



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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The Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts
and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given
to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

A reading from 2 Timothy

8Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, 9for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. 10Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

12if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

13if we are faithless, he remains faithful –
for he cannot deny himself.

14Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. 15Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.
2 Tim. 2. 8-15

The Gospel reading

11On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' 14When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' 19Then he said to the Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'
Luke 17. 11-19

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 490 Jesus shall reign
O: Sht Christ's is the world (a touching place)
R: 578 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Thought for the week:

Who can forget the photo of the late Princess Dianna holding the hand of a person with AIDS. Whatever we feel about the publicity around it, she openly showed that all people mattered, she was willing to touch what at that time in history was deemed the untouchable.

In the time of Jesus leprosy was a highly infectious, debilitating and deforming disease. Lepers were cast out of communities – as they still were until recently on modern times.

Jesus deliberately cared about them in today's gospel and in other gospel accounts he actually touched lepers – causing great shock and disgust among people.

In each of these examples people were put before fear, the outcast were welcomed with (literal) open arms.

Jesus modelled what God does for each one of us. However unworthy we may feel Jesus still reaches out to hold each one tenderly in his embrace. May we model that love in the way that we treat others too.



Warm welcome/ Thursday lunches we are now 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, or come along yourself.

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 recently.
- 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 Woodhurst 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, Charles Goodman, Joan Lynch, Harry, Eunice Goodman, Robert Lewis.

- 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 9th October 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 143	Luke 13.22-30	
Monday	Psalm 74	1 Kings 21	Acts 2.37-22.21
Tuesday	Psalm 73	1 Kings 22.1-28	Acts 22.22-23.11
Wednesday	Psalm 77	1 Kings 22.29-45	Acts 23.12-end
Thursday	Psalm 78.1-39	2 Kings 1. 2-17	Acts 24.1-23
Friday	Psalm 55	2 Kings 2.1-18	Acts 24.24-25.12
Saturday	Psalm 76	2 Kings 4. 1-37	Acts 25. 13-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 16th October, Trinity 18, Festal Parish Communion (for St. Luke) in church and on zoom

Read: Jacqueline Lewis Intercede: Jeanette Lock

Welcomers: Rachel Sue and Ralph Coffee: Sally and Jenny

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:

Joan Harnby

In loving memory of Gordon



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:

Friday 7 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4.00 pm, Messy Church 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 8 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 9 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
Tuesday 11 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30 pm, WAMCF dialogue, New Windsor Community Association
Wednesday 12 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion

Thursday 13 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 12.00 – 2.00 pm, Midday meals – open to all 2.00 pm Teas, in community hall
Friday 14 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 15 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom (diocesan pilgrimage) 9.30 – 12.30 Quiet Morning in church
Sunday 16 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom Feast of St. Luke 6.00 pm, Coral Evensong, here.

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... 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.

Saturday 15th 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 16th 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 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 on Friday's at 8pm.

And the **Christmas Tree Festival** will be back in full swing this year too. Friday 9th – Sunday 11th 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 – now on zoom - at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13th October:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81370488158?pwd=WjBUOWlrS3M1VWVCRjFUNWNocmhjQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 7048 8158

Passcode: 132474

PCC Update

A summary of key items discussed at this week's PCC meeting:

- We will need a new Assistant Churchwarden and Chair of Fabric as Aaron and Laura move away later this year.
- The new projector, camera and screen are installed and working well.
- An Organ Appeal group has been set up to seek grants for significant work on the organ.
- The summer garden party raised £887
- Our three charities this year will support Ukrainians in need, climate awareness and those locally in fuel poverty
- Our application to the Diocesan Development fund for part funding of the post of Children and family Leader has been rejected. We await funding from a legacy before going to advert for this 20 hour a week post.
- It would be useful to have more card readers or new QR codes for the Tree Festival
- On finance: our level of giving is not matching our level of parish share (which will go down a little next year under the new Deanery scheme) and fuel bills will rise by 334% for gas and 126% for electricity, per unit. We are waiting to see what government subsidy may be available. It was greed that 'outside' church users will need to pay for the actual cost of heat and light from 1st October.
- The Fabric committee is exploring boiler replacement (long term)
- A bench in memory of the late John Cox is to be given by his family.
- The PCC received an update on work towards becoming an Eco church.
- Christmas arrangements were agreed.
- The church will keep 'Safeguarding Sunday' on 5th February next year.

WAMCF (Interfaith group) activities

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

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?

Women's Group Monday 17th 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 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: use Sunday morning

16 th October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom, at St. Luke's
30 th October NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, 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

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, 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 20th October.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 13th 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, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 27th October.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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