



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 10th September, Trinity 14

This week we have an 8am Holy Communion service (the ONLY service of Holy Communion in the parish this Sunday) and a 10am Service of the Word, with hymns (and with children's activity). All are warmly invited to join us for worship.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord

First Reading

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
Romans 13.8-end

Gospel Reading

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ¹⁵'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'
Matthew 18.15-20

Sunday's Hymns:

826	Ye holy angels bright	775	Seek ye first
453	Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour	777	Sing of the Lord's goodness

Thought for the week:

Sometimes Christianity is seen as a 'sopp' or a sift option, even an insurance policy for eternal life! Some disciples drift along, enjoying the 'niceness' and comfort of their faith.

Today's readings (and our discussion of Matthew 7 at last week's Exploring the Bible session) remind us that nothing is further from the truth.

Look again at how Jesus expects his followers to relate to each other – this teaching is not easy to follow. Read Paul's letter to the Romans and see the demanding lifestyle that he relates to disciples of Jesus.

This also is tough to live out.

But it is the very best way to live – setting an example and model to all around and infect society with God's love. Following this way, Jesus tells his disciples, ensure that he remains very much with them.



Prayer suggestions for these weeks:

- For all school staff and learners at the start of the school year.
- For Sam, as she takes up post as our new Children and Family Leader, and for Marcus and baby Max too.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For our growth in faith as individuals and as a church.
- For a new Director of Music / organist
- For those who fear the inset of Autumn and the darker nights.
- That we may each play out part in the ministry of our church and care for its building.
- For our care for creation, giving thanks that we have achieved the Bronze Eco Church Award.
- For Casper, Paisley and Payton Brudenall, Clara Crampin, Freddie Bate, Haylee, Sonny and Rocco Tagg baptised recently and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Rosie Ribton, Austin Brooks, Rosie Turner, Katty King, Daisy Trillow, Max Fiordelisi, Chloe Rendle
- For Jordan and Pilar recently married here
- For all those who live and work in Raven Drive.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Bridget Morris, Nicholas, Rosemary Alexander, Jacqueline Lewis, Sue Brett, Lissa-Jane Waugh, Wendy and Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Ruth Sheppard, Gemma Payne, Jill Butler, Alice.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them:
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Rennie Jones, Edna Franklin, Joan Richardson, Malcolm Gavin, Mary Dawson, Alice Webb, Vera Velvick, Bessie Molin, Molly Lewis, Royston Woodruff, Joyce Wilkins, Ivy Sparks, June Wells, Vera Wheeler, Geoffrey Knight, Frederick Williamson, Albert Harris, Betty Ackland-Snow, Violet Ferguson, Lisa Plummer, Derek Wilkins, Mac Macaulay Brown, Margaret Burrows, Joan Went, Roy Dalton, Frederick Hearman, Betty Himmonds, Elwyn Jackson, Peter Windass, Arthur Little.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 10th September 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 119.17-32	Jonah 3.10-4.11	Revelation 8.1-5
Monday	Psalm 1	Zechariah 4	Mark 9.38-end
Tuesday	Psalm 5	Zechariah 6.9-end	Mark 10.1-16
Wednesday	P119.1-32	Zechariah 7	Mark 10.17-31
Thursday	Psalm 2	Genesis 3.1-15	John 12.27-36a
Friday	Psalm 19	Zechariah 8.9-end	Mark 10.35-45
Saturday	Psalm 23	Zechariah 9.1-12	Mark 10.46-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 17th September: Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Ralph Hinchliffe

Intercede: Dorothy Strack Hankey

Welcomers: Rachel, Jeanette and Ben

Coffee: Lisa and Kim

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

The church flood lighting has not been sponsored this week



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

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk The 2023 form is now available.

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.

What's on... This week:

Sunday 10th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Service of the Word 3.00pm, Baptism Anniversary Party, Church and Vicarage garden
Tuesday 12th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.45pm, PCC Standing Committee
Wednesday 13th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 14th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group, in Church 2.00pm, Thursday Teas 7pm, WAMCF dialogue, in Church
Friday 15th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 16th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 17 th	10.00am, Parish Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Theo Jacob Ashe-Velez 1.00pm, Baptism of Oliver and Rory Peck 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Evensong and Benediction, All Saints

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

17 th September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
1 st October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
22 nd October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom at St. Luke's
5 th November NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
5 th November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
19 th November	Service of Wholeness and Healing At All Saints
26 th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
3 rd December	Christ Child Market at All Saints 12.00 – 3pm
10 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 8 th – 10 th December)
17 th December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

And on the 4th Sunday monthly, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

New appointment:

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have appointed Samantha Fiordelisi to the post of Children and Family Leader.

Sam will start on 1st September and will gradually take on the various elements of the post.

She comes with no previous experience, but a keen desire to work with children and families; one of the elements of her induction will be to visit other churches to see their children's work in action.

Sam is married to Marcus and they have a one year old son, Max, who was baptised at St Luke's. They live very close to the church and have been worshipping with us.

I am sure that we will all make Sam welcome and support her prayerfully in her ministry.

Revd. Sally

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on 6th October. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book places (so we know how many to cater for). Dates for following Messy Church sessions are, 3rd November and 1st December.

Baptism Anniversary party: will be taking place from **3.00pm Sunday 10th September**. Afterwards there will be tea in the vicarage garden, weather permitting.

WAMCF News (Inter Faith)

On Thursday 14th September this church is hosting the next interfaith Dialogue. *'With all our differences, how do people still communicate with one another harmoniously?'* From 7 – 8.30 pm. all are warmly invited. If anyone could offer to help serve refreshments please speak to Revd. Sally.

Mens Chinese night

Monday 18th September 2023, 7.30pm at Jasmine Peking, 29 High Street, Maidenhead, text, call or e-mail Simon Bader on 07860714282 to let him know if you would like to come. Email simonbader.4691@gmail.com

Looking Ahead...

There is lots coming up, do note in your diaries, and come along to what draws you.

Growing in Faith: our journey exploring Matthew's gospel continues – an informal time of looking at the gospel together and wondering how it might speak to us today / **Going Deeper** – a small group reflecting on using the Bible imaginatively.

First and third Wednesdays, 8pm, next 20th September, in church.

23rd Sept Care day come along to church from 9.30 am to help maintain the church building and churchyard – do offer as much or as little time as you can.

30th Sept Harvest Supper in church from 6.30pm. Tickets £7 each for Baked potato and fillings followed by apple pie and cream. Available now.

1st Oct Harvest Festival All Age Holy Communion service – 10 am

7th Oct Church Breakfast 8.45 – 10.30 am, Phyl, Jeanette and Ben will talk about their work at the vaccination clinic during the pandemic, with a delicious breakfast. Tickets £5 each, available now.

8th Oct The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital: Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm. Free entry and donations invited for a cream tea to follow.

18th Oct St Luke's School Patronal and celebration service, 9.30 am. All welcome – and to see an exhibition of the school in church.

21st Oct Quiet Day 10 am – 3pm, location: Bray church spirituality centre.. Led by Revd. Terrie.

22nd Oct Patronal / back to church day

5th Nov Memorial service 4pm in church to remember all those whom we have loved and lost.

2nd Dec Quiet morning, 9.30 – 12.30 in church, led by Revd. Sally

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

8th – 10th December (set up day Weds 6th)

Produce Stall

Reminder: Fruit and vegetables are now ripening so if you have access to any of these and are not able to make jams and chutneys, please let us know. Donations of sugar and vinegar would be welcome and can be placed in the cupboard at the back of church (behind back pew, centre aisle). Labels for produce are in a small plastic box in the cupboard.

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FROM THE DIOCESE:



[New course: The Story of Scripture](#)

The story of the Bible is fundamentally about how God created us, how things have gone wrong, and how God faithfully throughout human history has called people back into relationship with him.

This going deeper course on learn.oxford.anglican.org is designed to help you get a firmer handle on that big story through the use of videos, questions, and quizzes. This course can be completed on your own, or as part of a small group. Over six units, you'll open your Bible, gain a deeper understanding of what God was doing throughout the pages of Scripture and how God is calling you to join in that same story.

You'll work at home at your own pace and at a time that suits you with interactive digital resources from Dr Andy Angel. The materials are also suitable for clergy, LLMs and home group leaders to offer in a small group format.

The Story of Scripture launches in October 2023. It will take around 15 hours to complete and can be started at any time during the year.

[Register here](#), or click the button below, before mid October for immediate access to the course materials as soon as they are launched and we'll be back in touch with links and all that you need to get started.

Beginners' Retreat

St Mary's Convent

This short retreat, facilitated by Sr Lizzie Ruth, is for anyone who has never been on a retreat before or who would value some extra guidance on how to use the space and time in retreat. [Find out more.](#)

Care for Creation course

Why should Christians care for creation? What does the science tell us about climate change and biodiversity? And where does Eco Church fit in? Join us for a six-session course, starting 19th September - [contact Hannah Mann](#) to book your funded place.

PND call-out for volunteers

Did you know that Maidenhead has a post natal depression support group ?

It's a hidden gem , offering support to mums with babies of all ages .

It's run by volunteers and is held Monday mornings (10-11:30) at Maidenhead Synagogue. Before covid we had a good team of volunteers and clients but since it's been very quiet with our volunteers finding other roles , so we are looking to recruit ! You can volunteer as little or as much as you like , you get to cuddle babies of all ages , sometimes siblings too . It meets every Monday except bank holidays .

We are a friendly bunch who need a few more volunteers in our pool . Can you help ? If so we would love to hear from you .

Please contact Nikola 07931500168/ nikolarsorrell@gmail.com .

Recycling at St Luke's

As one of the ways to demonstrate our commitment to living more sustainably and caring for creation, we have set up an area at the back of church by the servery, where things that can be difficult to recycle at home can be brought and members of the 'eco-team' will ensure they are taken to be recycled correctly.

There are two boxes:

- One for used pill packets
- One for dead batteries and empty make up containers.

There is a larger 'hamper' for packaging that can be recycled in supermarkets. This rubbish has this label



Recycle with bags at large supermarkets | Don't recycle at home

You can see this label on plastic wrapping such as bread bags, fruit and veg bags, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. You can recycle this type of packaging at recycling points in selected supermarkets.

Please do bring any of these items of rubbish and place them in the appropriate container. Many people making small changes in the end makes a big difference.

Our Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd 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 6th October e-mail 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 21st September

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 14th September

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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 28th September

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 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/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZ09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142