



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Our Patronal Festival

This Sunday we will keep the feast of **St. Luke, our patron** (after whom our church is named). We have a festal Parish Communion service at 10 am and at 6pm our choir will lead us on Choral Evensong in church. Both services will also be zoomed (use the Sunday morning service link for both).

Luke was both a scholar and a medical doctor and so we will be offering anointing for healing and wholeness for any who wish it during the morning service.

Sunday will also be also a **Gift Day**. You are invited, if you wish, to make a financial gift to this church in thanksgiving for, and support of, our shared ministry. If you do this via direct giving through the bank please use the reference: Gift Day. Alternatively, you may wish to place an envelope marked Gift Day in the offertory plate, or use the card machine in church. Please do gift aid offerings if you are eligible to do so. Thank you very much for your gifts to support all we do, and all we are here, in Jesus' name.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven
and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the

parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

2 Tim. 4. 5-17

The Gospel reading

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" *Luke 10.1-9*

Sunday's Hymns:

P:	Screen	Let God be praised (St. Luke's day hymn)
G:	622	Will you come and follow me
O:	Screen	Let me build a house
HC:	383	Be still, for the presence of the Lord
R:	530	Now thank we all our God

Hymns words on screen for zoomers:

Let God be praised; his holy name adored, for blessed Luke, Apostle of the Lord.

Loving and loved in his physician's role,
He brought healing skills to body, mind and soul.

Let every blessing rest on those, we pray,
Who bring health and wholeness in our present day.

He heard the word, responded to the call,
The gospel of Christ he brought to one and all.

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

'Gospel' and 'Acts' the Christian story tell;
He wrote them that others might believe as well.

With all the saints let us our homage bring,
To Jesus our Lord, our Prophet, Priest and King.

On this his feast day let these rafters ring
With songs of our patron, as we gladly sing:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Thought for the week:

As we offer prayer and anointing for wholeness and healing, this summary of the pastoral introduction from the Church of England may be helpful

It is apparent in Scripture that the physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being of human beings are closely interconnected. Christ's work of reconciliation extends beyond the purely personal and relational to the social order and the whole creation (cf Colossians 1.15-27). The Gospels use the term 'healing' both for physical healing and for the broader salvation that Jesus brings. A common New Testament term for sickness is 'weakness' it carries broad associations of powerlessness and vulnerability. As Christians face weakness, they receive God's grace, expressed sometimes in an experience of healing and sometimes through the strength that comes in the bearing of weakness (2 Corinthians 12.9).

Acts of healing in the Gospels are intimately related to the restoring of individuals to a place of worth within the social order (cf Mark 1.44; 5.15-20; 6.32-34; Luke 13.10-17). 'By his wounds you have been healed' (1 Peter 2.24) makes powerful links between human pain and vulnerability and the saving impact of Jesus' own suffering.

Healing, reconciliation and restoration are integral to the good news of Jesus Christ. For this reason prayer for individuals, focused through laying on of hands or anointing with oil, has a proper place within the public prayer of the Church. God's gracious activity of healing is to be seen both as part of the proclaiming of the good news and as an outworking of the presence of the Spirit in the life of the Church.

So we are invited to receive prayer and anointing for our own wholeness, and on behalf of those for whom we pray.

In the name of God and trusting in his might alone,
receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole.
May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit,
deliver you from every evil, and give you his peace. **Amen.**



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our King, Charles III.
- For our new Prime Minister and her cabinet – for wisdom and integrity.
- For all who are worried and struggling with the cost of living.
- For those who are hungry, or who eat alone every day.
- For our ministry as part of the Warm Welcome scheme, and Thursday lunches.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For our whole life and ministry as a church family – that we may serve God and bring His love to our community.
- For preparations for our Christmas Tree Festival – that many trees will be sponsored and that we may have lots of helpers.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For our ministry with children and for our plans to appoint a Children and Family Leader.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living, for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in October: Mabel Spratley, Noah Ridley, Amaya Boulton, Maggie Mae Dealey, Dollie Bella Dealey,
- For all those who live and work in Woodstock Close
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Charles Goodman, Joan Lynch, Harry, Eunice Goodman, Robert Lewis.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in October: Beryl Bunce, Daisy Cole, Thomas Yates, Peggy Clutterbuck, Richard Burrows, Michael Adamson, Barbara Prior, Philip Littlejohn, Beryl Burrows, Ernest Philps, Gilbert McKenna, Gerard Beattie, Vera Swadling, Eileen Rance, Albert Harvey, Ruth 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 Forest, Tom Parfett.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 16th October 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 147	Luke 13.31-end	
Monday	Psalm 80	2 Kings 5	Acts 26.1-23
Tuesday. St. Luke	Psalm 145	Isaiah 55	Luke 1.1-4
Wednesday	Psalm 119.105-128	2 Kings 9.1-16	Acts 27.1-26
Thursday	Psalm 92	2 Kings 9.17-end	Acts 27.27-end
Friday	Psalm 88	2 Kings 12.1-19	Acts 28.1-16
Saturday	Psalm 97	2 Kings 17.1-23	Acts 28.17-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 23rd October, Last Sunday after Trinity, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Joan Harnby Intercede: Dorothy Strack-Hankey

Welcomers: Aaron, Laura and Kim Coffee: Helen and Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting is sponsored by:

Iris Brown

To celebrate her 80th Birthday



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email the parish office: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

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



Warm welcome/ Thursday lunches we are now working with the Brett Foundation to offer a warm and friendly space in church, between midday and 2pm, with simple lunches (free or by a contribution from those who can afford it) to anyone in the community. Do tell those who you think might benefit, or come along yourself.

Hospitality Fund: we are keen not to charge for after service coffee, and so do not put out a bowl for this. However, we do need to cover the cost and so we are reinstating the hospitality Fund. There is a box on the table at the back of church if you wish to make a donation from time to time, or you may like to give directly via bank transfer, in which case please state the reference: Hospitality. Thank you.

What's on... This week:

Friday 14 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 15 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom (or in church) 9.30 – 12.30 Quiet Morning in church
Sunday 16 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom Feast of St. Luke 6.00 pm, Choral Evensong, here.
Monday 17 th	7.30 pm, WAMCF Ladies meeting, synagogue
Tuesday 18 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 19 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 20 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 12.00 – 2.00 pm, Midday meals – open to all 3.00 pm, Keeping Company, in church 8.00 pm, Taize service, in church (and on zoom, use Sunday morning link)
Friday 21 st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 22 nd	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 23 rd	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 4.00 pm, Café church

Coming up...

Thursday evening worship, third week, monthly, at 8pm: in church AND on zoom (use the Sunday morning link). Please do tell others about this too... **20th October**: International Taize service

Café church: fourth Sunday at 4pm, in church (not on zoom). Informal, lay led time with tea and cake, prayer stations for all ages and closing reflection. **23rd October** and 27th November.

Memorial service: our annual memorial service is on Sunday 30th October at 4pm. we will automatically read out the names of all those for whom we have conducted funerals in the last year. To add the names of your own loved ones please write them on the list at the back of church or email them to Revd. Sally by Tuesday 25th. All are warmly invited to this beautiful service.

Christmas is coming – and our Director of Music is busy preparing for the Carol Service which, this year, falls on Sunday 18th December 6pm. If anyone would like to come and join the choir for this year's Carol service, please do have a word with either Adam or Sue Maclean. You will need to be available to attend choir practices on Friday's at 8pm.

And the **Christmas Tree Festival** will be back in full swing this year too. Friday 9th – Sunday 11th December. Letters have gone out to all previous sponsors. If you would like to sponsor and decorate a tree please ask Revd. Sally for details, or email the parish office. As ever. We will need lots of helpers to make this CTF run well. A sign up sheet will be available soon.

An Advent event from Queen's Foundation, Birmingham:

This Advent we will be hosting a live mixed-mode event (28th of November) which considers how we can approach advent at time of such crisis in our world. Queen's tutors will lead a discussion on this theme.

Each booking will also come with a resource booklet that churches or groups of individuals may choose to use, should they so wish, to structure further reflections during the season of advent.

Link to further information and the booking form below:

<https://www.queens.ac.uk/events/tidings-of-comfort-and-joy-reconsidering-advent-in-a-time-of-crisis>

PCC Update

A summary of key items discussed at last week's PCC meeting:

- We will need a new Assistant Churchwarden and Chair of Fabric as Aaron and Laura move away later this year.
- The new projector, camera and screen are installed and working well.
- An Organ Appeal group has been set up to seek grants for significant work on the organ.
- The summer garden party raised £887
- Our three charities this year will support Ukrainians in need, climate awareness and those locally in fuel poverty
- Our application to the Diocesan Development fund for part funding of the post of Children and family Leader has been rejected. We await funding from a legacy before going to advert for this 20 hour a week post.
- It would be useful to have more card readers or new QR codes for the Tree Festival
- On finance: our level of giving is not matching our level of parish share (which will go down a

little next year under the new Deanery scheme) and fuel bills will rise by 334% for gas and 126% for electricity, per unit. We are waiting to see what government subsidy may be available. It was greed that 'outside' church users will need to pay for the actual cost of heat and light from 1st October.

- The Fabric committee is exploring boiler replacement (long term)
- A bench in memory of the late John Cox is to be given by his family.
- The PCC received an update on work towards becoming an Eco church.
- Christmas arrangements were agreed.
- The church will keep 'Safeguarding Sunday' on 5th February next year.

WAMCF (Interfaith group) activities

WAMCF Autumn 2022 Dialogues, 7pm to 830pm followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 1st November Maidenhead Gurdwara

Topic: What is the one thing you'd most like to change about the world?

Tuesday 29th November Maidenhead Mosque

Topic: Can religious faith make you a happy person?

Women's Group Monday 17th October, 7.30 pm, Maidenhead Synagogue

Anita Sawal will be the speaker on the work of the Thames Valley Hospice

Joy of Movement Dance Exercise for over 50's

Tuesday 6th September to Tuesday 11th October and Tuesday 1st November to

Tuesday 6th December from 6pm to 7pm Tuesday night.

Sunday 20th November Faith Walk 2pm – 3pm

Interfaith Week 13th – 20th November 2022 Details to come.

Sundays at Six, this Autumn, All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning

16 th October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom, at St. Luke's
30 th October NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
6 th November	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
20 th November	Interfaith walk and tea Starts 2pm from St. Luke's, ending around 3pm back at St. Luke's.
4 th December	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
11 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's
18 th December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

And on the 4th Sunday monthly: (except December)

3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints 4pm, Café church, at St. Luke's

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. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 4th November. Email Revd. Sally 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 20th October.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10th November.

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, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 27th October.

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