



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 23rd October 2022

This Sunday our 10 am service is a Parish Communion service in church and on zoom at 10 am. At 4pm on Sunday we are introducing Café church. This will be a very informal time with tea and cakes and a few activities to help us think about faith, ending with a simple prayer. It will be suitable for all ages and especially for folk who are not familiar with the set service in the morning or who want to find out more about the Christian faith. No more than an hour. Do encourage anyone who you think might be interested to come along – or even better invite someone and bring them.

The Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change
and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

1We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. 3For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' 4For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15. 1-6

The Gospel reading

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

Luke 4. 16-24

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 584 Thanks be to God whose word was spoken
O: Sht God's Spirit is in my heart
R: 267 Thou whose almighty word

Hymn words on screen for zoomers:

God's Spirit is in my heart,
He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do.

Just as the Father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be
my witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world.

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,
And go tell everyone
the news that God's kingdom has come.*

Don't worry what you have to say,
don't worry because on that day
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,
will speak in your heart

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For schools on half term holiday – for safety, rest and refreshment.
- For our King, Charles III.
- For our 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, Joan Lynch, Harry, Eunice Goodman, Robert Lewis.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Charles Goodman
- 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.
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Thought for the week:

A number of people have commented lately on the change that they feel in society from that when we were in the midst of the pandemic, a couple of years ago. As the pandemic really took hold, there was a general feeling of looking out for each other and ensuring that neighbours (both literal and metaphorical) were 'ok' and had both support and physical needs supplied. We clapped for carers. We shared in making scrubs and face coverings. We kept in touch with each other through phone, internet and other means to build each other up.



Much has happened in society and in the world since then, and many people feel that that communal support is missing in some ways.

St. Paul wrote to the church in Rome: 'Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour'. That isn't a bad thing to do. If we each aim to build up our neighbour then we will ourselves in return find that we are supported. Jesus had affirmed the Old Testament too, teaching, 'love your neighbour as yourself'.

Maybe, as our nation, indeed our world, lurches through the cost of living crisis, it would be good for people of faith to live up to that teaching and to model how we might all live well in challenging times.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 23rd October 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 119. 105-128	Luke 14.1-14	
Monday	Psalm 98	2 Kings 17. 24-end	Philippians 1.1-11
Tuesday.	Psalm 106*	2 Kings 18.1-12	Philippians 1.12-end
Wednesday	Psalm 111	2 Kings 18.13-end	Philippians 2.1-13
Thursday	Psalm 115	2 Kings 19. 1-19	Philippians 2.14-end
Friday, Sts Simon & Jude	Psalm 116	Wisdom 5.1-16	Luke 6.12-16
Saturday	Psalm 121	2 Kings 20	Philippians 4.2-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 30th October, All Saints Sunday, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Michael Masango Intercede: Edgar Hakobyan

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Helen and Carl Coffee: Lisa and Kim

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting is sponsored by:

"Never forgotten, St Luke's Church where we married 65 years ago"

John and Anne Parfitt

And also

By Eunice Goodman, in loving memory of Charles



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.

Gift day: Thank you to those who made financial gifts to the church last weekend as part of our Patronal Festival. So far, we have been gifted around £700. It is not too late to make a gift!



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.

What's on... This week:

Thursday 20 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 12.00 – 200 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
Tuesday 25 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 26 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 12.00 – 200 pm, Midday meals – open to all 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift knitting group, in church
Friday 28 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 29 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 30 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 4.00 pm, Memorial service

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.

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.

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.

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>

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?

Joy of Movement Dance Exercise for over 50’s

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

Sunday 20th November Faith Walk 2pm – 3pm

Interfaith Week 13th – 20th November 2022 / 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

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.
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

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