



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 18th September 2022, Trinity 14

As we continue to keep the national period of mourning for the late Queen, our service on Sunday is a Parish Communion service at 10 am, in church and on zoom. We will use the special order of service issued last week and this week we will use the readings in the order of service rather than those for Trinity 14. Sundays at Six will this week be held in each church separately, and at St. Luke's we will be using the **Special Commemorative Service** at **7.30 pm** so that we can close by sharing the national silence together. The service will be on zoom – use the Sunday morning link.

The Collect

Merciful Father and Lord of all life,
we praise you that we are made
in your image and reflect your truth and light.
We thank you for the life
of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth,
for the love she received from you and showed among us.
Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise
to all your servants, living and departed,
that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ.
And we ask that in due time we may share
with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision
promised to us in the same Christ our Lord;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
For the Lord will not reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the
abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. (4.16-5.4)

The Gospel reading

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.' (John 6.35-40)

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 558 Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation
G: Sht Lifting my eyes up to the hills
O: 598 There's a wideness in God's mercy
R: 507 Lord of all hopefulness
The National Anthem

Thought for the week:

Much will be said about our late Queen over this week and in the months to come. Much has already been said. What is clear is that she was a servant leader, who put her people before herself and whose faith sustained and informed her whole way of being. She modelled for us the way to live as disciples of Christ.

She knew, surely, that the end of this life was near, but she looked to eternity with hope.

Any public death brings to mind our own personal losses, and for many people the passing of our Queen has reinforced personal painful memories. The readings chosen for the service used at this time remind us of the hope to which we are called and the promises of eternity. We should grieve, as one prayer puts it, 'not as those without hope'.

And so we take it to heart that:

'the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases', and that

'what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal', and that Jesus promised

'...that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day'. May those words sustain each of us at this time.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth and pray for the Royal Family, and the nation and Commonwealth in mourning.
- For our King, Charles III.
- For our new Prime Minister and her cabinet
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For those who are hungry, or who eat alone every day.
- 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 someone to be guided to take on the role of flower co-ordinator for our church.
- For our music team, and for an assistant organist.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living, for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- Margot and Mabel, and Max, baptised recently, and for Chloe to be baptised today.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Rosie Ribton, Rosie Turner, Katty King, Daisy Trillow.
- For all those who live and work in White Rock
- For Catia and Guy, to be married here next week.
- 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, Iris Brown, Charles Goodman, Joan Lynch, Harry.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Arthur Little, John Hicks, John Biddle, Elwyn.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Malcolm Gavin, Mary Dawson, Alice Webb, Vera Velvick, Bessie Molin, Roy Baldry, 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 Dolton, Frederick Hearman, Betty Himmonds.
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Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 18th September 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 130	Revelation 14.1-5	
Monday	Psalm 1	1 Kings 1.5-31	Acts 13.13-43
Tuesday	Psalm 5	1 Kings 1.32-2.4, 10-12	Acts 13.44-14.7
Wednesday (St. Matthew)	Psalm 49	1 Kings 19.15-end	2 Timothy 3.14-end
Thursday	Psalm 15	1 Kings 4.29-5.12	Acts 15.1-21
Friday	Psalm 19	1 Kings 6.1, 11-28	Acts 15.22-35
Saturday	Psalm 23	1 Kings 8.1-30	Acts 15.36-16.5

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 25th September, Trinity 15, Parish Communion in church and on zoom

Read: Jean TD

Intercede: Edgar Hakobyan

Welcomers: Aaron, Laura and Shula

Coffee: Jeanette and Kate

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.

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting is sponsored by:

Claire and David Mundy

in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary on 19th September

Also by

Brenda Windass and her three grandsons:

in loving memory of Judy and Keith Foster at the anniversary time of the marriage of their son Richard, to Brenda's daughter, Angela.



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.

What's on... This week:

Thursday 15 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am Baby and Toddler group in church 3.00 pm, Keeping Company, in church 8.00 pm, Compline (Night Prayer) in church
Friday 16 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer
Saturday 17 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – midday ish, Church Care Time
Sunday 18 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 12.00 pm Baptism of Chloe 7.30 pm Special Commemorative Service for the late Queen Elizabeth II
Tuesday 20 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Deanery Synod
Wednesday 21 st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.30 am, Flower meeting , vicarage
Thursday 22 nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift, Prayer Shawl knitting, in the vicarage
Friday 23 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 24 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Contactors meeting, in church
Sunday 25 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 1.00 pm, Wedding of Catia and Guy

Advance notice, church out of action: during the week of Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd September, the church will not be available as the installation of the new wall mounted projector and screen will be taking place. There will be no Wednesday Holy Communion or Baby and Toddler group that week and the Gaynor's Gift Prayer Shawl knitting group will meet in the vicarage.

Coming up...

Church Flowers: anyone who has arranged flowers in church or would like to do so in the future is warmly invited to a coffee morning in the vicarage at 10.30 am on Wednesday 21st September so that we can decide what we need to do between now and Christmas. Do come if you can.

Church Care morning: 17th September. All are warmly invited to join a morning of caring for the church building – brass and silver cleaning, polishing, clearing cobwebs, changing light bulbs, tidying the garden etc. 9.30 am – midday ish.

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...

15th September: Compline

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.

Harvest Supper: Saturday 1st October, 7.00 pm, in church. Tickets available now: £8.50 pp. Meal: Sausages, baked potato, salad; apple pie. Soft drinks and all glasses provided BYO alcoholic drinks if wished. Please state if 'free from' or vegetarian when buying tickets.

Harvest All Age Communion Festival, Sunday 2nd at 10 am.

Saturday 15th October – Parish Quiet Morning, in church.

Free and open to all. 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Men's curry night; 26th September 2022. 7.30pm

A chance to get to know each other more and break bread (naan etc)

Choice of set menu for 4 people minimum order. Or choose dishes you would like and pay your share. Meet at Maidenhead Spice. Text or call Simon Bader on 07860714282 to book.

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 from Friday 7th October at 8pm onwards.

Soul Food

The Brett Foundation is getting ready for when the colder weather hits. We are going to be doing daily lunch for people (type of Meals on wheels) It would be a pay if you can type service, with a donation facility for those who wish. (that's because some people won't use us as they don't want to be seen as needing charity, many of these people going without as they feel there are people worse off) so that's our way around it. We are looking for people to deliver meals for us on a regular daily basis. We can pay an hourly rate and pay petrol.

If you think you can help, then please contact Sue Brett on 07582158849 or email susanbrett4@aol.co.uk

CTiM Christmas Day lunch

During the pandemic we were unable to provide lunch on Christmas Day at SportsAble for people living alone in the Maidenhead area and we delivered Christmas hampers instead. Sadly our brilliant catering team is unable to continue helping. So if you know of anyone who could help organise the food preparation and service, or if you would like to volunteer to help with something else, then please contact Tony Weeks on 01628 627265 or email him at tonywweeks@gmail.com

WAMCF (Interfaith group) activities:

WAMCF Autumn 2022 Dialogues, 7pm to 830pm followed by refreshments.
Tuesday 11th October New Windsor Community Association
Topic: What makes us human?

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:

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

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076

2 nd October	Harvest Service, in church and on zoom (TBC) led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
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. Starts again on 8th September after the summer break.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 2nd September. 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 15th September.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 8th September.

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 22nd September.

A prayer of thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth.

We give you thanks:

for her love of family and her gift of friendship;
for her devotion to this nation and the nations of the Commonwealth;
for her grace, dignity and courtesy;
and for her generosity and love of life.

We praise you for:

the courage that she showed in testing times;
the depth and of her Christian faith;
and the witness she bore to it in word and deed.

Accept our thanks and praise, we pray,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those who mourn

Father of all mercies and God of all
consolation,

you pursue us with untiring love
and dispel the shadow of death
with the bright dawn of life.

Give courage to the Royal Family
in their loss and sorrow.

Be their refuge and strength, O Lord;
reassure them of your continuing love
and lift them from the depths of grief
into the peace and light of your presence.

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by dying has destroyed our death,
and by rising, restored our life.

Your Holy Spirit, our comforter,
speaks for us in groans too deep for words.

Come alongside your people,
remind them of your eternal presence
and give them your comfort and strength.

Amen.

A prayer for the new King

Lord God,

you provide for your people by your power,
and rule over them in love:

Grant to your servant our King
the Spirit of wisdom and discernment,
that being devoted to you with his whole
heart,

he may so wisely govern,
that in his time we may live in safety and in
peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142

Sundays at Six:

Use the Sunday morning link

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4th Thursday, monthly

Link for 19th May:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88627244304?pwd=q-AMP0InkyLAIA_vgbwenjXHzCxyxo.1

Meeting ID: 886 2724 4304

Passcode: 042474