



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 10th November, Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and we will have the usual Service of the Word at **10.20 am** which will include the two minute silence. There will be a simple (quiet) activity for any children present. There will also be a service of Holy Communion at 8.00 am – to which everyone is warmly invited. In the evening All Saints Church is hosting the Sundays at Six with an All Souls Eucharist.

### The Collect

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

### Post Communion Prayer

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

### First Reading

I give you thanks, O Lord and King, and praise you, O God my Saviour.

I give thanks to your name, for you have been my protector and helper and have delivered me from destruction, and from the trap laid by a slanderous tongue, from lips that fabricate lies.

In the face of my adversaries you have been my helper and delivered me, in the greatness of your mercy and of your name, from grinding teeth about to devour me, from the hand of those seeking my life, from the many troubles I endured, from choking fire on every side, and from the midst of fire that I had not kindled, from the deep belly of Hades, from an unclean tongue and lying words— the slander of an unrighteous tongue to the king.

My soul drew near to death, and my life was on the brink of Hades below. They surrounded me on every side, and there was no one to help me; I looked for human assistance, and there was none.

Then I remembered your mercy, O Lord, and your kindness from of old, for you rescue those who wait for you and save them from the hand of their enemies. And I sent up my prayer from the earth, and begged for rescue from death. I cried out, 'Lord, you are my Father; do not forsake me in the days of trouble, when there is no help against the proud.

I will praise your name continually, and will sing hymns of thanksgiving.' My prayer was heard, for you saved me from destruction and rescued me in time of trouble. For this reason I thank you and praise you, and I bless the name of the Lord.

*Ecclus 51.1-12*

## Second Reading

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Rom 8.31-end*

## Sunday's Hymns

623	Eternal father, strong to save
10	Abide with me
635	For the healing of the nations
578	The National Anthem
746	O God our help in ages past



## Thought for the week...

Remembering is important isn't it. The church has recognised that by designating a whole season now – the kingdom season in which we remember many things – and by remembering, we can ourselves be re-membered.

This Sunday we remember the very best and the very worst of humankind. If it were not for people's greed, lust for power, need to be top dog, covetousness, and more, then there would be no wars and we would not need to do what we are doing at this time. All people, all nations, would live alongside each other peaceably.

But people are people. Whatever our theology of the nature of human beings, we are, in some way, fallen creatures. And so we fight – and devise the most appalling treatments for 'the enemy'. When I was in Vietnam some years ago I saw the metal tiger cages that prisoners of war had been placed in – and I had to turn away.

Conflict brings out the worst in people. It can lead to utter loss of hope.

And yet, as we know, it can also bring out the very best. This season abounds with tales of the heroism of a whole variety of men and women in more than just the two world wars. What inspired these people to put themselves in the firing line, to protect others, to fight for what they believed to be right, knowing it might cost them their lives?

For some it was philanthropism but for many it was an innate sense of divine hope – perhaps buried for years but brought to the surface at time of need.

The writer of Ecclesiasticus called on God for help at such a time – and knew deep down that help would come. Despite the oppression of his enemy, He trusted in God.

That trust is affirmed by Paul in his letter to the suffering Roman church. Belief in God does not lift us out of suffering but, as our forbears learned, it means that death - however dreadful – is not the end.

As we remember today all those who gave their lives - and give thanks – and pray for those still facing conflict around the world – we can be re-membered, our lives put back on the right track, by their example and sheer courage, and by the knowledge that, as Paul writes:

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

***This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by  
Sally Somerville***

*Remembering with love George and Dorothy- my parents*



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email: [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)  
The donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.

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

- For all those who serve in our armed forces and for the work of the Royal British Legion.
- For the people of the whole Middle East, for an end to the violence there.
- For our care for creation
- For a successful Christmas Tree Festival .... and for stamina and lots of helpers!
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live in Hazell Close
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Harper Hutchinson, Poppie King-Couling, Klarissa Obwianu,
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Lucy Young, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Joan Harnby, Bill Bowyer, Katharine and Millie, Cherry Lanyon, Aram Hakobian.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Pat Botting, Roy Wakelin, Jean Fuller, Peter Schaap.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Catherine Vincent, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surridge, Olive Powell, Beryl Maguire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith, Kenneth Rivers, Pamela Rivers, Dorothy Stanley, Penelope Bide.

***Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 10th November 2024:***

Sunday	Psalm 136	Proverbs 8.1-21	Luke 17.1-19
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 7.1-4, 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 17th November, 10.00am Parish Communion***

Read: Charlotte Sloan                      Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis              Chalice: Kim R  
Welcomers: Rachel, Rita and Don      Coffee: Marc and Jeanette

## What's on.... this week:

Sunday 10th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.20am, Word service 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, All Souls Eucharist, All Saints Church
Tuesday 12th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 8pm, Alpha Team meeting
Wednesday 13th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Pastoral course, in Church
Thursday 14th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 12.00pm, Soups and Psalms 2.00pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 15th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening Prayer
Saturday 16th	9.00am, Morning Prayer on zoom 7.30 pm, Choral Society Concert
Sunday 17th	10.00am, Parish Communion

**Sundays at Six:** All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

10 <sup>th</sup> November	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec.)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

## Ministry Team News

There are changes afoot in the Ministry Team. Catherine England will be leaving us mid -November to take up a new post in a school. We are grateful for her hard work in the Office on Thursdays and Fridays. From January Ruth Humphreys will pick up these days too and thus work Tuesday – Friday mornings.

The Revd. Phyl Sopp (and Dave, of course!) will be moving to Harrogate early in the new year. we give thanks for Phyl's ministry among us and will have an opportunity to thank both Phyl and Dave in a tangible way before they leave.

Sam Fiordelisi goes on maternity leave some time in February, depending on when Junior makes an appearance. We hope to be able to appoint someone to cover some of her ministry – watch this space.

Jamie Harle will be joining the team as a minister. Jamie is a Deacon in the Coptic Orthodox church and has been an Army Padre. We welcome him (and Lucy, Hope, Monty and Hugo too) and look forward to his ministry among us.

Please do pray for the whole team at this time of change.

## Coming up...

Our **Autumn Quiet Day will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** 10 am – 3pm at St, Michael's convent, Gerrards Cross. There is one place left. A sign-up sheet is in church. £10 pp, bring your own lunch, drinks provided.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November is **Mitzvah Day**, when we are invited to join different faiths across town at a time of good deeds, based on and organised by the synagogue. **The service that day will start at 9.30 am** so that those joining Mitzvah Day can be sent out immediately after communion and have time to join in effectively (last year as a real rush). Please do sign up in church to join in.

### **Alpha 2025**

We will be running an Alpha course early in the new year. if you would like to be a part of the team do come along to a meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 8-9 pm at the vicarage. We will need people to help with the catering, lead and assist with small groups and give the weekly talks.

### **Nurture and learning opportunities this Autumn**

The **Bible Study** working through Matthew's gospel continues on alternate Wednesdays at 8pm in church: 20<sup>th</sup> November.

And for those who would like a daytime study, **Soup and Psalms** - runs on alternate Thursdays, midday – 1.30 pm; 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome – as are offers of soup!

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### **Baby and Toddler group / Pram service**

We are still looking for people to help with coffee at these lovely parish mission activities. Please speak to Sam or Sally if you would like to offer help in this really important ministry. Thanks.

**Messy Church** our autumn Messy church dates are as follows: 29<sup>th</sup> November

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**Christmas Tree Festival 2024: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December  
set up on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Schools day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Final briefing meeting:**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 8pm, on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82494064016?pwd=Ix6lpFiLntTJwhlId5D8kCmzNaeiNv.1>

Meeting ID: 824 9406 4016                      Passcode: 402177

Open to anyone.

### **Cakes for refreshment stall**

If anyone is able to start making cakes that we can freeze ready for the CTF that would be really useful. Please speak to Sally Somerville or Lisa Sharp for more details.

The three basics are Lemon drizzle, Victoria Sandwich and any chocolate cake. The Victoria sandwich must have just jam through the middle and caster sugar on the top (or we get complaints!). Please do not cut your cakes as we have to standardise the portions.

### **Set up team**

We will need an able bodied group of people for the following (most times are negotiable:

- Bringing in boards, after 6pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Covering boards, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Moving trees into church, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (depends when they arrive)
- Putting boards out and trees into place, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> (after midday, early evening)

Please speak to Revd. Sally or Sue and Ralph if you can help. **This is a vital part of the whole project.**



### **The Produce Stall Appeal**

Do let Ann or Dorothy know of you have fruit, veg, sugar etc to pass to them. For those making produce, Spire Brand labels will be put in a small box in the cupboard soon. Do not worry about putting decorated covers on the filled jars, a work party nearer Christmas will do it.

Many thanks. Ann Darracott (phone 07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (phone 07743 323635)

### **Publicity**

A3, A4 and A5 posters and flyers are now available to take and hand out or put up (in legal places!!). Please take what you need and fill in the sheet to say where you have taken them for to avoid repetition. All tree sponsors will be sent a poster very soon.

### **Help over the CTF period**

The sign up sheet is now at the back of church. Please do sign up to help over the four days of the CTF. The more people we have, the less you each have to do. There are sitting tasks as well as standing and it would be wonderful if every member of the church was able to offer a little time to this to share the load. Without helpers it can't run! Thank you very much.

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### **Travelling Nativity**

Our knitted nativity set is getting ready to travel around the parish during Advent. If you or your family would like to host it overnight, please sign up on the sheet in church asap.

### **Mid week Holy Communion in December**

Advance notice that the Wednesday service will move to Tuesdays on two weeks due to the Tree Festival and School Carol services:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Both at 10 am as usual, followed by coffee.

### **Love Christmas**

The PCC has agreed that we will take part in Love Christmas again this year (having had a year or two off). See last week's sheet for further details. If you would like to contribute please hand your cash/ cheque in an envelope marked 'Love Christmas' in with the weekly collection, or if you wish to donate by card or cash please note the same reference so that we know how much to send to St, Peter's *en bloc* at the end of November. Thank you.

### **Children's Society boxes**

Please could all our lovely Children's Society boxholders bring along their boxes to church on Sunday 24 November so that we can do a count-up after the 10am Service. If that date doesn't work for you, contact Terrie - email [terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com](mailto:terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com) or call 07815 802201. If you don't have a box

but would like one, do let Terrie know. Find out more about the Children's Society's life-bringing work among our most vulnerable children and young people at [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

### **World Day of Prayer**

There will be a service on March 7th 2025, venue to be confirmed. However we really need new committee members as the future of this service in Maidenhead is in doubt. I have been on the committee for more than 25 years and many others have served nearly as long as that.

We have afternoon meetings twice a year, occasionally three times, to plan the forthcoming service. On the actual day we all take part in the readings which have been set by the women of the particular country. In March the service has been planned by the women of the Cook Islands. It is always an enjoyable service and the committee members are very friendly. If you are interested please talk to me or to Gill Curry. Ruth Sheppard

### **Zoom Event for Religious Life Enquirers**

On Sunday 24th November at 7:00pm some of the Sisters of the Community of St Mary the Virgin Wantage will be hosting a Zoom event for those wondering if they might be called to Religious Life. The Sisters will answer FAQs about their own Community, their daily life, and the discernment process, and there will be a chance to ask your own questions.

For the Zoom link, visit [csmv.co.uk/community-life/vocation](http://csmv.co.uk/community-life/vocation)

### **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 term time only. We meet in church.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 29th November 2024  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) 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 21<sup>st</sup> November

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Thursday Lunches** meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on [Jeant-d2@outlook.com](mailto:Jeant-d2@outlook.com) for further details.

**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. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. Next is 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Please note that for 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

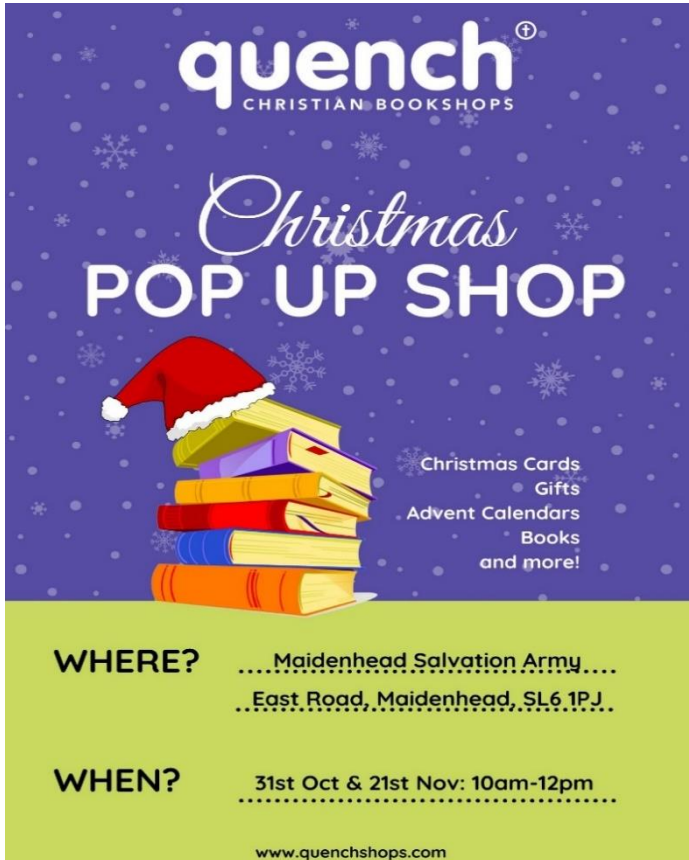
**Zoom Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

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Passcode: 180609

Key Dates.....



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**Windsor and Maidenhead  
Community Forum  
Women's Group**

Ladies of all beliefs and none  
are warmly invited to our next meeting  
from 7.30 - 9.00 pm  
on  
**Tuesday 19th November 2024**  
at  
**St. Luke's Church**  
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX

**An evening of  
seasonal crafts and chat**

Further details from:  
sally514@btinternet.com      www.wamcf.org  
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Windsor, Cookham, Bourne End and Taplow

**Riverside Tree Care**



**Messy Church 2025**  
St Luke's Church  
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX  
www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

First Fridays monthly, 4.00-5.30 pm

Craft, games, family worship and two course meal. £2.00 per child  
Please email to book: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

3rd January	Dorcas
7th February	Simeon and Anna
7th March	Mary Magdalene
4th April	Jesus
2nd May	Thomas
6th June	Peter
4th July	The little boy who shared his lunch
5th September	Luke
3rd October	Matthew
7th November	Paul
28th November	Mary and Joseph





## Keeping Company

Space for those who are bereaved

Tea, chat and reflection

St. Luke's Church, 3.00—4.40 pm  
in church, third Thursday monthly

16th January 20th February 20th March  
17th April 15th May 19th June  
17th July 21st August 18th September  
16th October 20th November 18th Dec

**Anyone is welcome to come along**

If you would like a lift please call the Parish Office on  
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## Thursday Teas 2025

Monthly, second Thursday, 1.30pm  
In the Community Hall

*Time to chat and meet other people*

*All welcome*

9th Jan 13th Feb 13th March 10th April  
8th May 12th June 10th July 14th August  
11th Sept 9th Oct 13th Nov 11th Dec

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St. Luke's church  
Norfolk Road

## PRAM SERVICE 2025

9.30 - 10.30am

10th Jan 14th Feb 14th March  
11th April 9th May 13th June  
11th July 12 Sept 10th Oct  
14th Nov 12th Dec

A simple service of songs and story  
for ages 0 - 4 and their carers  
Followed by coffee for adults,  
snack and craft for little ones



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