

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 24th September, Trinity 16

This week we have a 10am Parish Communion, all are warmly invited to join us for worship. There will be an activity for an children present so families are warmly encouraged to come along.

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1.21-end

Gospel Reading

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said

to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Matthew 20.1-16

Sunday's Hymns:

652 Guide me, O thou great redeemer
489 From heaven you came
678 In Christ alone
629 Father hear the prayer we offer
475 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Thought for the week:

'It's not fair!'

How many times have you heard that said recently? Perhaps if you are a parent or a schoolteacher, quite frequently!

And we all blurt out that statement from time to time when we see what we perceive as inequality in the world around us.

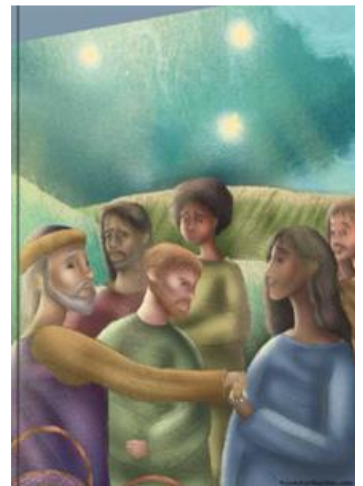
We might perhaps pause to think about what fairness really is.

I am not sure that it is full equality, because I am not sure that full equality is actually possible in all things. People are all different, we live in different situations in both micro and macro environment. It is not possible to 'have' exactly the same or to live in/ with the same circumstances.

What is possible is that all people be treated with the same dignity. That inequality is explained and alternatives sought. That a;; people are valued intrinsically for their own being.

The parable that Jesus tells in today's gospel is a helpful reminder of this. Even under God, life is not 'fair'. But God is generous and longs to bless all people in a variety of ways.

This week might we perhaps look out for signs of God's generosity and of ways in which we can share that with those around us.



Sick prayers: every now and then, we delete the list of those seeking prayer so that we can refresh it. Names of those who have asked to be there this week have already been added. Please email the parish office with names of others to add - with their permission.

Prayer suggestions for these weeks:

- For the recovery and restoration operations in Morocco and Libya
- For a greater recognition of God's generosity in the world, and a desire among people to live in this light.
- For Sam, as she develops or work with children and families.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For a new Director of Music / organist
- For those who fear the onset of Autumn and the darker nights.
- That we may each play out part in the ministry of our church and care for its building.
- For our care for creation, giving thanks that we have achieved the Bronze Eco Church Award.
- For Theo Ashe-Velez and Oliver and Rory Peck, recently baptised, and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Rosie Ribton, Austin Brooks, Rosie Turner, Katty King, Daisy Trillow, Max Fiordelisi, Chloe Rendle
- For Jordan and Pilar recently married here
- For all those who live and work in Reed 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: Geoff Tulloch, Wendy Botting, Tessa Armstrong.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Rennie Jones, Edna Franklin, Joan Richardson, Malcolm Gavin, Mary Dawson, Alice Webb, Vera Velvick, Bessie Molin, 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 Dalton, Frederick Hearman, Betty Himmonds, Elwyn Jackson, Peter Windass, Arthur Little.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 24th September 2023:

Sunday	P 119.153-end	Isaiah 45.9-22	Revelation 14.1-5
Monday	Psalm 44	Ecclesiasticus 1.1-10	Mark 12.28-34
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Ecclesiasticus 1.11-end	Mark 12.35-end
Wednesday	P 119.57-80	Ecclesiasticus 2	Mark 13.1-13
Thursday	Psalm 57	Ecclesiasticus 3.17-29	Mark 13.14-23
Friday	Psalm 34	Tobit 12.6-end	Acts 12.1-11
Saturday	Psalm 68	Ecclesiasticus 4.29-6.1	Mark 13.32-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 1st October: All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Just Gospel

Intercede: Preacher

Welcomers: Clare, Lisa and Don

Coffee: Simone and Season

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

The church flood lighting has not been sponsored this week



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk The 2023 form is now available.

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

What's on... This week:

Sunday 24th	10.00am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 26 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
<i>Parish office closed</i>	
Wednesday 27 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
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Thursday 28th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group, in Church 3.00pm, Gaynor's Gifts
Friday 29th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 2.00 pm, decorating church for Harvest 5.00pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom - NB new Zoom link below
Saturday 30th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 6.30pm, Harvest Supper, in Church
Sunday 1 st	10.00am, Harvest Festival All Age Holy Communion 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Harvest Songs of Praise, Church of the Good Shepherd

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

1 st October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
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

St. Luke's Primary School:

Did you go to St. Luke's school as a child (at any time)?

Did you teach there or work there?

Were you a governor at any time?

If so, please do make contact with the school via this email: celebratinghistory@st-lukesprimary.com

We are celebrating the history of the school this year (160 years the foundation of the first school was laid and 75 years of links with the diocese) and would love to hear from anyone with links to the school, - and also photos or artefacts.

Church Flowers

The church will be decorated for Harvest weekend on Friday 29th September, from 2pm onwards.

Anyone who would like to is welcome to come along and help out. If you are able, please bring flowers, fruit and vegetables and anything else 'harvesty' to decorate the windowsills. Please note that as an Eco Church we are no longer using oasis (if you have any chicken wire or other please do bring that!). Thank you.

Harvest Supper

The raffle at the Harvest supper will have one main prize - a Harvest Hamper, filled with (ideally and mainly) home-made autumnal fare. Everyone is warmly invited to bring contributions for this hamper and to put them in it by 28th September. Thank you.

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on 6th October. £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, 3rd November and 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, next 20th September, in church.

23rd Sept Care time come along to church from 9.30 am to help maintain the church building and churchyard – do offer as much or as little time as you can.

30th Sept Harvest Supper in church from 6.30pm. Tickets £7 each for Baked potato and fillings followed by apple pie and cream. Available now. Water provided, BYO other drinks.

1st Oct Harvest Festival All Age Holy Communion service – 10 am

7th Oct Church Breakfast 8.45 – 10.30 am, Phyl, Jeanette and Ben will talk about their work at the vaccination clinic during the pandemic, with a delicious breakfast. Tickets £5 each, available now.

8th Oct The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital: Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm. Free entry and donations invited for a cream tea to follow.

18th Oct St Luke's School Patronal and celebration service, 9.30 am. All welcome – and to see an exhibition of the school in church.

21st Oct Quiet Day 10 am – 3pm, location: Bray church spirituality centre.. Led by Revd. Terrie.

22nd Oct Patronal / back to church day

5th Nov Memorial service 4pm in church to remember all those whom we have loved and lost.

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.

Produce Stall

Reminder: Fruit and vegetables are now ripening so if you have access to any of these and are not able to make jams and chutneys, please let us know. Donations of sugar and vinegar would be welcome and can be placed in the cupboard at the back of church (behind back pew, centre aisle). Labels for produce are in a small plastic box in the cupboard.

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FROM THE DIOCESE

New course: The Story of Scripture

The story of the Bible is fundamentally about how God created us, how things have gone wrong, and how God faithfully throughout human history has called people back into relationship with him.

This going deeper course on learn.oxford.anglican.org is designed to help you get a firmer handle on that big story through the use of videos, questions, and quizzes. This course can be completed on your own, or as part of a small group. Over six units, you'll open your Bible, gain a deeper understanding of what God was doing throughout the pages of Scripture and how God is calling you to join in that same story.

You'll work at home at your own pace and at a time that suits you with interactive digital resources from Dr Andy Angel. The materials are also suitable for clergy, LLMs and home group leaders to offer in a small group format.

The Story of Scripture launches in October 2023. It will take around 15 hours to complete and can be started at any time during the year.

[Register here](#), or click the button below, before mid October for immediate access to the course materials as soon as



Beginners' Retreat

St Mary's Convent

This short retreat, facilitated by Sr Lizzie Ruth, is for anyone who has never been on a retreat before or who would value some extra guidance on how to use the space and time in retreat. [Find out more.](#)

Care for Creation course

Why should Christians care for creation? What does the science tell us about climate change and biodiversity? And where does Eco Church fit in? Join us for a six-session course, starting 19th September - [contact Hannah Mann](#) to book your funded place.

A DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO YOUR CATHEDRAL: Saturday 14 October 2023

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/visiting-cathedral/st-frideswide-pilgrimage>

We are delighted to invite you to join our next St Frideswide Pilgrimage on Saturday 14 October. Whether you have joined us before or are new to pilgrimage, you are welcome to journey from five different starting points and walk with us to the Shrine of St Frideswide in Christ Church Cathedral. The patron saint of Oxford, St Frideswide founded the priory upon which our Cathedral is based. She was known as a woman powerful in prayer and with gifts of healing, and her community as a place of learning and safety.

On arrival at Christ Church you are invited to have tea in the Great Hall – an unmissable experience – before looking round the Cathedral and joining us for a Pilgrim Service at the end of the day.

So do join us – we look forward to welcoming you.

- Route A From North Oxford (1.5 miles)
2.00 pm Meet at St Margaret's Church OX2 6RX
- Route B From Wolvercote (5 miles)
12.00 pm Meet at St Peter's Church OX2 8AQ
- Route C From Headington Quarry (3 miles)
12.30 pm Meet at Holy Trinity OX3 8NU
- Route D From Iffley (2 miles)
1.30 pm Meet at St Mary the Virgin OX4 4EG
- Route E From Abingdon (9 miles)
10.00 am Meet on Thames Path beneath Abingdon Bridge OX14 3HX

Baby loss service

This is a beautiful and moving service that some of us have attended in the past. For more details do speak to Revd. Sally.



**Saying Goodbye
Remembrance
Service - St Albans**

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL

9TH OF OCTOBER, 2023 AT 7PM

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH
OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE
LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS
AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE
GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER
BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.

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Recycling at St Luke's

As one of the ways to demonstrate our commitment to living more sustainably and caring for creation, we have set up an area at the back of church by the servery, where things that can be difficult to recycle at home can be brought and members of the 'eco-team' will ensure they are taken to be recycled correctly.

There are two boxes:

- One for used pill packets
- One for dead batteries and empty make up containers.

There is a larger 'hamper' for packaging that can be recycled in supermarkets. This rubbish has this label



Recycle with bags at large supermarkets | Don't recycle at home

You can see this label on plastic wrapping such as bread bags, fruit and veg bags, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. You can recycle this type of packaging at recycling points in selected supermarkets.

Please do bring any of these items of rubbish and place them in the appropriate container. Many people making small changes in the end makes a big difference.

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 6th October e-mail 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 28th September

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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