



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 2nd  
February 2020  
The Feast of Candlemas**



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

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| <b>8.00am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion</b>  |
| <b>10.00am</b> | <b>All Age Holy Communion</b><br>President: Revd. Sally Lynch<br>Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch |
| <b>3.00pm</b>  | <b>Keeping Company</b>   |
| <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>Sundays at Six: Taize Service, here</b>   |

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:

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
In God I trust , in God I trust.*

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels: may Christ be born in our hearts today. **Praise to Christ our light.**

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;  
help us, like them, to trust your word. **Praise to Christ our light.**

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;  
may we be filled with the light of your love. **Praise to Christ our light.**

We stand near the place of new birth.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We turn from the crib to the cross.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We go to carry his light.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

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 Malachi**

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

*Malachi 3.1-5*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of St. Luke**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will

be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2.22-40

## Collect

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.

## The Post Communion Prayer

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.

## This mornings hymns at 10am:

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| P: 513        | Lord, the light of your love is shining               |
| G: See page 1 | The Lord is my light                                  |
| O: sht        | Sing Christingle!                                     |
| HC: 2         | Christ whose glory fills the skies                    |
| CHOIR:        | The candle song (During distribution of Christingles) |
| R: sht        | Longing for light                                     |

**For your own reading, the other lectionary readings set for today are:**

Galatians 4.1-7  
Psalm 48



**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too**

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**Bible Study:** the next four week series of Bible studies runs on Thursdays at 8pm in the Chapel. This series is a short introduction to Matthew's gospel – the set gospel for this liturgical year. All welcome. One session remains.

**Confirmation:** The date of confirmation has been changed to **Sunday 14th June**, at Bray church. This is the only one really available to us this year. If you, or anyone you know of, is thinking about confirmation please have a word with Revd. Sally in the first instance so that we can start preparations.

**WAMCF Dialogues:** The next WAMCF Interfaith dialogue is this Tuesday (4th February), 7pm at Maidenhead Mosque. It will be on the topic of 'Does our faith and our beliefs influence our attitude towards mental health?' The other dates are: Wednesday 18th March at St. Edwards Catholic Church, Windsor, and Thursday 30th April at Maidenhead Synagogue.

## **INFORMATION**

**First Aid:** The PCC would like to compile a list of authorised First Aiders within the church so that when we organise events we can ensure there is someone qualified to assist people in the case of an emergency. If you are a Doctor, Nurse or a qualified First Aider can you please let me know.

We are also looking at organising a one day First Aid Training course within the church. This would be a Qualsafe Registered course and held on a Saturday on a date to be arranged. If you would be interested in attending please let me know. Many Thanks Ralph Hinchliffe - Safety Officer.

**Electoral Roll:** Our APCM is on Sunday 15th March. If you are not already on the church electoral roll please ask for a form.

## **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING**

**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 now. 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. '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. Gill Curry, 625196

**"St Luke's Tours - Holiday to Sussex and Kent:** We are organising a three day coach holiday from Friday May 29th to Sunday 31st (the end of the school summer half-term week) to Sussex and Kent, staying in a seafront hotel

in Eastbourne. On the way down we will visit the flower festival in Chichester cathedral, we will have a day visiting Romney Marsh and Rye, and on the way back we will visit Beachy Head, Bexhill on sea, and Scotney Castle. For further details see the brochures at the back of church or speak to Richard or Ann Burdett".

**Saturday Walk:** Calling all walkers, we are re-starting our occasional Saturday rambles and all are invited to join us for a day in the country, enjoying the natural world and socialising en-route. The first one is **Saturday 15th February**, meet at church to depart at 10.30 am for a ramble in Marlow. More details in next week's pewsheet or speak to Roger Clarke 632626

### **Social and Fundraising Events for the year planned so far**

Some of these dates are on the key parish dates sheet, others are new

Sunday 17th May	Wind and Words recital and tea
Sunday 7th June	3pm Concert with synagogue and tea
Sat. 13th June	Summer fair, 2-5pm
Sun. 14th June	Music Sunday with Parish lunch
Sun 5th July,	Church family lunch to celebrate Phyl Sopp's ordination
Sun 23rd August	Garden Party
Saturday 19th Sept , 5pm	Evensong with Quorum
Sat. 26th Sept,	Harvest Supper
7th November	Charities Fair
4th – 6th Dec.	Christmas Tree Festival
Breakfasts: 15th February	16th May    14th November
Lent lunches: 1st 15th and 29th March	

### **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 is today (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 3.30pm-5.30pm 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 27th February. Speak to Jean T D or Phyllis S for more details.

**Café Church:** Informal worship at 4pm, 2nd Sunday monthly with tea and cake. The next one is on 9th February.

**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.

**Baby and Toddler group:** Thursdays, 9.30am-11.15am term time, in the community hall.

**Christenings:** Baptism preparation is now via monthly 'Play and Stay' sessions for families. Next one is Saturday 7th March at 9.45am-11.00am.

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### **Diocesan Safeguarding Review**

Our churches and church-related activities must be safe for all, with safeguarding policies and practices that promote a safer church.

We need to be certain that all known cases of concern about the behaviour of our clergy or church officers towards children and adults have been considered and dealt with appropriately.

Every church in the Diocese, including our own, is now undertaking a comprehensive review as part of the national **Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2)**. You can find out more about PCR2 on the Diocese of Oxford website: [oxford.anglican.org/pcr-2](http://oxford.anglican.org/pcr-2)

If you have information or need to make a disclosure regarding church-related abuse, please make direct contact with the Safeguarding Team at the Diocese of Oxford on 01865 208290.

If you have lived experience of abuse from within the Church of England, you may prefer to call the dedicated telephone NSPCC helpline, which is independent of the Church. Call 0800 80 20 20.

The NSPCC helpline is also available to anyone wishing to provide information or to raise concerns regarding abuse within the Church of England. The helpline is there for you whether you are reporting issues relating to children or adults or seeking to whistle blow about poor safeguarding practice. Your call is confidential, and your concerns will be taken seriously.

As incumbent, Revd. Sally is required to complete a confidential return to the diocese now. She is checking through our records, but if ANY-ONE has any information, from any time, that you think she needs then please speak to her, in confidence, immediately. Thank you.

**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:**

**Kristina Smith**

*“To wish Chris a very happy birthday”*



## **For your prayers**

**(to add anyone to the list, notify the office but  
please have the permission of the person being prayed for)**



- For peace between people and nations.
- For Bishop Olivia in the first year of her episcopacy, and for Bishop Colin, ‘holding’ the diocese during Bishop Steven’s sabbatical.
- For the diocesan safeguarding review—for sensitivity, confidentiality and for us all, that by the grace of God, this past cases review will help each of us to learn something of our fragility, to find healthier, safer patterns of ministry, and to witness new manifestations of life in our Church.
- For all victims and perpetrators of abuse
- For peace in our nation, as we leave the E.U. and for generosity in negotiations for a future relationship with Europe.
- For our planning for and living out our mission.
- The ministry of Quench our Christian bookshop
- For children and young people
- For Sebastian and Jonas baptised last week , and Ryan and Ritchie who were baptised recently
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in February: Isaac Smalley and Elsie-Rae Jarnak
- For all those who live and work in Simpson Close
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Pat Lovering, Tony Lucas, and Revd Richard Holroyd
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: David Jones, Peggy Richards, and Bernard Bowdery
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Peter Sharp, Edward Dobson, Beryl Horsham, Valerie Merkel, Robert Crick, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macaulay Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, and Rodgers Murwisi.

## **This week at St. Luke's-**

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities



### **Monday 3rd Feb**

Office open 9.30-11am

### **Tuesday 4th Feb**

Office open 9.30-11am

8.30am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Interfaith Community Meal

NO Holy Communion

7.00pm WAMCF dialogue at Mosque

### **Wednesday 5th Feb**

Office open 9.30 am-11am

8.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm Prayer Group

8.30 am Morning Prayer

5.00pm NO Evening Prayer

8.00pm Bible Study

### **Thursday 6th Feb**

8.30am Morning Prayer

### **Friday 7th Feb**

10.15am Stretch and Breathe

3.30pm Messy Church

8.00pm Choir Practice

### **Saturday 8th Feb**

9.00am Morning Prayer

## **Sunday 9th February Third Sunday before Lent**

**8.00 am      Holy Communion**

**10.00 am      Parish Communion**

President: The Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: The Revd. Sally Lynch

**4.00pm      Café Church**

**6.00pm      Sundays at Six: Holy Communion at All Saints Church**

**Next weeks readings:** Genesis 1.1-23    Matthew 6.25-34

**Rota for Sunday 9th February under Duty Warden:** John Salter

**Reader: OT:** Ann Burdett **Acolytes:** Michael Masango, Shula Tajima

**Elements:** Kristina, Chris Smith & family **Chalice:** James Ellins, Ian Gilchrist

**Intercessor:** Phyllis Sopp **Coffee:** Mike Mason and Lisa Sharp

**Server at 8am:** Rebecca Bryant **Crucifer at 10am:** Nicola Buckland

**Welcome Team: 8am:** Joan Harnby

**10am:** Eileen Goford, Ann Burdett, Dorothy S H

**Brass Cleaning:** Gill Curry

**Church Cleaning:** Sonya Clarke and Helen Petter

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.

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