



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 4th October 2020

Trinity 17

Today is the feast day of St. Francis. We had planned to have a Pet service this year, but have decided not to in the current climate – not sure how good Fido would be a socially distancing! The video posted for children (or anyone else who likes a story!) on our website will focus on animals particularly, and I suspect they may get a mention in Sunday's service. This week we will have an All Age service of Holy Communion. The order of service is attached and can also be found on our website. As usual, you will also find Sunday's RHP sheet (readings, hymns and prayers) attached to today's email. Please remember to bring your copy of both to church, either printed out or on a device.

Thank you for your gifts of groceries etc and money for Harvest. We have delivered 24 plants to local people and have also been able to give £158 to the Brett Foundation, alongside the produce. That will help local people in need. We must also remember that need is always there and not just at Harvest so please do continue to give through the boxes in local supermarkets and other means. If you'd like to know more about how you can help just ask myself or one of the ministry team.

Speaking of ministry team, next Sunday will be Sonya and Roger Clarke's last Sunday with us as they move to Somerset. Sadly, we can't have the big 'goodbye and thanks' celebration that we'd like, but we will be able to pray for them and we have a small (!) presentation to make. They did feature, with Phyl, on the top of last week's celebration cake before it was cut: *Blessings come, blessings go*



For those of you joining on Sunday by Zoom, **this link works for ALL Sunday 10 am services:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85097790796?pwd=NUIBZE5PL3hIOFEyUm11OTNxc0lnUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 9779 0796

Password: 900393

As ever, all orders of service and earlier recordings can be found on our website.

We continue to offer **Zoom Morning Prayer**, live worship at 9 am Tuesday through to Sunday.

This link works **for all days:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84140066083?pwd=ZlZ0bXgvQ0t1UTlZcW10YlFNSnpPZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 4006 6083

Passcode: 544130

Readings for the week beginning 5th October are:

Monday	Psalm 71	1 Kings 21	Acts 21.37-22.21
Tuesday	Psalm 73	1 Kings 22. 1-28	Acts 22.22-23.11
Wednesday	Psalm 77	1 Kings 22.29-45	Acts 23. 12-end
Thursday	Psalm 78. 1-39	2 Kings 1. 2-17	Acts 24. 1-23
Friday	Psalm 55	2 Kings 2. 1-18	Acts 24.24-25.15
Saturday	Psalm 76	2 Kings 4. 1-37	Acts 25. 13-end
Sunday	Psalm 138	Luke 13. 22-30	

We are now also offering **Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350227277?pwd=QnhoT0E1YXFid09BeDZTUUFfa2JCQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 5022 7277

Passcode: 262906

The readings for the coming week are:

Psalm 69 Mark 14. 53-65

The order of service is in the red Common Worship book, and also on the Daily Prayer App.

And **Mid-week Holy Communion:** 10 am on second and fourth Wednesdays. Next: 14th October

Sundays at Six: has also resumed. We will hold a service of Night Prayer on Zoom on the **first and third Sundays** of each month. We will use the little blue book: 'Prayers for the use of the Church during the coronavirus outbreak', which many of you already have. If you plan to join in SAS and don't have one please email Revd. Sally and we will get one to you. **Next one:** 4th October TONIGHT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362755135?pwd=bmZYRkdIbW1SUjhtaHINMnBDTzF1QT09>

Meeting ID: 823 6275 5135

Passcode: 737489

All Saints Church is holding **Night Prayer on Zoom**, weekly at 8pm on Thursdays, and anyone is welcome to join in: (NB, not on 24th September)

Night Prayer Thursdays 8.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75976544021?pwd=Q1pJVTlpTytOdHg0VXhSRGxWRzIzZz09>

Meeting ID: 759 7654 4021

Password: 5rHziv

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For Phyl Sopp as she embarks on ordained ministry
- For Sonya and Roger as they prepare to move to pastures now
- For our care for all creation
- For all people living under changing and confusing restrictions
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the Synagogue, Mosques, Gurdwara and elsewhere
- For justice and equality for all people, for a recognition that every person is precious to God

- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in October: Lily Jones, Mabel Spratley, Amaya Boulton, Maggie Mae and Dollie Bella Deeley
- For all those who live and work in Fairford road
- The sick and those who care for them: John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, Janet, Stan Swansborough, and Mick Curley
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in October: Gerard Beattie, Beryl Bunce, Daisy Cole, Philip Littlejohn, Beryl Burrows, Peggy Clutterbuck, Len Harvey, Thomas Yates, Eileen Rance, Albert Harvey, Sally Roberts, Marion Brooks, Walter Suckling, Phyllis Clayden, Vera Swadling, Ernest Philips, Gilbert McKenna, Barbara Prior, Michael Adamson, David Garnett, Richard Burrows, Elizabeth Shailes, Eileen Loach, Janice Neaves, Dorothy Herbert, Victor Russell, Martin Hornby.

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by

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To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally.



Rotas: do check the rota chart on our website to see if you are down to read, intercede, clean or welcome. Thank you!

Next week, 11th October: Parish Communion

Read: Neil McLean **Intercede:** Jeanette Lock

Welcomers: Sue with Laura, Aaron, Shula.

Sunday cleaning: Sue Turner **Other cleaning:** Angela and Bridget (5 Oct)

Roots at home this week: <http://www.rootsontheweb.com/athome4Oct>

What's on... and other news...

Study course we will start a new, six week, study course on Thursday 8th October. **'Well prepared'** focuses on living well at the end of life and preparing for death. Death is part of life for us all, and for Christians it is, as a poet wrote, 'a comma, and not a full stop'. It is the transition to a whole new life in eternity. The course is for any adult of any age and helps to reflect on important practical and spiritual issues. Please do consider joining it.

We will have to use Zoom and encourage participants to have something comforting with them at each session – coffee and cake or chocolate might work well (were we physically together we would provide that!). We will use small breakout groups as well as whole group teaching and reflection. There will be a member of the ministry team by the phone each week so that anyone who needs to can call them. This seems a really good time to follow the course as we come up to Remembrance season.

See the diocesan website for more details: <https://www.deathlife.org.uk/>

Thursdays, 7.30 pm. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82587653929?pwd=Qnd6cWJwSkxSaHpldy96aXd2RFdqUT09>

Meeting ID: 825 8765 3929

Passcode: 432183

Baby and Toddler group has been meeting but we just feel that we cannot safely continue this either, given the change in restrictions. We will set up a Zoom coffee morning every now and then to stay in touch. See our website for details.

Choir practice has resumed on Fridays, at 8pm in church (socially distanced). Please do speak to Adam if you would like to join the choir, in preparation for a socially distanced Carol service.

Face masks: I am pleased to say that over £100 has been raised for church funds through the sale of my masks. I am still happy to provide them for a donation and have a few left in my stock. I will now make them to order and you can choose colour and shape. I also have a limited amount of Christmas fabric which can be made in the smaller, shaped mask if anyone is interested. Contact me through Sally or after church on a Sunday. Ruth Sheppard

Christmas Tree Festival (Trail). Clearly, we cannot hold our usual Christmas Tree Festival this year, but not to be daunted, we will transform our CTF into a CTT – a Christmas Tree Trail. The idea is that families, businesses, charities, etc will decorate a tree and place it in their window or outside and, on payment of a small fee, join our trail which people can then walk around and look at safely. It will be possible to vote for favourites online and donate money if people wish – which this year will be split equally between the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and St. Luke's. I have already written to anyone who has decorated a tree in the past, inviting them to join in, and I am sure others will want to do so too. See the letter with details of how to take part on our website. If you would like to be involved in any other way, please let me know.

Also coming up...

Quiet morning: Saturday 17th October. More details next week. 9.45 – 12.30, on Zoom.

Patronal Festival, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Luke at our Sunday service at 10 am on 18th October (in church and on Zoom). This will also be a gift day – details next week.

Memorial service, 4pm on Sunday 1st November. An opportunity to remember all whom we have loved and lost, at any time, with candle lighting.

Congratulations to the Revd. Phyl, and (Dave) Sopp!



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

The Annual Year Book with contact details for key parish personally can be accessed on the church website:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f43dadd67a8/content/pages/documents/1596271439.pdf>