



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 20th November 2022 , The Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday is the last in the church year, and we celebrate Christ as our King, Lord of our lives and sitting 'at the right hand of God in heaven', before we prepare for his birth as we turn to Advent.

Next week, then, is Advent Sunday and our main 10am Parish Communion service will include the baptisms of church family babies Poppie and Klarissa. We will also be offering a blessing on the Advent calendars, candles, wreaths etc that families and individuals have at home so you may like to bring yours for blessing. We will also be sending out our Travelling Knitivity – you can sign up to host it for a night on the sheet at church.

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended
to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things
as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns
with you...

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from Colossians

Brothers and sisters: 11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, 12while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. 17He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1.11-20

The Gospel Reading

33When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And the people stood by, watching;

but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' 38There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' 40But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' 42Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 43Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Luke 23. 33-43

Sunday's Hymns:

490 Jesus shall reign
 443 God is our strength and refuge
 Screen Meekness and Majesty
 601 All hail the power of Jesu's name

Meekness and majesty,
 Manhood and Deity,
 In perfect harmony,
 The Man who is God.
 Lord of eternity
 Dwells in humanity,
 Kneels in humility
 And washes our feet.

Father's pure radiance,
 Perfect in innocence,
 Yet learns obedience
 To death on a cross.
 Suffering to give us life,
 Conquering through sacrifice,
 And as they crucify
 Prays: 'Father forgive.'

*O what a mystery,
 Meekness and majesty.
 Bow down and worship
 For this is your God,
 This is your God.*

Wisdom unsearchable,
 God the invisible,
 Love indestructible
 In frailty appears.
 Lord of infinity,
 Stooping so tenderly,
 Lifts our humanity
 To the heights of His throne.

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Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That we may live under Jesus rule of love for one another.
- For Klarissa and Poppie (and for Ruth and Kevin, Katty and John) as they come to baptism next week.
- For Aaron and Laura Wilson as they move away.
 For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For our Prime Minister, and all MPs, 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 preparations for our Christmas Tree Festival – that many trees will be sponsored and that we may have lots of helpers.
- 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 November: Owen Green, Lilly Hutchinson, Robert Midgley, Beatrice Ribton, Isabella Burdett, Fred Wilson, Harper Hutchinson.
- For all those who live and work in Alexandra Road.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Eunice Goodman, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Pamela Rivers
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Ruth Keys, Mary Fox, Marcus Lawes, James Herbert, Eileen Hurst, Francisca Knowles, Stuart Courtier, Joan Joyce, Trevor Headington, Catherine Vincent, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surridge, Olive Powell, Beryl McGuire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith, Kenneth Rivers.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 20th November 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 29	Revelation 11.15-18	
Monday	Psalm 96	Isaiah 40.1-11	Revelation 14.1-13
Tuesday	Psalm 97	Isaiah 40. 12-26	Revelation 14.14 – end of 15
Wednesday	Psalm 112	Isaiah 40.27-41.7	Revelation 16.1-11
Thursday	Psalm 125	Isaiah 41.8-20	Revelation 16.12-end
Friday	Psalm 139	Isaiah 41.21-42.9	Revelation 17
Saturday	Psalm 145	Isaiah 42.10-17	Revelation 18

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 27th November, Advent Sunday Parish Communion with Baptisms, in church and on zoom

Read: Nicola Buckland Intercede: None

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Lisa Coffee: Helen and Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by Sally Somerville:
For Libby's 18th 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.

Thought for the week:



Week by week those in the congregation at church face our beautiful 'Christ in glory' window at the east end of church.

Jesus sits enthroned in a scarlet robe, holding symbols of authority – rather as we will see of our new king at his coronation next May.

Having completed His ministry on earth, Jesus has returned to the glory of heaven, where he reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

This concept of 'reigning' is interesting. We can get God's reign confused with the reigns of earthly monarchs, and

even with the leadership of politicians – not always the best role models.

To reign is to hold sway over someone or something, to influence and impact on their everyday lives. As we see it that way, we might ask ourselves, how much sway Jesus has on our everyday lives. Do we follow his ways of love, kindness, care, courage and compassion? Do we follow the teachings of the Bible? (do we indeed read our Bibles?!). Can we say that Jesus is our King? And if so, what do we mean by that?

The end of a church year, standing on the brink of a new beginning, is a good time to ask ourselves those questions and to reflect anew on how far we live as full disciples of Christ.

What's on... This week:

Thursday 17 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am Baby and Toddler group, in church 12.00 – 2.00 pm, Midday meals – open to all 3.00 pm, Keeping Company
Friday 18 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 19 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30 pm, Choral Society concert in church
Sunday 20 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion 2.00pm Interfaith walk, starting and ending here 3.00pm (ish) Interfaith tea, here
Tuesday 22 nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 23 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion, and coffee
Thursday 24 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am Baby and Toddler group, in church 12.00 – 2.00 pm, Midday meals – open to all 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift, prayer shawl knitting group
Friday 25 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom No Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 26 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30 pm, Parish Quiz night – on zoom
Sunday 27 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, with baptisms 4.00 pm, Café Church for Advent 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Taizé service at ChoGS

Church news

Aaron and Laura Wilson leave us this week as they move north with Aaron's work. We send them with our love and our thanks for all that Aaron has done as Assistant Churchwarden and Chair of the fabric Committee.

Ralph Hinchliffe will take on the role of Assistant Warden and Simon Bader will chair the Fabric Committee.

Those who knew Pamela Rivers will be sad to hear that she passed away this week after a short time in hospital and long illness. It is almost exactly a year since Kenneth's passing. We extend our love and sympathy to their sons and wider family. Her funeral will take place at St. Luke's on Tuesday 6th December at 1pm.

Information from the diocese

Parish share: we have come to the time of year when we think about finance and budgeting for next year. All current givers will receive a letter of thanks from Revd. Sally and a form to return to the treasurer concerning our giving for the coming year. We are pleased to report that our parish share (the money that we pay to the diocese to support our clergy, training and some national costs) has gone down a little for next year due to a new deanery formula. Lest we rejoice, for other parishes in the deanery, it has gone up.

To find out more about parish share, see the new diocesan publication:

On the Money

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/61f2fd86f0ee5/content/pages/documents/on-the-money.pdf>

Environment Resource Pack: part of our stewardship / giving is also about the way that we live sustainably in God's creation. Our Eco group is working on ways of helping us to respond to this challenge, but you may also like to see some of the resources published by this diocese, at:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/environment-and-social-justice/environmental-action/#Environment%20Parish%20Resource%20Pack>

Together in Love and Faith: you may have read in the press that Anglican Bishops have been carefully considering issues of human sexuality and especially same-sex marriage. Our own Bishop Steven has published an essay in which he outlines his own view, having determined in favour of same-sex marriage in church. You can read more about this here:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/news/same-sex-marriage-in-cofe.php#order>

Coming up...

The Christmas Tree Festival:

How YOU can be involved:

- Sign up to help during the event
- Make cakes
- Deliver flyers
- Take posters
- Contribute to the church family hamper – first raffle prize
- Contribute a quality raffle prize (perhaps from a firm you know...)

For guidance, last year's raffle prizes were: Food hamper, Beauty hamper, Reindeer

Tower of treats, Diffuser/tea lights, Mug-in-a-box, John Lewis napkins, Tartan shoulder bag

Shortbread house, Champagne, Panettone

- Help cover boards on Wed 7th from 11 am
- Make jams etc for the produce stall
- Come to the last planning meeting: Thursday 1st December at 7.0 pm on zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82088800230?pwd=V0liYnc2V05SRW10NlBpZ0Vpc1BzZz09>
 Meeting ID: 820 8880 0230 Passcode: 898571

Men's Chinese evening: 21st November 2022. 7.30 pm

All you can eat: Choice of food including crispy duck.

Jasmine Peking, 29 high street, Maidenhead

Txt or call Simon Bader on 07860714282 to let me know if you would like to come.

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. **Next:** 27th November.

Knitted sheep: we hope to send our Travelling Knitvity round the parish again this year, but our flock of sheep is seriously diminished. If you are able to knit a sheep or two, please do take a pattern from the table at the back of church or ask the office or Revd Sally for one. The flock all needs to be gathered in for 25th November please.

A sign up sheet to host the **Knitvity** is now in church. This lovely knitted nativity scene in a box was made by friends in Canada and families / individuals are invited to host it in their homes for one day and night and then pass it on to the next on the list (arrange your own swop over, a list will be supplied).

Quiz Night is back: James and Louisa are leading another of their famed Quiz Nights on Saturday 26th November at 7.30 pm. To save heating the church this will be on zoom but you may wish to form teams in each others homes, especially if you are on your own.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87577616957?pwd=MzJCOC9Mc0gxSC9Ld1RjK25HYWw2dz09>

Meeting ID: 875 7761 6957

Passcode: 259028

The church Eco Team is open to everyone. All are warmly invited to go along and contribute to the planning and discussion – helping us to become a more eco friendly church and individuals. Next meeting: Weds 23rd November at 8pm, at 23 College Avenue. More details from Revd. Phyl.

We are delighted to have been chosen by the **CoOp as a recipient of their Community Fund** for the coming year. By shopping in the CoOp now you can support this church.

St. Luke's Church is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/68757> #ItsWhatWeDo

There is a launch event at Shifford Way CoOp on Saturday 26th November between midday and 2pm, to which all are invited.

Our particular project is to redevelop the churchyard to make it a more useable community space for quiet and to support the natural environment.

WAMCF (Interfaith group) activities

WAMCF Autumn 2022 Dialogues, 7pm to 8.30pm followed by refreshments.

Lat one this year: Tuesday 29th November Maidenhead Mosque

Topic: Can religious faith make you a happy person?

Sunday 20th November Faith Walk 2pm – 3pm

starting and ending (with refreshments) at St. Luke's church.

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

20 th November NB 3pm	Interfaith walk and tea Starts 2pm from St. Luke's, ending around 3pm back at St. Luke's.
27th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green NB changed date
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

Getting the church ready for Christmas...

On Saturday 17th December, we will be making the church look beautiful for Christmas...
flower arranging, cleaning cobweb removing, brass polishing...

Please do consider coming along to help – even if you can only give an hour... any time
between 9.30 am and midday. Thank you.

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.

Warm Welcome Thursdays midday – 2pm, a warm space in church to meet with others (or just be quiet and warm) and have a warm meal. Free, and open to all.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 2nd December. 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 17th November.

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

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. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 24th November.



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100% of proceeds will go towards supporting local children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and their families.

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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)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142