



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

[www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

[This sheet is also available on the above website]

Church Office: 01628 622733

[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

Vicar: [sally514@btinternet.co](mailto:sally514@btinternet.co)

## Week commencing: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022, Harvest Festival

This week we are celebrating our Harvest Festival with an All Age Holy Communion service in church and on zoom at 10 am. Revd. Phyl will be exploring with us how we can care for God's world and we will be using our new screen and projector – and singing along to the Harvest Samba too (well, *Strictly* is back...!!). All are very welcome. The Harvest theme continues with a Songs of Praise Sundays at Six at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green.

**Harvest Gifts:** as usual we are inviting people, to bring gifts of potted plants that can be blessed and taken to people on our list of recipients, as a gift of love. If you are able to drop plants off on Friday evening (8-9pm) or Saturday morning (10-11am) that would be a help, otherwise Sunday is great. Please do offer to deliver one or two plants if you can – there will be gift cards with names and addresses on to collect in church. Thank you.

### The Collect

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth  
in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need  
and for our own well-being;  
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

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving  
for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and wine  
of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence  
for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. *Phil. 4. 4-9*

### The Gospel reading

25 When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' 26 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for

the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ 28Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ 29Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ 30So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’ 31Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ 32Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ 34They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ 35 Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

*John 6. 25-35*

**Sunday’s Hymns:**

- P: 275 We plough the fields and scatter
- O: Sht Across the lands
- R: Sht Harvest Samba



**Thought for the week:**

Which of these harvest images do you prefer? It is so easy for us to slip into a nostalgic image of harvest every year, ploughing the fields and scattering good seed on the land. In fact, harvest are getting harder, and not just in developing countries which suffer regularly from poor weather impact.



Climate change is impacting on our own harvests too. Along with war, economic worries, changing agricultural preferences and also the greed which demands new and different varieties of foodstuffs, harvest is not what it once was. Today we celebrate all of God’s good gifts to us, but perhaps we should do so with a recognition of the current fragility of all creation, and then consider how we can all play our small parts in helping to sustain for the future all that God has blessed us with. Ultimately, all we need for life is basic – water and bread. And let us never forget to focus on living in, through and for the ‘living bread that came down from heaven’- Jesus.

**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.

**Maidenhead Street Angels** are back on the streets again on Friday and Saturday nights and are hoping to recruit more ‘Angel’ volunteers. If you would like to know more please contact us via our email address [stangels@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stangels@hotmail.co.uk)

Thank you so much for your help and support in this exciting project which helps to bring God’s caring love onto the streets of our town .

Brian Belcher (Trustee for Maidenhead Street Angels)

### **Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- For our King, Charles III.
- For our new Prime Minister and her cabinet
- 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 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, married here last Sunday.
- 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 Windrush Way.
- 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.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Elwyn Jackson, Peter Windass.
- 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 Philips, 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.
- 

### **Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022:**

Sunday	Psalm 141	Luke 12.1-12	
Monday	Psalm 44	1 Kings 12.25-13.10	Acts 19. 8-20
Tuesday	Psalm 48	1 Kings 13. 11-end	Acts 19.21-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119. 57-80	1 Kings 17	Acts 20. 1-16
Thursday	Psalm 57	1 Kings 18.1-20	Acts 20.17- end
Friday	Psalm 51	1 Kings 18. 21 - end	Acts 21.1-16
Saturday	Psalm 68	1 Kings 19	Acts 21.17-36

### **Rotas for next week:**

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Trinity 17, Parish Communion in church and on zoom**

Read: Gill Curry

Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Lisa

Coffee: Jeanette and Kate

**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:

*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](mailto: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 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 12.00 – 200 pm, Midday meals – open to all
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup> October	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.00 pm, Harvest Supper, in church
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom <b>7.20</b> pm, Holy Communion 8.00 pm, PCC
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 7.30 pm, Contactors meeting (in church)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 12.00 – 200 pm, Midday meals – open to all
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4.00 pm, Messy Church 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

## 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...

20<sup>th</sup> 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. 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Patronal Festival:** we will be celebrating the life of our church as we keep the Feast of St. Luke on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Our service that day will be a Festal Parish Communion and our choir will lead us in Choral Evensong at 6pm. Traditionally this is also a **Gift Day**. You are invited, if you wish, to make a financial gift to this church in thanksgiving for, and support of, our shared ministry. If you do this via direct giving through the bank please use the reference: Gift Day. Alternatively, you may wish to place an envelope marked Gift Day in the offertory plate, or use the card machine in church. Please do gift and offerings if you are eligible to do so.

**Christmas is coming** – and our Director of Music is busy preparing for the Carol Service which, this year, falls on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm onwards.

And the **Christmas Tree Festival** will be back in full swing this year too. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. If you would like to help with the organisation do join a meeting in the vicarage at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **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](mailto:tonywweeks@gmail.com)

#### **WAMCF (Interfaith group) activities:**

**WAMCF Autumn 2022 Dialogues**, 7pm to 8.30pm followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October New Windsor Community Association

Topic: What makes us human?

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November Maidenhead Gurdwara

Topic: What is the one thing you'd most like to change about the world?

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November Maidenhead Mosque

Topic: Can religious faith make you a happy person?

**Women's Group Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November to

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm to 7pm Tuesday night.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November Faith Walk 2pm – 3pm**

Interfaith Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Details to come.

**Sundays at Six, this Autumn,** All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest Service, in church and on zoom (TBC) led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom, at St. Luke's
30 <sup>th</sup> October <b>NB: 4 pm:</b>	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
6 <sup>th</sup> November	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Interfaith walk and tea Starts 2pm from St. Luke's, ending around 3pm back at St. Luke's.
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's
18 <sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> September after the summer break.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 7<sup>th</sup> October. 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 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. The next is 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**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