday 16th Jan

Saturday 18th Jan

Friday 17th Jan

8.30am Morning Prayer
6.00 pm Interfaith Community Meal
7.20pm Holy Communion
8.00pm PCC
8.30 am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
8.30 am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer
8.00pm Bible Study
8.30am Morning Prayer
10.15am Stretch and Breathe
5.00pm Evening Prayer
9.00am Morning Prayer
10am Music Meeting

#### Sunday 19th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00 am Holy Communion, BCP
- 10.00 amParish Communion and BaptismPresident: The Revd. Sally LynchPreacher: The Revd. Sally Lynch
- 6.00pm Sundays at Six: Christian Unity Service at St Edmund Campion

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 49. I-7 John 1.29-42

Rota for Sunday 19th January under Duty Warden: Michael Masango Reader: OT: Sue Turner Acolytes: Nicola Buckland, Michaela Murwisi Elements: Lisa Sharp, Mike Mason Chalice: Jacqueline Lewis, Roger Clarke Intercessor: Dorothy S H Coffee: Sylvia Jones, Eileen Goford Server at 8am: Ben Darracott Crucifer at 10am: Ben Darracott Welcome Team: 8am: Richard Hannam 10am: Ann Darracott, Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe, Mike and Lisa

St. Luke's Church Office is open Mon Tues, Weds, 9.30 am - 11 am Deadline for entries for this weekly pew sheet is 9.00 am on Tuesdays. Administrator: Ruth (01628) 622733 Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033; Vicarage: 26 Norfolk Road, SL6 7AX

