



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 25th September 2022, Trinity 15

Our service this week is a Parish Communion service in church and on zoom.

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy
sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church
in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith
and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help
from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things
profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the first letter of Timothy

6There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

11But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

17As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Tim. 6. 6-19

The Gospel reading

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: 19'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20And at his gate lay a

poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." 25But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." 27The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - 28for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." 29Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." 30He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." 31Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'" *Luke 16. 19-31*

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 468 Lord of the dance
 O: 443 God is my strength and refuge
 R: 427 For the healing of the nations



Thought for the week:

Today's gospel passage conjures up some wonderful images in art work. Jesus' parable, told against the leaders who 'loved money' is richly evocative and quite different to the farming and domestic images used in other parables. This is tough and punchy, full of theology from the Old Testament (the idea of heaven being where Abraham, the Hebrew patriarch cared for the dead, and hell being full of fire and torment, rewards and punishments, the teachings of Moses – the Pentateuch – books of the Law) and of strict judgement on the materialistic leaders. The images in this week's sheet articulate that most graphically.

It would be very easy for us to dismiss the images as old fashioned art-work and the parables punchline as aimed solely at men of long ago.

Of course, when we stop and reflect, that is not the case. We may give meticulously to charities that are close to our hearts. We may pray for the people we see on TV who face appalling disasters and to whom our hearts go out. But is suspect that I am not alone in finding it very easy to ignore those in need right under my nose, in our own town, in this parish.

In Jesus' story Lazarus (not to be confused with the friend of Jesus with that name) 'lay at the rich man's gate'. Perhaps he even had to step over him to go in and out. familiarity had bred contempt and blindness. I need to open my eyes to the need that is right around me, on my doorstep, so to speak, and to see how I can bring Jesus' love and care to those situations. We could do that as a community of faith right here – perhaps most especially as the autumn draws in and it gets colder and price rise further – how can we support others in our parish at this time?

Warm welcome/ Thursday lunches is one answer to the challenge above. From this week we will be 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.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Continue to pray for the Royal Family, and the nation and Commonwealth in mourning for our late Queen.
- 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 our ministry as part of the Warm Welcome scheme, and Thursday lunches.
- 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.
- For Catia and Guy, to be married here on Sunday.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Rosie Ribton, Rosie Turner, Katty King, Daisy Trillow.
- For all those who live and work in Whitchurch 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, Iris Brown, Charles Goodman, Joan Lynch, Harry, Brenda Windass.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Arthur Little, John Hicks, John Biddle, Elwyn Jackson, Peter Windass.
- 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 25th September 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 132	Luke 11.37-end	
Monday	Psalm 30	1 Kings 8. 31-62	Acts 16.6-24
Tuesday	Psalm 36	1 Kings 8.63-9.9	Acts 16.25-end
Wednesday	Psalm 34	1 Kings 10.1-25	Acts 17.1-15
Thursday (St. Michael & All Angels)	Psalm 150	Daniel 12.1-4	Acts 12.1-11
Friday	Psalm 31	1 Kings 11.26-end	Acts 18. 1-21
Saturday	Psalm 42	1 Kings 12.1-24	Acts 18.22-19.7

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 2nd October, Trinity 16, All Age Holy Communion for HARVEST in church and on zoom

Read: Charlotte Sloan Intercede: Preacher
Welcomers: Clare, John and Rita Coffee: Paul and Marc

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:

*Brenda Windass and her three grandsons: James, Michael and Adam,
in loving memory of Judy and Keith Foster at the anniversary time of the marriage of
their son Richard, to Brenda's daughter, Angela, 14.9.85*



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 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
Tuesday 27 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am – 1.00pm, Church in use: Daisy First Aid
Wednesday 28 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 29 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 12.00 – 2.00 pm, Midday meals – open to all
Friday 30 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 12.30 pm, Funeral of Arthur Little 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 1 st October	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.00 pm, Harvest Supper, in church
Sunday 2 nd	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Harvest Songs of Praise at Cox Green

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.

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.

Harvest Gifts: as usual, we are inviting members or the congregation to bring a colourful plant as a harvest offering. These will be then be delivered to housebound or sick folk who are on the church list. This year it would be really helpful if **plants could be brought to church** between 5-6pm on Friday or between 10 and 11am on Saturday so that they can be incorporated into the Harvest display before being delivered as gifts of love from the church at Harvest.

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

Free and open to all. 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Time for space to be with God, with short reflections and personal space. Sign up at the back of church.

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 8.30pm 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=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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.

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

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-AMP0lnkyLAIA_vgbwenjXHzCxyxo.1

Meeting ID: 886 2724 4304

Passcode: 042474