



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 6th November 2022 , Third Sunday before Advent

This Sunday our 10 am service is an All -Age Holy Communion service in church and on zoom. We are now in the Kingdom Season when the liturgical colour is red and our focus is in 'remembering' – the Saints, those who gave their lives in war, and all that God has done for us. Next week we keep Remembrance Sunday with a Word service at **10.30 am** and Holy Communion at 8 am only.

Looking ahead to Advent Sunday on 27th November, our main 10am Parish Communion service will include the baptisms of church family babies Poppie and Klarissa. We will also be offering a blessing on the Advent calendars, wreaths etc that families and individuals have at home so you may like to bring yours for blessing. We will also be sending out our Travelling Knitvity – you can sign up to host it for a night on the sheet at church.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds
of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ
proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion
on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Gospel reading

27Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question,
28'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 29Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; 30then the second 31and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32Finally the woman also died. 33In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

34Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; 35but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Luke 20. 27-38

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 548 One more step
O: Screen In Christ alone
R: Screen Our God is a great big God

Hymn words on screen for zoomers:

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was magnified* -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.
(*altered line)

*Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And He holds me in His hand*

He's higher than a sky scraper
And He's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams.
And He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

Thought for the week:

Are you someone who is willing to ask a question if you don't understand something? Or would you rather keep quiet than admit ignorance? Sometimes we don't ask questions because we are afraid that the answer may be bad for us, or for what we think we know or believe. Faith can sometimes feel as though it has to be protected from various dangers or challenges. In this week's Gospel, the Sadducees concern for themselves requires them to elicit a demonstration of the foolishness of their (apparent) opponents. If you could, what question would you want to ask Jesus? What answer might you not want to hear, and why? What answer are you hoping for?

(from: *Roots on the web*)

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
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Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our new Prime Minister, and all MPs, for wisdom and integrity.
- 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 our whole life and ministry as a church family – that we may serve God and bring His love to our community.
- For preparations for our Christmas Tree Festival – that many trees will be sponsored and that we may have lots of helpers.
- 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 ourselves – that we may live as saints in the light of Jesus
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Owen Green, Lilly Hutchinson, Robert Midgley, Beatrice Ribton, Isabella Burdett, Fred Wilson, Harper Hutchinson.
- For all those who live and work in Alexandra Road.
- 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, Joan Lynch, Harry, Eunice Goodman, Robert Lewis.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Charles Goodman
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Ruth Keys, Mary Fox, Marcus Lawes, James Herbert, Eileen Hurst, Francisca Knowles, Stuart Courtier, Joan Joyce, Trevor Headington, Catherine Vincent, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surridge, Olive Powell, Beryl McGuire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith, Kenneth Rivers.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 6th November 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 20	James 3.13-end	
Monday	Psalm 20	Daniel 4.19-end	Revelation 5
Tuesday	Psalm 21	Daniel 5.1-12	Revelation 6
Wednesday	Psalm 23	Daniel 5.13-end	Revelation 7.4, 9--end
Thursday	Psalm 26	Daniel 6	Revelation 8
Friday	Psalm 32	Daniel 7.1-14	Revelation 9.1-12
Saturday	Psalm 33	Daniel 7.15-end	Revelation 9.13-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 13th November, Word service or Remembrance, in church and on zoom

Read: Peter Goford, Barbara Essam Intercede: Shula Tajima Simon Bader (prayers in OOS)
Welcomers: Jacqueline, John and Rita Coffee: Jeanette and Kate

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting is sponsored by Kate Taylor:
In memory of John Tidd, a loving brother and uncle



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 3 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am Baby and Toddler group, in church 12.00 – 2.00 pm, Midday meals – open to all 7.30 pm, Christmas Tree Festival meeting on zoom
Friday 4 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4.00 pm, Messy Church 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 5 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 6 th	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
Tuesday 8 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 9 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 10 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am Baby and Toddler group, in church 12.00 – 2.00 pm, Midday meals – open to all 2.00 pm Tea, in the community hall
Friday 11 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 12 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 13 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.30 am , Word service for Remembrance, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: All Souls Eucharist at All Saints

Coming up...

Men's Chinese evening: 21st November 2022. 7.30 pm

All you can eat: Choice of food including crispy duck.

Jasmine Peking, 29 high street, Maidenhead

Txt or call Simon Bader on 07860714282 to let me know if you would like to come.

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. **Next:** 27th November.

The **Christmas Tree Festival** will be back in full swing this year. Friday 9th – Sunday 11th December. 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. A sign up sheet for helpers is now on the table at the back of church – it would be fabulous if everyone could offer an hour or so to help out (there are lots of sitting down tasks as well as active ones).

Knitted sheep: we hope to send our Travelling Knitvity round the parish again this year, but our flock of sheep is seriously diminished. If you are able to knit a sheep or two, please do take a pattern form the table at the back of church or ask the office or Revd Sally for one. The flock all needs to be gathered in for 25th November please.

A sign up sheet to host the **Knitvity** is now in church. This lovely knitted nativity scene in a box was made by friends in Canada and families / individuals are invited to host it in their homes for one day and night and then pass it on to the next on the list (arrange your own swop over, a list will be supplied).

An Advent event from Queen's Foundation, Birmingham:

This Advent we will be hosting a live mixed-mode event (28th of November) which considers how we can approach advent at time of such crisis in our world. Queen's tutors will lead a discussion on this theme.

Each booking will also come with a resource booklet that churches or groups of individuals may choose to use, should they so wish, to structure further reflections during the season of advent.

Link to further information and the booking form below:

<https://www.queens.ac.uk/events/tidings-of-comfort-and-joy-reconsidering-advent-in-a-time-of-crisis>

Quiz Night is back: James and Louisa are leading another of their famed Quiz Nights on Saturday 26th November at 7.30 pm. To save heating the church this will be on zoom but you may wish to form teams in each others homes, especially if you are on your own.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87577616957?pwd=MzJCOC9Mc0gxSC9ld1RjK25HYWw2dz09>

Meeting ID: 875 7761 6957

Passcode: 259028

The church Eco Team is open to everyone. All are warmly invited to go along and contribute to the planning and discussion – helping us to become a more eco friendly church and individuals. Next meeting: Weds 23rd November at 8pm, at 23 College Avenue. More details from Revd. Phyl.

We are delighted to have been chosen by the **CoOp as a recipient of their Community Fund** for the coming year. By shopping in the CoOp now you can support this church.

St. Luke's Church is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/68757> #ItsWhatWeDo

Our particular project is to redevelop the churchyard to make it a more useable community space for quiet and to support the natural environment.



WAMCF (Interfaith group) activities

WAMCF Autumn 2022 Dialogues, 7pm to 830pm followed by refreshments.

Lat one this year: Tuesday 29th November Maidenhead Mosque

Topic: Can religious faith make you a happy person?

Sunday 20th November Faith Walk 2pm – 3pm

Interfaith Week 13th – 20th November 2022 / 2pm – 3pm, starting and ending (with refreshments) at St. Luke's church.

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

6 th November	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
20 th November	Interfaith walk and tea
NB 3pm	Starts 2pm from St. Luke's, ending around 3pm back at St. Luke's.
27th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green NB changed date
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.

Warm Welcome Thursdays midday – 2pm, a warm space in church to meet with others (or just be quiet and warm) and have a warm meal. Free, and open to all.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 4th November. 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 17th November.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10th November.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 24th November.

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East Rd, Maidenhead, SL6 1PJ

WHEN? Nov 8th and 15th 9.30am-12.30pm

www.quenchshops.com

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Please note that for all Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVjNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZ09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142