



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 28th August

Trinity 11

Our service on Sunday is a Parish Communion service at 10 am, in church and on zoom.

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

The Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

1Let mutual love continue. 2Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' 6So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

7Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

15Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16

The Gospel reading

1On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 8'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that

when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

12He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Luke 14. 1, 7-14

Sunday's Hymns:

sht Let us build a house
362 Tell out my soul
368 All my hope on God is founded

Thought for the week:

Post pandemic life is beginning to return to a new normal. Many people are eating together again, throwing dinner parties and getting together with families. We can have birthday parties again and as church we are able to have meals together. Eating together is a very spiritual thing to do - that may sound odd but, being with other people to do one off the essentials of life, is good and the fellowship as well as the food can feed us.



Jesus regularly shared meals with other people. It is clear from scripture that he enjoyed parties and celebrations and shared food and drink. What is also very clear is that he did not eat just with his family and friends, or with the leaders of the people (in today's gospel he eats with a Pharisee) but he actively chose to eat with those who others might have avoided and left to eat alone, or in a group of other 'outcasts and sinners' as they were often called.

The parable Jesus tells in the reading today reminds us that hospitality should extend beyond our immediate comfort zone, indeed the author of the letter to the Hebrews writes: 'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it'. I wonder what angels we might feed today? As groups or individuals.

How might we as individuals and as a church offer genuine hospitality to a wide variety of people?

One simple way might be to volunteer to work with the Brett Foundation delivering (provided) meals for those how are housebound – more about this but do ask Revd Sally or Revd Phyl for more details.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- 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 the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For our government and the contest for leadership of the Conservative party.
- For school staff, children and families as the summer holidays come to an end and terms start
- For our ministry with children and for our plans to appoint a Children and Family Leader.
- For someone to be guided to take on the role of flower co-ordinator for our church.
- For our music team, and for an assistant organist.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living, for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- For the international refugees currently living in Maidenhead and the people who are supporting them

- Romain and Myles, baptised recently, and for Margot and Mabel to be baptised today.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in August: Harley Perry, Remy Perry-Bridger, Logan Hing, Kevin Obiwianu, Lily Webber and Archie Marosi.
- For all those who live and work in Wellington Road
- For Emma and Hamish, and for Richard and Rebecca, married here recently.
- 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, Louise, Rupert, Charles Goodman, Joan Lynch, Harry, Elwyn.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in August: Betty Hunt, Kenneth Lewis, Dorcas Bennett, Neville Searle, Kenneth Lewis, Patricia Walker, Wendy Logie, Robert Dymond, Terence Greene, Elizabeth Pearce, Rita Buckland, James Harry, Dorothy Webster, Betty Lambourne, Margaret Grove, John Brant, John Coupe, David Craythorne, May Reeve, Margaret Moulton, Colin Duncan, Vivienne King, Janet Seaman, Alix Burnage, Patricia Nuth.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 28th August 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 119.161-end	Revelation 3.14-22
Monday	Psalm 80	2 Samuel 3.12-end Acts 6
Tuesday	Psalm 89.1-18	2 Samuel 5.1-12 Acts 7. 1-16
Wednesday	Psalm 119.105-128	2 Samuel 6.1-19 Acts 7.17-43
Thursday	Psalm 92	2 Samuel 7.1-17 Acts 7.44-53
Friday	Psalm 88	2 Samuel 7. 18-end Acts 7.54-8.3
Saturday	Psalm 97	2 Samuel 9 Acts 8.4-25

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 4th September, Trinity 12, All Age Holy Communion in church and on zoom

Read: Natasha Sloan Intercede: Dorothy Strack-Hankey

Welcomers: Clare, John and Rita Coffee: Paul and Marc

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting is sponsored by:
Mr T Autos



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email the parish office: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

What's on...

This week:

Thursday 25 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 3.00 pm, Tea and cake for residents of Neve, Southgate and Jakes Houses 7.30 pm, The Big Question: discussion time in Church
Friday 26 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 27 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 28 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 12.00 pm, Baptism of Margot and Mabel
Tuesday 30 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 31 st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion

Thursday 1st Sept. 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 2.00pm, Creation service at St. Joseph's church

Friday 2nd 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 4.00 pm, Messy Church
 8.00 pm, Choir practice

Saturday 3rd 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

Sunday 4th 10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom
 3.00 pm, Garden Party
 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Compline, here (vicarage garden)

Coming up...

Garden party, Sunday 4th September, 3pm. Join us in the vicarage garden for a fund raising Garden party to draw the summer to a close. Tickets are £12.50 per adult (and £5 under 14s). Includes a glass of prosecco on arrival, full tea, raffle and produce stall. Do invite friend along. Tickets in advance please do book your tickets by 31st August to aid catering.

Ride and Stride: Saturday 10th September. If you would like to take part please speak to Peter Goford.

The Season of Creation: The Parish Community of St Joseph and St Elizabeth, Maidenhead, would like to invite the Parishioners and Communities of Churches Together In Maidenhead (CTIM) to attend an Ecumenical Service, at St Joseph's Church on Thursday 1st September 2022, to mark the start of this year's Season of Creation. The Service will begin at 2:00 pm and will be followed by a reception in Parish Centre. It is hoped that other Members of CTIM will join in the Readings and Reflection as we "Listen to the Voice of Creation."

And in the autumn....

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...

15th September: Compline 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 soon: £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.

Saturday 15th October – Parish Quiet Day in church OR

Diocesan Pilgrimage on foot to Christchurch cathedral – see

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/visiting-cathedral/st-frideswide-pilgrimage-2022>

Do let Revd. Phyl know asap if you'd like to join the pilgrimage.

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.

WAMCF (Interfaith group) activities:

WAMCF Autumn 2022 Dialogues

Tuesday 6th September Maidenhead Synagogue

Topic: What brings true happiness?

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?

7pm to 830pm followed by refreshments.

Support from the Co-op Community Fund.

Women's Group Monday 17th October 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.

Visit My Mosque Day Sunday 4th September 2022 from 2pm – 4pm

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

4 th September	Compline, on zoom, led by St. Luke's
18 th September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
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	Memorial services, in church, NB: 4 pm: 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

Cost of living crisis...

We have received the following from the Berkshire area office, which may be of help. If you, or anyone you know, would like help accessing this material / resources please contact the parish office or one of the ministry team:

We have partnered with Berkshire Age UK to bring you what we hope are helpful resources as you minister to those directly affected by the cost of living crisis.

Clearly these resources are potentially appropriate to people of all ages, but Age UK specialise in this area, so it is they with whom we have worked.

Age UK writes:

With costs of living increasing and worries beginning to surface about how to budget for the winter, we thought it would be helpful to share some resources that you may wish to use to assist parishioners.

These are a mixture of links and contacts that may be helpful and are designed to be accessible to anyone.

- Age UK [online benefits checker](#);
- [Information sheet](#) on how to check your benefits entitlement;
- Summary of [recently announced cost-of-living grants](#);
- [Age UK information booklets](#) on topics including benefits and support;
- Advice and support on heating your home, insulation and grants for new boilers (including home visits where needed) [from Better Housing, Better Health](#)
- [Advice for people of working age](#) from Citizen's Advice:
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East Berkshire 0808 278 7914

Wokingham 03003301189

Reading 01189502829

West Berkshire 01635 546605

Advice for people over retirement age from Age UK Berkshire 0118 959 4242

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.

Sundays at Six A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, mix of zoom and in-church services. Starts again in 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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

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-AMP0InkyLAIA_vgbweniXHzCxyxo.1

Meeting ID: 886 2724 4304

Passcode: 042474