



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 6th December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

The Advent theme of waiting is extra pertinent this year, but we do at least have the good news that we can return to public worship. Perhaps we can also make our waiting 'active' through prayer and care for others – even a simple smile in the supermarket can make a difference – and yes, you can tell is someone is smiling from behind a face covering!

We are back in church for a service of Parish Communion at 10 am this week. The usual social distancing rules apply still, and as we are on tier 2 we should not be mixing to talk outside of our own bubbles – inside or outside the church building. Morning Prayer (on Zoom only) will resume at 9 am and the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30 am. The Parish Communion service will also be on Zoom. The link to join the service is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85097790796?pwd=NUIBZE5PL3hIOFEyUm11OTNxc0lnUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 9779 0796

Password: 900393

We continue to offer a Zoom Morning Prayer daily at 9am (except Mondays) and Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays. The order of service can be found on our website or the Daily Prayer App. Just ask if you need help finding it. The order for Advent is now on the website (the App adjusts itself).

The links are:

Zoom Morning Prayer,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84140066083?pwd=ZlZ0bXgvQ0t1UTlZcW10YlFNSnpPZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 4006 6083

Passcode: 544130

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350227277?pwd=QnhoT0E1YXFid09BeDZTUFFxa2JCQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 5022 7277

Passcode: 262906

Morning Prayer, daily (except Monday, and Sunday at present) on Zoom

Readings for the week beginning Sunday 6th December are:

Sunday	Psalm 80	Luke 1. 5-20	
Monday	Psalm 44	Isaiah 45:14-end	1 Thessalonians 1
Tuesday	Psalm 56	Isaiah 46	1 Thessalonians 2. 1-12
Wednesday	Psalm 62	Isaiah 47	1 Thessalonians 2.13-end
Thursday	Psalm 54	Isaiah 48.1-11	1 Thessalonians 3
Friday	Psalm 86	Isaiah 48. 12-end	1 Thessalonians 4.1-12
Saturday	Psalm 145	Isaiah 49. 1-13	1 Thessalonians 4. 13-end
Sunday	Psalm 50.1-6	Luke 1.57-66	

Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays, on Zoom

The readings for the coming week are: Psalm 90

Matthew 15. 29-end

Sundays at Six: Night Prayer on Zoom on the first and third Sundays of each month, use the little blue book: 'Prayers for the use of the Church during the coronavirus outbreak'.

Next: 13th December. This will continue on first and third Sundays in the new year.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362755135?pwd=bmZYRkdIbW1SUjhtaHINMnBDTzF1QT09>

Meeting ID: 823 6275 5135

Passcode: 737489

All Saints Church is holding **Night Prayer on Zoom**, weekly at 8pm on Thursdays, and anyone is welcome to join in.

The **Wednesday** 10 am Holy Communion service will also resume on 9th and 23rd December.

As we will be in tier 2 it is important to remember that while we may worship together, **we should not be gathering to chat face to face before or after the services.**

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks that churches can re-open and pray for our keeping of Advent and Christmas
- Give thanks for a vaccine for Covid19 and pray for those rolling it out
- That we might be kind to each other – in 'thought, word and deed'
- That all national and local leaders might work together for the health and wellbeing of our nation and all people
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For those who feel alone
- 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 the church in Ethiopia and the people of that country, Egypt and the Horn of Africa
- For our Christmas Tree Trail and all those who walk it
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in December: Lily Edmonds, Luke Hulks, Carys Cox, Herbie Prater
- For all those who live and work in Grassy Lane
- The sick and those who care for them: John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, Stan Swansborough, Tony Boaks, and Mick Curley
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Sister Margaret Mary, Wayne Smith
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in December: David Sawyers, Robert Gardener, Eileen Pond, Max Neale, Peggy Swansborough, John Norris, John Sheppard, Dennis Rayfield, Peter Brown, John Dickson, Anne Seagrove, Dorothy Scott, Penelope Hutchings, Joan Parker, Evelyn Rose, Roy Horsham, Peggy Harris, Colin Bowerman, Robert Gill, Pamela Barber, Sheila Mayers, Joyce Bryant, Isabella Monk, David Jones, Bernard Bowdery

Rotas for next week: 13th December

Read: Ian Gilchrist Intercede: Jeanette Lock

Antibac after service:

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by

Bridget Morris:

Remembering Keith's birthday on 8th December



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally.

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

Christmas Tree Trail

We have 53 trees booked into our trail which launches on Wednesday evening. Please continue to pray for the success of the trail and that the lights of the trees may bring comfort, joy and hope to all who see them.

Although there will be no trees at church, we will still have a Memory Tree and Prayer Tree in the church for people to leave prayers and memorials – tags will be available in church for this – in a socially distanced way.

Do look at the dedicated CTT website:

<https://stlukeschristmastreerail.co.uk/>

The church will be open for private prayer and for putting tags on the Memory Tree and Prayer Tree from Thursday 10th – 24th December, at these times each day:

Monday 3-4pm	Tuesday 10 – 11 am	Wednesday 11am – midday
Thursday 1-2pm	Friday 2-3 pm	Saturday 10-11 am
Sundays 11 am – midday, 2-3 pm	Christmas Eve: 10 am – 4pm	

Christmas services:

Carol services booking:

Sunday 20th December at 6.00 pm (more suitable for adults)

Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm (more suitable for families)

Please note that in order to comply with the current restrictions:

- *it will not be possible for small children (or, indeed adults!!) to wander about the church this year;*
- *the congregation will be expected to wear face coverings throughout the service, and will not be able to sing;*
- *places are very limited and MUST be booked in advance.*

To book your place please email: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk OR
phone: 01628 622733 (to leave a message)

please state your name and email address (or phone number if no email) and the number of adult and child seats that you would like.

We will assume that all bookings made in one name will be seated together – please make a separate booking for each individual or 'bubble'.

Please comply with government regulations on social distancing. These will be different on Sunday and Christmas Eve.

We will confirm your place – ideally by email (or phone). Please print and bring your email confirmation with you.

Please do not come to church if you are unwell at all.

Should you be unable to take up your booked place please do contact the vicar to cancel so that another person / family can benefit from the place.

Other services: no need to book

Sunday 20th December: 10.00 am, Parish Communion (Church and Zoom)

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December: 9.00 pm, Midnight Mass (Church)

Christmas Day, Friday 25th December: 10.00 am Parish Christmas Communion (Church and Zoom)

NB: there is NO service at all on 27th December – the diocese is streaming a service, details to come.

Advent resources: do look at: <https://adventonline.faith/> for loads of resources and ideas.

Roots on the web for this week: www.rootsontheweb.com/athome6dec

Weekly video for children and young people: do check our website, where you will find a new video each week. In Advent we are working through the season using Godly Play.

Comfort and Joy is a little video from the Church of England: <https://youtu.be/5jucc-YrGJA?t=12>
Why not look – and share it with friend and family.

Christmas cards: in past years we have offered a table in church for members of the congregation to leave Christmas cards for each other to collect. Some people may choose not to send cards this year and some may quarantine post / cards before opening, so you may find it easier to deliver cards on your daily exercise, or give your friendly postie work by using the Postal service. If anyone is unable to get out and about please let Revd. Sally know and we can arrange for a small number of local cards to be delivered by more agile folk (**offers welcomed!**). Please do not just leave cards in church because it is likely that the recipients may not be in church and we are keeping touch to a minimum. Thank you.

Church Quiz: James Ellins is kindly running another online Quiz for us on Thursday 10th December at 8.15 pm. Do join in as a family, individual or pairs / groups (by phone):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89642823556?pwd=SUhGM0E3STJCaGx5anFNclMyN2p3QT09>

Meeting ID: 896 4282 3556

Passcode: 950431

Sunday is **the 5k Santa Dash** to raise funds for the Thames Hospice. Nicola Jones from ChOGS is running in memory of Janet Trinkwon, if anyone would like to donate - here's the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicola-jones981>



Noah (aged 3, and Emma and Kirsty Cameron) lives too far out to take part in the Tree Trail, but they are taking part in the Burnham Christmas window competition. Here is Noah's Little Town of Bethlehem. He manages it and lights the lights each morning.

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 personally can be accessed on the church website