



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 15th October, Trinity 19

This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion. All are warmly invited to worship. There will be a children's activity available during the service.

The Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians .4.1-9

Gospel Reading

¹Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: ²'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest

seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Matthew 22. 1-14

Sunday's Hymns:

9	When morning guilds the skies	800	The Lord's my shepherd
683	Jerusalem the golden	727	May the mind of Christ my saviour
650	Great is thy faithfulness		

Thought for the week:

In the light of current international violence, the parable in today's gospel can make for uncomfortable reading. Jesus is continuing his attack on the religious leaders of the day for not recognising and welcoming him as the Messiah that they have been waiting for.

Images of the expected Messianic banquet offer the background for this story – and it is a story so we cannot expect every detail to be clear (e.g. just where did the 'other' street guests get their wedding clothes from?).

In the story Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast (familiar to his hearers) which the invited guests rudely, and in cases violently, refuse to attend. Those to whom Jesus has come, will not accept him. Those drawn in from the streets – the outcasts, the unloved and so on, demonstrate that God's love reaches out to all people, wherever they are and whatever they are. The kingdom of heaven is to be inclusive. Don't we love to emphasise that today.

And so we rail against the fact that the man who has not worn his 'wedding best' is thrown out. But perhaps we should stop, and think. Jesus is not 'meek and mild', he is loving but also demanding. Yes, God his Father loves everyone *where* they are but that does not mean that he fully accepts their *behaviour or attitude*. Jesus is very clear that there are certain behaviours expected of his disciples and in the parable this man has not lived up to them.

Jesus welcomes 'tax collectors and sinners' – the outcasts of society, but he wants them to change. He welcomes the sick - but he wants to heal them.

We need to know that Jesus loves every person, each one of us, but maybe he is also asking us to change to live in different ways too.

Prayer suggestions for these weeks:

- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there and for strength for all those who are suffering loss and fear. For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town, especially those worried for loved ones.
- For our bishops as they make decisions on Living in Love and Faith (including equal marriage in church for LGBTQI+ people)
- For Sam, as she develops our work with children and families.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For a new church music leader.



- For our growth in faith and for the developing Alpha team.
- That we may each play our 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, and looking to the next step.
- For Jude Ridley, Elsie Trillow and Levi Patton to be baptised in October, and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in October: Lily Jones, Mabel Spratley, Noah Ridley, Amaya Boulton, Maggie and Dollie Deeley,
- For all those who live and work in Camperdown.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Alice.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Tessa Armstrong.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in October: Charles (Len) Harvey, Beryl Bunce, Daisy Cole, Thomas Yates, David Garnett, Peggy Clutterbuck, Richard Burrows, Michael Adamson, Barbara Prior, Philip Littlejohn, Beryl Burrows, Ernest Philips, Gilbert McKenna, Gerard Beattie, Vera Swadling, Eileen Rance, Albert Harvey, Ruth (Sally) Roberts, Marian Brooks, Walter Suckling, Phyllis Clayden, Elizabeth Shailes, Eileen Loach, Les Rowlands, Janice Neaves, Dorothy Herbert, Martin Hornby, Victor Russell, Yvonne Lewis, Janet Trinkwon, Sheila Whitfield, Joyce Forrest, Tom Parfett, Charles Goodman.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 15th October 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 138	Isaiah 50.4-10	Luke 13.22-30
Monday	Psalm 98	Ecclesiasticus 22.6-22	John 13.1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 106	Ecclesiasticus 22.27-23.15	John 13.12-20
Wednesday	Psalm 145	Isaiah 55	Luke 1.1-4
Thursday	Psalm 115	Ecclesiasticus 24.23-end	John 13.31-end
Friday	Psalm 139	Ecclesiasticus 27.30-28.9	John 14.1-14
Saturday	Psalm 121	Ecclesiasticus 28.14-end	John 14.15-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday the 22nd October: Parish Communion for St. Luke's Day, in church and on zoom

Read: Joan Harnby

Intercede: Dorothy Strack-Hankey

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Kim

Coffee: Helen and Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Eunice Goodman

In loving memory of Charles Goodman

and

Iris Brown

Celebrating birthday



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

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

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

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 15th 10.00am Parish Communion
 12.00pm Baptism of Levi Ian Thomas Patton

Tuesday 17th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 18th	8.30am, Moring Prayer, on zoom 9.20am, St Luke's School Patronal Service, in Church 11.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Exploring the bible groups, in church
Thursday 19th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group 3.00pm, Keeping Company
Friday 20th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
Saturday 21st	9.00am, Moring prayer on zoom 10.00-3.00pm, Quiet Day, Bray church spirituality centre
Sunday 22nd	10.00am, Patronal Festival Parish Communion 6.00pm, Sung Evensong (BCP), St Luke's Church and zoom (Sunday morning link)

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

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



1 An invitation to... our Feast Day NEXT WEEK

Our church is named after St. Luke, our patron. His feast day is on 8th October, so we keep our patronal festival on the Sunday closest to that date. This year that will be Sunday 22nd October.

We will have our usual 10 am service of Holy Communion and we warmly invite and encourage as many people as possible to come along to that service so that we can celebrate being a church family together. If you have not been to church for a while why not come along then, we'd love to see you.

There will be an activity for children during the service, led by Sam, our new Children and family Leader.

After the service everyone is warmly invited to stay for cheese and wine / juice, as well as coffee and cake – an early light lunch. There may even be a little quiz or treasure hunt – for all ages. Our school will also have a display in church of its 160 - year history and this would be a good time to browse it.

We are also designating this day as a Gift Day when people are invited to make one-off donations to the work of this church in thanksgiving and in order to help cover the cost of ministry and church upkeep. There will be a box in church to do this in cash on the day or you can use the card reader in church (add: Patronal before inserting the amount you wish to give) or by direct bank transfer – please use the reference: Patronal. Do remember to gift aid your offering if you can. Thank you.

The clergy and wardens look forward to welcoming many of you to church on 22nd October.

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on 3rd November. £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, 1st December.

And 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 18th October, in church.

Alpha course: we have committed to running an Alpha course next year and are now recruiting the team to run it. if you feel called to help in leading small group discussion, catering or prayer ministry please speak to Revd Sally and be able to come along to a training session on Wednesday 8th November

at 7pm in church. The session will start with a shared meal, as all Alpha sessions do and last no more than 2 hours. Please let Revd. Sally know if you have particular dietary needs.

18th Oct **St Luke's School Patronal and celebration service** , 9.20 am. All welcome – and to see an exhibition of the school in church.

NB: the midweek Holy Communion service that day will be at 11 am.

21st Oct **Quiet Day: 'Blessing the space between us'**. 10 am – 3pm, location: Bray church spirituality centre. Led by Revd. Terrie.
Sign up in church. £5 pp. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and cake provided.

5th Nov **Memorial service** 4pm in church to remember all those whom we have loved and lost. Everyone is invited to this service to remember, reflect and light candles. If you would like the name(s) of loved one(s) read out please check and add to the list at the back of church.

19th Nov **Mitzvah day** join friends from faiths across town for community service activities at the synagogue

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)

Forms are now available (with further details) for those who would like to sponsor and decorate a tree. Please speak to Revd. Sally for further details or pick up a form and letter from the back of church.

Catering for the Christmas Tree Festival

Catering is a big part of the sociability of this event. People relax and chat and exchange news of the many charities and organisations taking part. They also eat cake- in great quantities. As we get closer to the date it would be wonderful if you could be beating up the eggs and butter and sugar to make a cake or two. Our menu offers Lemon drizzle, chocolate cake and Victoria Sandwich. The last on the list must have only jam through the middle and castor sugar sprinkled on top. People are very particular about this.

As Reverend Sally said, if you start now but have no freezer space, we can help. My phone number is 01628 783618. Sally Somerville

From the PCC

Notes of key points from the recent PCC meeting:

- Our three annual charities (Foodshare, Embrace – rebuilding after the Turkish earthquake, and Green Christians – Arocha Ghana) would be retained for another year so that they can really benefit and we can learn more about them and engage fully. The fourth quarter of giving would also be as this year, split between Inclusive church, Toilet twinning in Lons and New Brainstorm School, Uganda.
- The bench in memory of John Cox will be dedicated on 11th November.
- An advert would be placed for a church cleaner (paid for 2 hours a fortnight)

- Not the Summer Fair raised around £1180.
- A Parish Share increase of 4% for 2024 was approved - £66,500 from £64,000. The usual gift day would be held on the Patronal festival and stewardship renewal on 19th November.
- A firm of Consulting Engineers had visited, met the Heat and Light working group, and carried out a survey of the church. They will produce a report advising on best ways forward to replace boiler and lights to save money and become net zero carbon.
- The Heat and Light, and Churchyard working groups were constituted as formal sub-committees of the PCC for the time being.
- RBWM had appointed a contractor to undertake some tree work in the churchyard.
- An Alpha course would be run in the new year, along with further nurture opportunities.
- 10 Bibles would be purchased for use in church.
- Our Patronal festival (22nd October) would be designated Back to Church day and all are encouraged to invite people to church that day. There would be refreshments after the service.
- Revd Sally reported on the Living in Love and Faith process (blessings on the marriages of LGBTQIA+ couples) and it was agreed to invite people to sign cards of prayerful support to our bishops.
- A letter of congratulations would be sent to our school following an outstanding Ofsted inspection.
- 'no smoking on this site' signs would be placed on the church railings.

Our sponsored charities

Embrace the Middle East, one of the charities St Luke's is supporting this year, has on its website four very enlightening webinars, "Conversations with Middle East Christians" about the daily lives of people in Palestine-Israel, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt, and the work being done there by Christian organisations. There is also a recording of the Annual Lecture, which was given by Archbishop Justin Welby on Reconciliation in the Middle East, with a contribution from a Palestinian activist. The links are:

<https://embraceme.org/conversations-with-middle-east-christians-course-material>

<https://embraceme.org/annual-lecture-23>

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 3rd November e-mail

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

is seeking to appoint

A church cleaner

For 2 hours
every fortnight

Application form and details from the vicar:

sally514@btinternet.com / 01628 783033

Closing date: 27th October 2023

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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 19th October

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 12th October

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 26th October

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

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) **NB: new link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTtnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 7879 6960

Passcode: 386635

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