



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 31st October 2021 All Saints, Parish Communion

Our service this Sunday will be **Parish Communion** at 10 am, to which all are, as ever, warmly invited in church and on zoom.

Our Annual **Memorial Service** takes place at 4pm, to which all are warmly invited to reflect on those we have loved and miss, and to light candles.

Morning Prayer also continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom, at 8.30 am (9 am on Sat.)

Evening Prayer, on Fridays at 5pm also on zoom (but note there is no service on 1st Friday monthly).

Thought for the week: every week when we say the (traditional form of the) Creed, we affirm that we believe in the 'communion of saints'. We are saying that we recognise that we are one with all Christians who have gone before us, and all who are yet to come. Those we knew and loved and carry in our hearts. Those we have heard of but never met. Those we will never know.

We can be assured that we are part of a worldwide, eternal family of hugely disparate people, united in our shared faith in God – however we understand God. Often, as I am at worship, or simply 'being' in our beautiful church building, I sense the presence of our forebears, soaked into the stones.

Maybe they are interceding for us. All Saints and All Souls Days can help us to focus on the bigger picture of the whole church. They can comfort us with the knowledge that our own loved ones are safe with the Father, for eternity. They can also challenge us to live as members of this amazing family.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 31st October:

Sunday	Psalm 112	1 John 3.1-3	
Monday	Psalm 84	Isaiah 35.1-9	Luke 9. 18-27
Tuesday	Psalm 5	Isaiah 1.21-end	Matthew 2.1-15
Wednesday	Psalm 9	Isaiah 2.1-11	Matthew 2.16-end
Thursday	Psalm 15	Isaiah 2.12-end	Matthew 3
Friday	Psalm 16	Isaiah 3.1-15	Matthew 4.1-11
Saturday	Psalm 18. 31-end	Isaiah 4.2-5.7	Matthew 4.12-22

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for all who have gone before us.
- For those who miss loved ones.
- For all children, especially those in need, and for the work of the children's society
For our mission as church and guidance about our Autumn offering.
- For Steve and Gemma, married here last weekend and for Harper, to be baptised here next weekend.
- For caution as Covid 19 infections rise again
- For the people of all places of conflict.

- For our care for creation and preparations for forthcoming environmental conferences.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Eddie Freear, Arthur Freear, Lilly Pyrke, Owen Green, Lilly Hutchinson, Robert Midgely, Beatrix Ribton, Isabella Burdett, Fred Wilson.
- For all those who live and work in North Town road.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela and Kenneth Rivers, Julianne Grobler, Clarice, Eunice Moffett, Jim Mundy, Andy, Dorothy Nicks.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Betty Himmons
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surrige, Ruth Keys, Eileen Hurst, Joan Joyce, Stuart Courtier, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Catherine Vincent, Trevor Headington, Marcus Hawes, James Herbert, Olive Powell, Beryl McGuire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith

Pray for COP26

Creator of our common home
 Hear the cry of the earth
 Our world stands in great peril
 Many are suffering
 We have put at risk our present and our future
 through the rapid warming of the earth and the careless destruction of it's beauty
 Give to the leaders of the world fresh hope and courage
 As they gather for COP 26
 Unite us all in a common mission to heal and cherish our environment
 And steward the resources of our world for future generations
 May this conference be a turning point in human history
 For the sake of all the peoples of the earth. Amen.

Rotas for next week: 7th November, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Joan Harnby

Intercede: Terrie Robinson

Welcomers: Aaron, Eileen and Shula

Antibac: Sally Somerville

Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored
by Mr T Autos*

To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally, or fill in the sheet now back at the back of church!



What's on...

This week:

Thursday 28 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift (Prayer shawl knitting) in church
	6.45 – 7.45 Parish prayer, in church	
Friday 29 th October	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	5.00 pm, Evening payer, on zoom
	8.00 pm, Choir practice	
Saturday 30 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	
Sunday 31 st	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom	
	4.00 pm, Memorial service, in church	

Tuesday 2 nd Nov.	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30 pm, Extra PCC meeting
Wednesday 3 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am coffee
Thursday 4 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift (Prayer shawl knitting) in church 6.45 – 7.45 Parish prayer, in church
Friday 5 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4.00 pm, Messy Church 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 6 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Baptism Play and stay
Sunday 7 th	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom 12.00 pm, Baptism of Harper Hutchinson

Coming up:

Remembrance Sunday this year is Sunday 14th November when our main act of worship and remembrance will start at **10.30 am**.

Christmas Tree Festival : 3-5th December. If you (and anyone you know) would like to sponsor and decorate a tree, please speak to Revd. Sally.

Foodshare: as restrictions lift, we feel that now is the time to re-introduce the Foodshare basket at the back of church. Do feel free to leave items for Foodshare there, which Peter Goford will kindly take to Foodshare for us.

Be the change: is a diocesan initiative for young people (and the young at heart) about climate change. Do take a look at: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/making-a-difference/environment/be-the-change/>

Love Christmas is an initiative that St. Peter's lead on last year and will be heading up again, for all churches in town, this year. The idea is that we contribute to small gifts of love for churches to deliver to those they feel would benefit from them. It would be great if one person from St. Luke's might volunteer to be our link person and attend a meeting on the evening of 3rd November. Please let Sally know if you feel called to do this.

Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

Midweek Holy Communion will occur again at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee (or just come at 10.30 for coffee!).

Baby and Toddler group meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is on 5th November.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 16th December (none in November).

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, next 11th 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 on 25th November at 3pm.

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, with a mix of zoom and in-church services. The programme is on our website.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto 'Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action', and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action, throughout the year.



In 2022 the service has been written by women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Scotland, for historic reasons, runs separately. It is an important year for the women of these countries as the last time we were involved was 1945. As more countries have joined since then, the likelihood is that it will be another 100 years before we can do it again! We are hoping for a large congregation from around the town in March. The theme for the service is 'I know the plans I have for you' and is centred round hope. This is appropriate considering all we have been through recently and amazing as it was written three years ago before we knew of the pandemic. God speaks in wonderful ways!

Gill Curry and I went to a preparation day for the service which our committee ran at St Marks Methodist Church. The speakers were Elizabeth Burroughs, the national president, and Suzanne O'Malley, one of the appointed officers. It was a fascinating day. We learned a surprising amount about our islands and were shown beautiful scenes on the power point presentation. Both women are enthusiastic in recruiting a younger generation to continue what is the largest ecumenical organisation in the world.

A few years ago the name was changed from Women's' World Day of Prayer, omitting the word 'Womens' because it has always been intended to include men, although being women-led, brings women's' issues to the attention of the world. We have been encouraged to reconsider the timing of our service. The tradition has been to hold it at 2pm, thus precluding parents collecting children from school and people at work. This also means that the committee members tend to be retired women. In our committee meeting in January we will be discussing all this and hopefully coming to a decision. It is yet to be decided where the service will be held.

Gill and I are representatives for St Luke's on the committee. I have been doing it for over 20years and am prepared to continue. However, it would be so good if there could be one or two women not in their seventies, who would consider joining us. It is not very demanding as we only meet about twice a year to plan, and we are a very friendly group. We then all take an active part in the services which are shared around the churches in the town from year to year. If there is anyone out there who is interested, have a word with me or with Gill.

Please look out for notices in the New Year and give the service a try even if you have never been before. Ruth Sheppard

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

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing *6 (star six)

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/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810 Passcode: 171263

Sundays at Six: NEW link from 19th Sept.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdReiJUa0pQOTBJZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852 Passcode: 936128

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4th Thursday, monthly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191294701?pwd=MzNVRFRpY2ZqcZdMMXV5SC9sc3ZKUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 9129 4701 Passcode: 418055

Night Prayer from All Saints: Mondays at 8pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011600714?pwd=Y0x2VWpMQ3JFUSStsQ0plbEFLOEQrQT09> Meeting

ID: 850 1160 0714 Passcode: 553120

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033