

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 13th October, Trinity 20

This week we have an 8.00am Holy Communion and a 10.00am Parish Communion, all are warmly invited to worship. There will be an activity available for children during the latter service.

The Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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 Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes
of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹²The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4.12-16*

Gospel Reading

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' ²⁰He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.
²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go

through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

²⁸Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Mark 10.17-31

Sunday's Hymns

510	Will you come and follow me?	585	All I once held dear
563	Jesus Christ is waiting	335	My God, accept my heart this day
748	O Jesus I have promised		

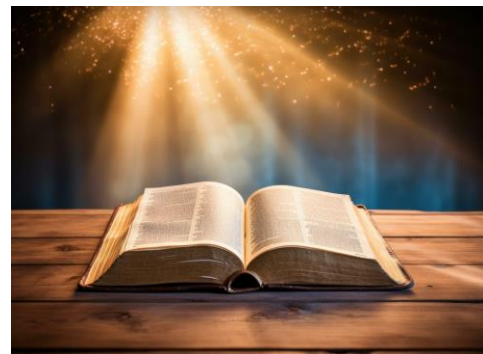
Thought for the week...

Do you have a Bible at home? More than one? How old or new is it / are they? Where do you keep it / them? Handy or on a shelf? How well thumbed is it/ are they? (assuming a hard copy rather than a digital Bible – yes, you can get them!). A former bishop of Oxford, when he visited clergy at home used to go into the study and run his finger along a book checking for dust and to see if it had been used (or not)!

How do you use your Bible? How do you 'see' it? An old book, though perhaps in a modern translation, words on a page, wise advice?

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews says that the Bible, the word of God, is 'living and active'. If we view the Bible in that way, it can be a real help in everyday life.

God speaks to us in a variety of ways - through prayer, through nature – and through the Bible. It is a real joy that some of us are able to engage with three passages from the Bible each day at Morning Prayer: a Psalm, and readings from the Old and New Testaments. Sometimes a word or phrase may jump out at an individual to offer guidance, assurance or challenge. They are living words. They speak to us today. Where is your Bible? How well thumbed is it??



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For the people of Israel and Palestine, Lebanon, and the whole Middle East, for an end to the violence there.
- For those who fear the onset of Autumn, and who are lonely.
- For our care for creation and for good Harvests
- For the various nurture activities offered this autumn.
- 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 Green Close.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in October: Jude Ridley, Levi Patton, Elsie Trillow
- For Joshua Simmonds baptised recently and for Freya and Poppy, to be baptised this week.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Lucy Young, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Kean, Joan Harnby, Bill Bowyer.

- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Patricia Robinson, Pat Botting, John Shenton.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in October: Thomas Yates, David Garnett, Peggy Clutterbuck, Richard Burrows, Michael Adamson, Barbara Prior, Philip Littlejohn, Beryl Burrows, Ernest Philps, Gilbert McKenna, Gerard Beattie, Vera Swadling, Eileen Rance, Albert Harvey, Ruth (Sally) 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 Forrest, Tom Parfett, Charles Goodman, Robert Sloan, Paula Clayton Nuth

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 13th October 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 129	Ezekiel 2	Luke 13
Monday	Psalm 126	2 Kings 21.1-18	1 Timothy 1.1-17
Tuesday	Psalm 132	2 Kings 22.1-22.3	1 Timothy 1.18-end of 2
Wednesday	Psalm 119.153-end	2 Kings 23.4-25	1 Timothy 3
Thursday	Psalm 143	2 Kings 23.36-24.17	1 Timothy 4
Friday	Psalm 90	Isaiah 61.1-6	Acts 16.6-18
Saturday	Psalm 147	2 Kings 25.22-end	1 Timothy 5.17-end

Rotas for next week Sunday 20th October: Festal Parish Communion for St. Luke's day

Read: Ralph H, Edgar H Intercede: Jeanette Lock Chalice: Ruth S
 Welcomers: Rachel, Helen and Carl Coffee: Jenny and Kim



This week the floodlighting has not been sponsored

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

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 13 th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Parish Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Freya Dean 1.30pm, Baptism of Poppy Day
Tuesday 15 th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 8.00pm, Pastoral Course, in Church NB: moved from Wednesday
Wednesday 16 th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Deanery Synod
Thursday 17 th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 3.00pm, Keeping Company
Friday 18 th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 9.30am, School Patronal Service in Church NO Evening Prayer 7.30pm, Springs Dance Company, <i>performing A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance</i>
Saturday 19 th	9.00am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 20 th	10.00am, Patronal Festival and Gift day 6.00pm, Sung Evensong, here

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

20 th October	Sung Evensong (BCP), at St. Luke's and on zoom (Sunday morning link)
3 rd November NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
10 th November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
24 th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
8 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 6 th - 8 th Dec.)
22 nd December 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

Coming up...

NEXT Friday 18th October, 7.30 pm, Springs Dance Company are performing *A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance*, here at St. Luke's. This event is shared with All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. It will be a beautiful event and worth bringing friends to. Book the date now – tickets £5 pp, available now from the parish office or after church.

Our **Patronal Festival** is on Sunday 20th October. It would be great to see as many of church family as possible gathered to celebrate together at the 10 am service. This will also be a **Gift Day** when we are invited to make a financial offering towards the work and maintenance of the church.

To make an offering:

Cash / cheque please place in an envelope marked 'Gift Day' and put in the regular collection

By card or bank transfer please use the reference: GIFT DAY

Thank you.

At the 10 am service that day we will also offer **anointing for wholeness and healing**.

Following the success of the Arts Project we will be holding an **All Age Craft morning on Saturday 26th October**, from 10-midday. £2 pp. All Ages are welcome to come along and enjoy time crafting together with coffee and cake mid morning . ALL welcome.

The annual Memorial Service, for those who have been bereaved at any time, is at 4pm on Sunday **3rd November**. We particularly remember those who have died in the last year and read out all names of those we love and miss. There is list of names in church to add to or delete.

Our **Autumn Quiet Day will be on Saturday 23rd November**. 10 am – 3pm at St, Michael's convent, Gerrards Cross. Limited to 10 places. A sign up sheet is in church. £10 pp, bring your own lunch, drinks provided.

Sunday 24th 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.

Nurture and learning opportunities this Autumn

The **Bible Study** working through Matthew's gospel continues on alternate Wednesdays at 8pm in church: 23rd October, 6th and 20th November.

And for those who would like a daytime study, **Soup and Psalms** - runs on alternate Thursdays, midday – 1.30 pm; 24th October, 14th and 28th November. All welcome – as are offers of soup!

Baby and Toddler group / Pram service ... help requested...

Are you good at making tea and coffee?

Do you enjoy chatting to young parents / carers?

Might God be calling you to help out with our ministry to young children?

Baby and Toddler group meets weekly on Thursdays 9.30 – 11 am.

From October we start a monthly Pram service – second Friday, 9.30 – 10.30 am.

We will also need some coffee makers (and service helpers if you feel called) here.

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: 1st November, 29th November

Church Flowers

Our new flower co-ordinator is Fiona Leonard (thank you!). Do speak to her if you would like to help with flowers in any way.

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

More details to come. Save the dates!

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!). Some people who have not made cakes before have already volunteered to start baking and it would be lovely to have even more people joining us. 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 29th Nov
- Covering boards, Saturday 30th.
- Moving trees into church, Monday 2nd December
- Putting boards out and trees into place, Tuesday 3rd (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

If you have fruit and vegetables to donate, please let us know and collection can be arranged. We would also be grateful for ingredients, such as white and soft brown sugar, sultanas, and malt vinegar. 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)

Maidenhead Care is seeking new volunteers to help local elderly, unwell or disadvantaged people with:

- Serving as duty officer (staffing the phone)
- Driving people to appointments

- Befriending
- Shopping

There are leaflets at the back of church to take away with more information.

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 term time only. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 1st November 2024
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 17th October

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 14th 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 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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 24th October

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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





**Saying Goodbye
Remembrance Service
St Albans**

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL

14TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 7PM

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH
OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE
LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS
AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE
GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER
BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.

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