



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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## Week commencing: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Advent 2, Parish Communion

It is Christmas Tree Festival weekend!

Our service on Sunday will be an All Age Holy Communion at 10 am amid the trees, and at 6pm we have our closing tree festival service. Seating is a little more limited but we can still distance enough. Please wear a face covering in church.

**Morning Prayer** also continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom, at 8.30 am (9 am on Sat.)

**Evening Prayer**, on Fridays at 5pm also on zoom (but note there is no service on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday monthly).

We are now using the Advent order of service – on the app or the CofE website.

### Thought for the week:

I love the twinkling lights on our trees and the glitter of the decorations – ‘you can take this girl out of Essex, but you can’t take Essex out of the girl’! Joking aside, there is something about the hope that this season offers, deep inside the glitz, that is at the heart of our faith. What is really love about our tree festival is seeing crowds of people moving through our beautiful church building and gazing at all these signs of hope:

- created by a whole variety of people who want to bring joy to others;
- seeing the signs of faith in light and colour rather than the grey of the everyday;
- coming into God’s presence through us.

Let’s pray that we may offer all our visitors this weekend the love of God, and share the faith that we have found makes a difference to our lives, and can do for others too in these challenging times.



### *Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December:*

Sunday	Psalm 80	Matthew 11.2-11	
Monday	Psalm 44	Isaiah 30.1-18	Matthew 14.1-12
Tuesday	Psalm 56	Isaiah 30.19-end	Matthew 14.13-end
Wednesday	Psalm 62	Isaiah 31	Matthew 15.1-20
Thursday	Psalm 54	Isaiah 32	Matthew 15. 21-28
Friday	Psalm 86	Isaiah 33.1-22	Matthew 15.29-end
Saturday	Psalm 145	Isaiah 35	Matthew 16.1-12

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

- For our keeping of a holy Advent – for space in the middle of the busyness
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For our Christmas Tree Festival – that many people might meet with God through the beauty of the trees, in a covid-secure way. That we may have lots of helpers to ensure the smooth running and a warm welcome, with Jesus’ love.

- For all children, especially those in need, and for the work of the children's society
- For caution as Covid 19 infections remain high.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in December: Luke Hulks, Carys Cox, Herbie Prater, Lily Edmonds,
- For all those who live and work in Pearce Close.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Eunice Moffett, Jim Mundy, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Ann Darracott, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Tom Parfett, Kenneth Rivers.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in December: John Norris, Peggy Swansborough, Eileen Pond, David Sawyers, Robert Gardener, John Sheppard, Peter Brown, John Dickson, Anne Seagrove, Roy Horsham, Peggy Harris, Colin Bowerman, Robert Gill, Pamela Barber, Sheila Mayers, Joyce Bryant, Isabella Monk, David Jones, Bernard Bowdery, Patricia Walker, Roy Goff.

**Rotas for next week: 12<sup>th</sup> December, Advent 3, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom**

Read: Peter Goford

Intercede: Revd. Phyl

Welcomers: Aaron, Eileen and Shula

Antibac: TBC

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by Ruth Sheppard,  
'In loving memory of John'.*



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally, or fill in the sheet at the back of church

**What's on...**

**This week:**

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>            8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom  
NO Baby and Toddler group  
TREE SET UP DAY
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>            8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom    NO Evening Prayer  
CTF: church open 10 am – 7pm  
NO Choir practice
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>            9.00 am, Morning Prayer  
CTF: church open 10 am – 7pm
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>            10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom  
CTF: church open midday – 6pm  
6.00 pm, Advent Ring service, here, live and zoomed
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup>            9.30 am, tree take down day
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>            8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>            8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom  
10.00 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am coffee
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>            8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom  
9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group  
2.00 pm, Teas  
6.00 pm, St. Piran's Carol Service, in church
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup>            8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom    NO Evening Prayer  
4.00 pm, Messy Church                    8.00 pm, Choir practice

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am, Morning Prayer  
9.30 am, Music Team meeting  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 8.00 am, Holy Communion  
10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

### Coming up:

**Love Christmas** is an initiative to deliver small bags of Christmas goodies to folk in the town. St. Peter's church is heading this up and Jeanette Lock is out church rep. Each bag costs around £10 to make up. We have said that we will take 30 to deliver. If you would like to donate towards this great Christmas project you can do so online / find out more at:

<https://www.stpetersmaidenhead.org.uk/lovechristmas>

**Generous Giving**..it is that time when we renew our pledges to give towards the cost of ministry (both people and building) at St. Luke's. Some people will have had a letter last week, there are more this week, and many will need delivering (offers to me please). Please do prayerfully consider you financial giving to the church. It would help our budgeting if you could return the pledge form, in the envelope provided, to 'the treasurer' at church (I can't currently find the box but will make a new one!).

**Postage stamps** as you start to receive Christmas cards, don't forget to save your stamps and put them in the box for used stamps at the back of church.

**Christmas Tree Festival** : 3-5<sup>th</sup> December. **THIS WEEKEND**

**St. Luke's Church**  
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX  
**Christmas Tree Festival**  
**3rd - 5th December 2021**  
Visit this beautiful church,  
full of decorated trees



Friday: 10 am - 7 pm  
Saturday: 10 am - 7 pm  
Sunday: midday - 6pm  
Closing service at 6pm  
on Sunday

Refreshments daily  
Raffle

Also available to view  
online:

[www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk](http://www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk)

If you cant get to church you can see the trees online and vote and donate there too – see website

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### Regular activities:

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

**Midweek Holy Communion** will occur again at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee (or just come at 10.30 for coffee!).

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

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is on 10<sup>th</sup> December and bookings are being take now (email Revd. Sally).

**Keeping Company** is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 16<sup>th</sup> December (none in November).

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, next 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Gaynor's Gift** is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. The next is in January.

**Sundays at Six** A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, with a mix of zoom and in-church services. The programme is on our website.

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

#### **Sunday Morning Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing \*6 (star six)

**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

**Zoom Evening Prayer** at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1lTcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810

Passcode: 171263

**Sundays at Six: NEW link from 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852

Passcode: 936128

**Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry** 3pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, monthly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87016448043?pwd=WVJ4VIAzZVBIWTdmTOVjVGM1Q3k5UT09>

Meeting ID: 870 1644 8043

Passcode: 303678

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