



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 4th September 2022, Trinity 12

Our service on Sunday is an All Age Holy Communion service at 10 am, in church and on zoom. After our Garden Party at 3pm (tickets needed) Sundays at Six starts again – all are welcome to the vicarage garden (or church, if wet) for said Evensong. At 6pm.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things
of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

The Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Reading from the letter to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, 2to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God 5because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. 6I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. 7I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

8For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, 9yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. 12I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; 14but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, 16no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Philemon 1-21

The Gospel reading

25 Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 26 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

Luke 14. 25-33

Sunday's Hymns:

622 Will you come and follow me
sht I'm special
sht Sing of the Lord's goodness

Thought for the week:

Paul's short letter to Philemon is perhaps one of the most beautiful in the New Testament. Philemon was a friend of Paul, whose slave Onesimus, had run away and found his way to Rome. There he met Paul and gave his life to Jesus. A transformation occurred and Onesimus proved a great help to Paul whilst he was in prison for his own faith. There is a lovely play on words here – the name Onesimus means 'useless', which the slave had indeed been to Philemon. However, to Paul he had been 'useful' and so he no longer lived up to that derogatory name.

Paul is keen to send him back to Philemon so that he may be useful to him, and he writes to encourage Philemon to forgive him and take him back – still as a slave but now also as a Christian brother.

Wouldn't you love to know Philemon's response? We don't have it, sadly.

I do hope that he responded positively to Paul's letter and welcomed home the runaway slave. Yes, he could now be useful, but most importantly, Philemon knew himself to be 'ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven' (as a hymn puts it) by God and so he ought to welcome his slave and brother in the faith.

It is very easy for us to think of God as our 'master' and ourselves as slaves – menial in His sight. This letter reminds us that we too are 'ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven' and beloved children of God. Taking in board that knowledge can give us confidence in our own faith and knowledge that we are loved, and can remind us how to treat all others, who are also beloved children of God.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For schools returning to a new term and school year, for those starting or moving school.
- Give thanks for the safe arrival of Baby Poppie to Katty and John
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For the people of Pakistan as they face horrendous flooding.
- 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 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.

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Philemon 16 a



- 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
- Margot and Mabel baptised recently, and for Max and Chloe to be baptised soon.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Rosie Ribton, Rosie Turner, Katty King, Daisy Trillow.
- For all those who live and work in West Dean.
- 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, Charles Goodman, Joan Lynch, Harry, Elwyn.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- 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, Very 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.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 4th September 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 12	Revelation 8.1-5	
Monday	Psalm 98	2 Samuel 11	Acts 8. 26-end
Tuesday	Psalm 106*	2 Samuel 12.1-25	Acts 9. 1-19a
Wednesday	Psalm 111	2 Samuel 15.1-12	Acts 9.19b-31
Thursday	Psalm 115	2 Samuel 15. 13-end	Acts 9. 32-end
Friday	Psalm 139	2 Samuel 16. 1-14	Acts 10.1-16
Saturday	Psalm 121	2 Samuel 17.1-23	Acts 10. 17-23

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 11th September, Trinity 13, Parish Communion in church and on zoom

Read: Edgar Hakobyan

Intercede: Simon Bader?

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon, Lisa

Coffee: Lisa and Kim

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting is sponsored by: Joan Harnby

"In loving memory of my dear parents"

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 1 st Sept.	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
	2.00pm, Creation service at St. Joseph's church
Friday 2 nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
	4.00 pm, Messy Church
	8.00 pm, Choir practice

Saturday 3 rd	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 4 th	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)
Tuesday 6 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 11.00 am Holy Communion at Swift House 7.00 pm WAMCF Dialogue, Synagogue 8.00 pm, PCC Standing cttee (on zoom)
Wednesday 7 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 8 th Sept.	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am Baby and Toddler group in church 2.00pm, Teas
Friday 9 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom No Evening Prayer
Saturday 10 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom RIDE AND STRIDE say 10 am (TBC) Eco group meeting, in church
Sunday 11 th	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 12.00 pm Baptism of Max

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...

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.

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

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.

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=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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=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-AMP0InkyLAIA_vgbwenjXHzCxyxo.1

Meeting ID: 886 2724 4304

Passcode: 042474