



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 24th November, The Feast of Christ the King

We have come to the last Sunday in the church year as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This week we have a **9.30am** Parish Communion. There will be an activity for children available during the service. All are warmly invited. Our service will start earlier this week to allow for those representing us at **Mitzvah Day** to arrive in good time.

Our Sundays at Six is a Taize service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. If you have not been to a Taize service why not come along to experience the gentle quietness of this simple service with accessible chants, space and silence as we prepare for Advent.

### The Collect

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order  
to worship at his feet;  
who is alive....

### Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth  
the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

<sup>4</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Revelation 1.4b-8*

### Second Reading

<sup>33</sup>Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him,

'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

*John 18.33-37*

### **Sunday's Hymns**

357 All people that on earth do dwell  
676 Immortal, invisible  
754 O worship the king  
811 This didst leave thy throne



### **Thought for the week...**

Our model of sovereignty as a nation has changed in the last couple of years. Many of us knew only the leadership of a Queen (a true model of servant leadership, whatever you think about the idea of a British monarchy). Now we have a King, who follows in his mother's footsteps but is still very much his own person. The King model is also closer to the Biblical model of sovereignty and perhaps helps us to understand the theology of God as King. There is, though, a crucial difference. God is not just a national figurehead. God is universal, omniscient, omnipotent... and all the other 'oms' you can think of. This king is utterly transcendent and above all things. As one hymn says, 'to be worshipped and adored'. And yet... this king also wears a crown of thorns. In Jesus, the transcendent God becomes immanent, one of us, alongside us and suffering with us. Jesus our king models most perfectly the servant leader, who 'came not to be served, but to serve' (Mark 10.45). As we come to the end of the church year and look again to the next, to what God has in store for each of us for the immediate and longer-term future, how do we respond to God's kingship, to the king whose crown is of thorns? With awe? With love? with service? in prayer? In imitation? The feast of Christ the King offers a time to reflect and to respond.

### **Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- Survivors of abuse, Archbishop Justin and his family, and the whole Anglican church; our own commitment to safeguarding in all forms.
- For the people of the whole Middle East, for an end to the violence there.
- For a successful Christmas Tree Festival .... and for stamina and lots of helpers!
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those in the Parish Office
- For Isabel Nixon to be baptised next week
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Harper Hutchinson, Poppie King-Couling, Klarissa Obwianu,
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Lucy Young, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Joan Harnby, Bill Bowyer, Katharine and Millie, Aram Hakobian.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Jean Fuller, Cherry Lanyon, Tony Barber.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Catherine Vincent, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surridge, Olive Powell, Beryl Maguire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith, Kenneth Rivers, Pamela Rivers, Dorothy Stanley, Penelope Bide.

***This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by***

**Richard and Ann Burdett**

*In grateful thanks for the safe arrival of Phoebe Ava Kenny-Jones, daughter of Harriet and Mark*



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

The donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.

***Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 24th November 2024:***

Sunday	Psalm 29	Ecclesiastes 11 and 12	John 19.13-end
Monday	Psalm 96	Isaiah 40.1-11	Revelation 14.1-13
Tuesday	Psalm 97	Isaiah 40.12-26	Revelation 14.14-end of 15
Wednesday	Psalm 112	Isaiah 40.27-41.7	Revelation 16.1-11
Thursday	Psalm 125	Isaiah 41.8-20	Revelation 16.12-end
Friday	Psalm 139	Isaiah 41.21-42.9	Revelation 17
Saturday	Psalm 144	Zechariah 8.20-end	John 12.20-32

**Rotas for next week, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10.00am All Age Holy Communion**

Read: Ministry Team

Intercede: Preacher

Chalice: Ralph

Welcomers: Clare, Ben and Lisa

Coffee: Marc and Jenny

**What's on.... this week:**

Sunday 24th	9.30am, Parish Communion <i>Mitzvah Day</i> 12.00pm, Baptism of Isabel Nixon 6.00pm, Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
Tuesday 26th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 27th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 12.50-2.00pm, Diocese Meeting, in Church 2.10pm, Riverside School visit, in Church 8.00pm, Pastoral Course, in Church
Thursday 28th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 12.00pm, Soups and Psalms, in Church 3.00pm, Gaynor's gifts
Friday 29th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 10.00am, Funeral of Jean Fuller, in Church 4.00pm, Messy Church, in Church
Saturday 30th	9.00am, Morning prayer, on zoom
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion and Baptism

**Sundays at Six:** All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

24 <sup>th</sup> November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec.)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

### **Children's Society boxes**

Please could all our lovely Children's Society boxholders bring along their boxes to church on Sunday 24 November so that we can do a count-up after the 10am Service. If that date doesn't work for you, contact Terrie - email [terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com](mailto:terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com) or call 07815 802201. If you don't have a box but would like one, do let Terrie know. Find out more about the Children's Society's life-bringing work among our most vulnerable children and young people at [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

Bishop Steven spoke helpfully about the issues raised by the Makin review, and the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury at last Saturday's Diocesan Synod. The whole text can be found here: ['The time is fulfilled' - Presidential Address - Bishop Steven's Blog](#)

**The funeral of Tony Barber, RIP**, will take place in church in Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. Thursday Teas will move from that day to 5<sup>th</sup> December to allow all those who wish to attend.

### **Mid week Holy Communion in December**

Advance notice that the Wednesday service will move to Tuesdays on two weeks due to the Tree Festival and School Carol services:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Both at 10 am as usual, followed by coffee. We will still need to set up for Baby and Toddler group on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, following the morning Carol services. If anyone is available to help from 1pm it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

**Love Christmas:** please make any final donations towards this by Sunday evening so that we can make timely payment to St. Peter's. Thank you.

**Messy Church.** The last Messy Church of 2024 will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Thursday Lunches:** Our last lunch for this year will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, at 12.00 at the Toby Carvery. Hope to see you all there. If you want any further information please contact Jean T-D on 01628 626671 or e-mail jeant-d 2 at outlook .com.

### **Travelling Nativity**

Our knitted nativity set is getting ready to travel around the parish during Advent. If you or your family would like to host it overnight, please sign up on the sheet in church **by Sunday evening.**

**Christmas Tree Festival 2024: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December  
set up on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Schools day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Cakes for refreshment stall**

If anyone is able to make cakes that we can freeze ready for the CTF that would be really useful. Please speak to Sally Somerville or Lisa Sharp for more details.

The three basics are Lemon drizzle, Victoria Sandwich and any chocolate cake. The Victoria sandwich must have just jam through the middle and caster sugar on the top (or we get complaints!). Please do not cut your cakes as we have to standardise the portions.

### Set up team

We will need an able bodied group of people for the following (most times are negotiable):

- Bringing in boards, after 6pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Covering boards, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Moving trees into church, putting boards out and trees into place, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> (after 11 am) time TBC**

### The Produce Stall Appeal

Do let Ann or Dorothy know if you have fruit, veg, sugar etc to pass to them. For those making produce, Spire Brand labels will be put in a small box in the cupboard soon. Do not worry about putting decorated covers on the filled jars, a work party nearer Christmas will do it.

Many thanks. Ann Darracott (phone 07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (phone 07743 323635)

### Publicity

A3, A4 and A5 posters and flyers are now available to take and hand out or put up (in legal places!!). Please take what you need and fill in the sheet to say where you have taken them for to avoid repetition. All tree sponsors will be sent a poster very soon.

### Help over the CTF period

The sign up sheet is now with Sally. Please contact her NOW if you are able to help over the four days of the CTF. The more people we have, the less you each have to do. There are sitting tasks as well as standing and it would be wonderful if every member of the church was able to offer a little time to this to share the load. Without helpers it can't run! Thank you very much.

**The Alexander Devine Children's Hospice** has launched its Christmas appeal – find out more about this valuable community resource here:

<https://alexanderdevine.org/2024/11/help-us-unlock-a-magical-christmas-for-children-like-elikai-this-year/>

**Thames Hospice** also has a Christmas appeal: <https://www.thameshospice.org.uk/christmas-at-thames-hospice/>

And both hospices are offering a **Christmas Tree collection service** after Christmas – see the flyers below for details.

### Our Regular activities:

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

**Midweek Holy Communion** is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee

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

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 29th November 2024  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) 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 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Thursday Lunches** meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on [Jeant-d2@outlook.com](mailto:Jeant-d2@outlook.com) for further details. The next is Thursday 28th November.

**Gaynor's Gift** is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. Next is 27<sup>th</sup> November

Please note that for 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 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

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

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

## **Advent and Christmas at St. Luke's Church 2024**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

10.00 am **All Age Holy Communion for Advent Sunday**

### **Christmas Tree Festival 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December**

#### ***Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December***

10.00 am - 7.00 pm, Church open to view decorated trees;  
stalls and refreshments

#### ***Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December***

10.00 am - 7.00 pm, Church open to view decorated trees;  
stalls and refreshments

#### ***Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December***

midday – 6.00 pm, Church open to view decorated trees;  
stalls and refreshments

6.00 pm 'Christmas Tree' Service

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

6.00 pm, **Nine Lessons and Carols, by candlelight**  
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

3.00 pm, **Keeping Company**

Tea, cake and reflection for those bereaved at any time

### **Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

4.00 (younger families) and 5.00 (older families) pm, **Candlelit Crib Services**

10.00 pm '**Midnight Mass**'

### **Christmas Day, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00 am, All Age Christmas Holy Communion

### **The Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion service

6.00 pm Epiphany Carol Service

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Recycle Your Christmas Tree and Keep the Holiday Spirit Green!

Let Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service make tree disposal easy this festive season! Our volunteers will collect and recycle your used tree, helping you give back to nature and your community.

**Collection Areas:**  
SL6, SL7, SL8, and RG10 Postal Areas

Scan here to book your tree collection



For a donation to our charity, our volunteers will collect and recycle your Christmas tree between **Thursday 9th and Saturday 11th January 2025.**

[www.alexanderdevine.org/trees](http://www.alexanderdevine.org/trees)

**Book your Christmas Tree Collection TODAY in Aid of**

**Thames hospice**



Scan the QR code to donate AND email [nicholas@riversidetreecare.co.uk](mailto:nicholas@riversidetreecare.co.uk) to arrange your collection TODAY

**SCAN ME**

Collections will be available at the following:  
Maidenhead, Bray, Fifield, Holyport, Marlow, Windsor, Cookham, Bourne End and Taplow



**Riverside Tree Care**

TO PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house.
- Sit toward the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service.
- Sing along, pray, and voice responses. Children learn by copying your involvement!
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but come back! As Jesus said, "let the children come to me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home here.
- Please let your child use the reverse side of this card to draw and doodle.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION:**

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!

