



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 24th January 2021

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Lockdown continues, and so does our halt on in-person worship and activities. This Sunday our Zoomed and recorded worship uses the Epiphany order of service (on our website) and the RHP sheet for this week is attached. All of the Zoom links are now at the end of this weekly sheet.

Next week we have an online Christingle service. The order of service will be on our website during the week and emailed next weekend. We intend to deliver a 'Christingle kit' to all who are local and for whom we have an address. We will deliver one per household – do let us know if you will need more, or you could make up your own extra kits. We will make up the actual Christingle together during the service. You can always make your Christingle (and use parts of the service) whether you join us on Zoom or not!

Morning Prayer continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am; Evening Prayer, Friday at 5pm.

Sundays at Six continues on Zoom at 6pm on first and third Sundays each month. The next is on 7th February, often using Night Prayer from the blue *Prayers during Coronavirus* booklet (do ask Revd Sally if you need a copy).

Roots at Home: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/lectionary/2021/111-january-february-2021-b/epiphany-3/roots-at-home>

This uses different readings but may still be of interest.

Thought for the week:

In the gospel reading this week Jesus transforms ordinary water into 'the best' wine. Some people see this as a metaphor for the way in which Jesus builds on the revelation of God in the Old Testament to lead to His own, new way of God, being alongside His people. It also reminds us that as we seek to be Jesus' disciples He slowly, almost imperceptibly, transforms us and moulds us into the very best people that we can be – more Christ-like, and also more fully human.



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 24th January are:

Sunday	Psalm 113	John 3. 16-21	
Monday (conversion of St. Paul)	Psalm 66	Ezekiel 3. 22-end	Philippians 3. 1-14
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Hosea 4. 1-16	1 Corinthians 10. 1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 46	Hosea 5. 1-7	1 Corinthians 10.14-11.1
Thursday	Psalm 47	Hosea 5. 8 - 6.6	1 Corinthians 11. 2-16
Friday	Psalm 65	Hosea 6.7 – 7.2	1 Corinthians 11.17-end
Saturday	Psalm 68	Hosea 8	1 Corinthians 12. 1-11

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for generous giving among us last year and a much smaller than anticipated shortfall at year end; pray for sustained good income in 2021
- Give thanks for further approved vaccines for Covid19 and pray for those rolling it out, especially for Phyl and Jeanette
- That we might be kind to each other – in ‘thought, word and deed’
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For those who feel alone and are struggling with these long winter months
- For all online worship and other activities
- For school teachers, parents home schooling, and all children
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the Synagogue, Mosques, Gurdwara and elsewhere
- For President Biden and the people of the USA
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in January: Otilie Beresford-Jones, Grace Mondal, Ryan Westbury Jr, Ritchie Westbury, Jonas Lanyon, Sebastian Lanyon
- For all those who live and work in High Street
- The sick and those who care for them: Monica Olley, Stan Swansborough, Tony Boaks, Mick Curley, Nicholas Hanna, Claire Hanna Pasic, Adam Hanna Pasic and Benjamin Hanna Pasic.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in January: Peter Joyce, David Bateman, Mark Willard, Len Lynch, Roy Smith, Roger Martin, Clifford Collier, Alice Wellman, Jacqueline Hayward, Ida Walters, Robert Newman, Beryl Jenkins, Robert Howe, Frank Joyce, Marjorie Hopkins, Andrew Drummond, Vivian Oliver, Ann Hancock, Charles Woodman, Julie Brazenor, Florence Hampton, Derek Jones, Eileen Gulrayani, Edward Hylton-Jones, Dawn Crampin, Nora Searle, Michael Marriner, Jean Stemp, Christine Bowyer, Phyllis Bosher.
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Rotas for next service: 31st January

Read: Ministry Team Intercede: Simon Bader

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by

Revd. Sally,

in memory of her mother, Dawn, on the fifth anniversary of her death



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally. There are plenty of weeks available this year.

Staying safe

More staying safe tips – keep sending them for us to include...

- Open your windows for a while each day to keep fresh flowing through your home (but don't get cold in the process!).

What's on... there is a lot this week...

WAMCF Women's Meeting: Ladies of all beliefs and none are warmly invited to our next meeting via Zoom. Thinking about coping with the pandemic and Holocaust Memorial Day: Monday 25th January 7.30pm – 9.00pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88098229447?pwd=SW1RMURWbHA3dWJGM0tTaFV5dC8yUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 9822 9447 Passcode: 285330

Teaching and discussion session: The Environment: Our series starts again this year with an afternoon session on the environment, focussed around some short videos by Bishop Olivia. Join us – with your own tea and cake! - Thursday afternoon, 3pm, 28th January

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88563991698?pwd=cVljcG9WTU9ka0pWamlpeDZ4RVZtQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 6399 1698 Passcode: 282140

What is the Purpose of Life? A WAMCF Zoom webinar on Thursday 28th January 2021 7pm – 8.30pm. The link for this webinar will be available on the WAMCF web site nearer the date. A Buddhist, Hindu and Brahma Kumari offer their perspective followed by a Q&A.

Church Social – Quiz: James Ellis has kindly agreed to host another church family quiz. Join on your own, in a household bubble of by phone link with friend(s). Friday 29th January, 8.15 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88248700563?pwd=aFFMVUVNSEZBMUZpMUtHSDZPSHVkdz09>

Meeting ID: 882 4870 0563 Passcode: 387482

Quiet Morning: Saturday 30th January, 9.45 am – 12.30 pm. Another chance for space to reflect with two short inputs and guided reflection, concluding with a short act of worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81107842738?pwd=RDR0QTNxTmFST1pPOUdkWUx5V3lldz09>

Meeting ID: 811 0784 2738 Passcode: 026722

And also...

Messy Church: continues on the first Friday of each month. Revd. Sally provides a craft pack in advance and we have online stories and songs with a show and tell of what we have made. This year we are going to look again at Jesus' parables. 5th February 4-5pm: Messy Lost Sheep. Sign up by emailing Revd. Sally (Zoom link not public for safeguarding reasons).

Lent course: will run on Wednesday mornings at 11 am and Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm for 90 minutes. The two sessions each week will be the same. Please do try to stick with one group or the other. We will use Zoom to work through some excellent materials from the national church in a five- week course called *Living in Love and Faith: Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage*. I do encourage everyone to join in this opportunity to reflect on our own identity as children of God - and that of others too. The course booklet costs £5 if you'd like your own hard copy or they can be found online:

<https://lhf.churchofengland.org/pluginfile.php/69/course/section/74/LLF%20Web%20Version%20The%20Course.pdf>

Please let Revd. Sally know asap if you would like a hard copy ordered for you.

Zoom links:

Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87204057445?pwd=RWtCS2xFelZ5VUcrSDlqeHY4TGFDdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 0405 7445

Passcode: 441510

Thursday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89179240683?pwd=V0d2dVdueWVhOVJxa2NNWDdSeXBOUT09>

Meeting ID: 891 7924 0683

Passcode: 677112

The Joy of Movement Exercise to music for the over 50's

Every Tuesday from 12th January to 16th February 2021, 6pm to 7pm via ZOOM

JOIN US Send an email to Paul: samuelsberks@aol.com

Other activities: we do have a draft church calendar for 2021 but are loathe to publish it in full for fear of disappointing everyone with constant cancellations and changes! A few highlights:

- There is likely to be a Lent course (just waiting for responses to the Google forms to work out what works best for most people)
- We will mark Ash Wednesday (17th February) somehow, watch this space...
- There will be more teaching sessions and enquirers courses after Easter

Lent reading: do check out Lent reading, more ideas to come soon, but for now we have ordered enough copies of the Archbishop's *Live Lent* booklet to deliver to everyone on our email list (hopefully with the Christingle kit). If anyone would like to contribute towards the cost of these booklets as part of our mission please let Richard have a cheque or make a bacs payment (details on website) with the reference: LENT. Or just let Richard of Sally have your donation. Thank you.

Keeping busy

Inspire: Ruth is going to pull together another edition of Inspire. Do email articles to the parish office by 28th February. Ideas: how you coped with the pandemic, recipes for Lent, book reviews, photos, poems and short stories, what God has been saying to you...

Books and jigsaws: Nicola Jones has kindly offered to coordinate book and jigsaw swaps – contact her directly on nicojo@btinternet.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry. It was great for a few of us to get together on Zoom to begin a Prayer Shawl ministry last week. Do think about getting involved. There is now an information sheet attached to this week's email, and on our website. If you have spare chunky wool, or 8mm needles to offer please let Terrie know (and thanks to Gaynor for her gift of wool to start us off). We have arranged a first knitting session on Zoom on Thursday 4th February at 3.00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87893150956?pwd=N2k1Rnl6eVM1NEJkOHZnQXJoVnVhZz09>

Meeting ID: 878 9315 0956

Passcode: 598977

Find out more, or order needles / wool from Revd. Terrie on 01628 634107 or email

terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch: 29th – 31st January. The RSPB writes: Join thousands of people taking part to see the drama unfold on your doorstep. We might not be able to get together with loved ones at the moment, but you can make plans with friends and family to take part in the world's largest wildlife survey, all from the comfort of your own homes. Spend an hour counting the birds you see in your garden or from your balcony, then tell us what you saw. It really is that simple! Sign up or find out more at: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

This is one great, simple way, of doing our bit for the environment and God's creation.

PCC News

Charitable giving: as a church we give 5% of our previous year's income to three charities annually – one local, one national and one international. For 2020 our chosen charities were: Quench Bookshop, Clean Conscience and New Brainstorm school Uganda (through our school). We were able to give each around £1200 recently.

From Clean Conscience:

How very kind and thoughtful of your church members. I can assure you it is hugely appreciated, especially at present as times are very hard for us. As you know, our model is based on collecting the unused toiletries from hotels to give to those in need, but almost all hotels are closed.

However, Gwen is so resourceful that she has managed to find a new way of helping both our recipients and CleanC's finances. She may have told you about CleanC helping clear items from hotels which are taking the opportunity to refurbish while closed. It is shocking how much was just going to landfill or, at best, incineration for energy, which CleanC has now distributed to many different organisations, benefitting thousands. Gwen and her team worked exceptionally hard to achieve this and we are very proud of her.

Please thank the contributors warmly on behalf of the board of CleanConscience. Maybe, when things get back to nearer normal, some of your members will visit the pop-up shop which has some of the hotel items and other non-monetary donations to sell. Sue Gillie, Chair of the Trustees

And from Quench bookshop:

It is so helpful to have this support, both in terms of the money but also in the knowledge of your support for the continued existence of a Christian presence on the High Street.

As you will know, it has been a challenging year for everyone and the retail sector has had particular difficulties. A number of Christian bookshops have had to shut and we are so grateful that your support and the support of others has enabled us to continue.

Thank you, may 2021 be a great year for you all at St. Luke's. God bless, Jeremy Hyde, Trustee

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 9 am Tuesday - Saturday

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

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810

Passcode: 171263

Sundays at Six:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRIZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349

Passcode: 945101

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