



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 22nd October, Patronal Festival

This Sunday we celebrate our patron, St. Luke. 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.

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 Sundays at Six, also taking place at St Luke's Church, will be Sung Evensong (BCP). This will also be on zoom, please use the Sunday morning zoom link. We hope to see many of you there.

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

First Reading

⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has

come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia,^[a] Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹² Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵ Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, 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

Gospel Reading

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Luke 10.1-9

Sunday's Hymns:

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| screen | Let God be praised (St Luke's day hymn) | 510 | Will you come and follow me |
| 365 | Let us build a house | 451 | Just as I am |
| 739 (ii) | Now thank we all our God | | |

Thought for the week:

It has been a real joy to welcome St. Luke's school into church this week to celebrate the feast of St. Luke and 75 years of association with Oxford diocese and 160 years since the foundation of the first school.

Children led a beautiful service and shared their research about the history of the school. Do look at their display in church.

We thought about the fact that, although the school is built of bricks, it is made up of every person who is a part of the community. One child also said: it is built of love.

How true that is – it is the children, families staff and governors who make up our school. And how much more true of our church too.

Whilst the beautiful building with which we are endowed is made of stone, wood and stained glass, it is, as St Peter states, 'the living stones' which make up the church. We truly are the body of Christ in



this place.

As we celebrate our patronal festival (a kind of birthday for our church, as the children put it this week) let's reflect on how we live out our faith – loving each other and seeking to build up each other, and also seeking to share the love of God with all around us.

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
- 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.
- For Jude Ridley, and Levi Patton baptised recently, and for Elsie Trillow to be baptised next week, 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 Castle Court.
- 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: Robert Colin Sloan, Peter Sheppard
- 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.

There are times when we struggle to pray – this time of turmoil in the Middle East may be one for you – this link offers a helpful aid to prayer, at any time: (with thanks to Jeanette Lock)

['When we don't know how to pray'](#)

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 22nd October 2023:

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| Sunday | Psalm 145 | Isaiah 54.1-14 | Luke 13.31-end |
| Monday | Psalm 126 | Ecclesiasticus 31.1-11 | John 15.1-11 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 132 | Ecclesiasticus 34.9-end | John 15.12-17 |
| Wednesday | P 119.153-end | Ecclesiasticus 35 | John 15.18-end |
| Thursday | Psalm 143 | Ecclesiasticus 37.7-24 | John 16.1-15 |
| Friday | Psalm 144 | Ecclesiasticus 38.1-14 | John 16.16-22 |
| Saturday | Psalm 116 | Wisdom 5.1-16 | Luke 6.12-23 |

Rotas for next week:

Sunday the 29th October: Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Michael Masango

Intercede: Edgar Hakobyan

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Helen and Carl

Coffee: Kate and Sally

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Revd. Sally Lynch
Celebrating our Patron, St Luke



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:

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| Sunday 22nd | 10.00am Parish Communion, Patronal Festival 6.00pm, Sung Evensong (BCP), St Luke's Church and zoom |
| Tuesday 24th | 8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom |
| Wednesday 25th | 8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion |
| Thursday 26th | 8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 3.00pm, Gaynor's Gifts knitting group |
| Friday 27th | 8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom |
| Saturday 28th | 9.00am, Morning prayer on zoom |
| Sunday 29th | 10.00am, Parish Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Elsie Trillow |

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

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| 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 |

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, last two this year: 1st and 15th November, 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.

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 practical community service activities at the synagogue. Those who would like to join in will go together after our 10 am service.

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 twining in Lors 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=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) **NB: new link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTnRZVFjBY2xiS3QyVHlYZ1BaZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 7879 6960

Passcode: 386635

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