



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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## Week commencing: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Harvest Festival

The time has come at last and **Phyl will be ordained deacon** in Reading Minister at 11 am tomorrow (Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>). Due to Covid restrictions only a very small number of people can be present, but everyone is warmly invited to follow the service live on: [www.oxford.anglican.org/livestream](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/livestream)  
Please do pray for Phyl, and Dave, Rachel, and the rest of her family over the coming weeks and months. It is an odd, but strangely exciting, time to start a new ministry.

As we live with further restrictions, we must continue to **keep each other safe**, especially in and around church. As I wrote last week, it is great to have technology to help us meet virtually, and a privilege to be able to meet in person, so we must respect that and take great care. We need to ensure that we keep service times succinct (socially distanced seating, briefer intercessions, one less hymn, etc) and that we chat less in the churchyard after the service, certainly not moving between many people. Remember the 'Rule of Six' applies there too. It seems now that it also applies to 'lifetime events' (e.g. baptism) and the Church of England is constantly seeking to interpret the rules and determine how these apply to church. We will keep you updated, as best we can. Currently, places of worship can meet for worship but, in order to maintain this privilege, we must not abuse it.

The advice received today from the national church includes this:

*When gathered for communal worship and other permitted activities, people must not be part of a group of more than six in places of worship, unless they are from the same household or support bubble. There must be no interaction between groups of more than 6 at any time before, during or after the service.*

As usual, you will find Sunday's RHP sheet (readings, hymns and prayers) attached to today's email. The order of service for **Harvest** is attached and can also be found on the website. Please remember to bring your copy to church, either printed out or on a device. We will have a few hard copies in church which can be returned and quarantined for future use.

You are also invited to bring **harvest gifts** for the Brett Foundation, which is currently supporting many individuals and families in these tough times. Particularly welcome are non-perishable goods (things like baked beans, pulses and lentils, tinned veg, pasta, tinned rice puddings, custard and jelly) and toiletries. Sue can also use fresh fruit and veg. Last week we received sufficient money to cover the cost of plants to deliver to our Harvest contact list. If you wish to give money this week the Brett Foundation can also use that. We will have pre-made cards for any children to colour during the service and all will be quarantined before delivery later in the week. If anyone else would like to join the small delivery team please let me know.

After Sunday's service everyone is invited to stay in their pew for a piece of (wrapped) celebration cake to mark Phyl's ordination the day before – and God's provision in Harvest. Sadly, we just don't think we can now offer drinks safely. What a party we shall have next year though!

For those of you joining on Sunday by Zoom, **this link works for ALL Sunday 10 am services:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85097790796?pwd=NUIBZE5PL3hIOFEyUm11OTNxc0lnUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 9779 0796 Password: 900393

As ever, all orders of service and earlier recordings can be found on our website.

We continue to offer **Zoom Morning Prayer**, live worship at 9 am Tuesday through to Sunday.

This link works **for all days:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84140066083?pwd=ZlZ0bXgvQ0t1UTlZcW10YlFNSnpPZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 4006 6083 Passcode: 544130

*Readings for the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September are:*

Monday	Psalm 44	1 Kings 12.25 – 13.10	Acts 19. 8-20
Tuesday (St Michael)	Psalm 150	Daniel 12.1-4	Acts 12.1-11
Wednesday	Psalm 119. 57-80	1 Kings 17	Acts 20. 1-16
Thursday	Psalm 57	1 Kings 18. 1- 20	Acts 20. 17-end
Friday	Psalm 51	1 Kings 18. 21-end	Acts 21. 1-16
Saturday	Psalm 68	1 Kings 19	Acts 21, 17-36
Sunday	Psalm 128	Luke 12. 1-12	

We are now also offering **Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350227277?pwd=QnhoT0E1YXFid09BeDZTUFFxa2JCQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 5022 7277 Passcode: 262906

The readings for the coming week are:

Psalm 38 Wisdom 18. 6-19 Mark 13. 24-31

The order of service is in the red Common Worship book, and also on the Daily Prayer App.

And **Mid-week Holy Communion:** 10 am on second and fourth Wednesdays. Next: 14<sup>th</sup> October

**Sundays at Six:** has also resumed. We will hold a service of Night Prayer on Zoom on the **first and third Sundays** of each month. We will use the little blue book: 'Prayers for the use of the Church during the coronavirus outbreak', which many of you already have. If you plan to join in SAS and don't have one please email Revd. Sally and we will get one to you. **Next one:** 4<sup>th</sup> October

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362755135?pwd=bnZlYkdlbW1SUjhtaHINMnBDZlF1QT09>

Meeting ID: 823 6275 5135 Passcode: 737489

All Saints Church is holding **Night Prayer on Zoom**, weekly at 8pm on Thursdays, and anyone is welcome to join in: (NB, not on 24<sup>th</sup> September)

Night Prayer Thursdays 8.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75976544021?pwd=Q1pJVltpTytOdHg0VXhSRGxWRzIzZz09>

Meeting ID: 759 7654 4021 Password: 5rHziv

**Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- For Phyl Sopp as she embarks on ordained ministry
- For Sonya and Roger as they prepare to move to pastures now
- For all people living under changing and confusing restrictions

- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the Synagogue, Mosques, Gurdwara and elsewhere
- For justice and equality for all people, for a recognition that every person is precious to God
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Lacey Saunders, Louie Tull, Aurelia Lawrence, Harriet Priestly, Elsie Spratley, Rupert Marshall-Pullin, Rosie Ribton, Austin Brooks, Rosie Turner
- For all those who live and work in Evenlode
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, Janet, and Mick Curley
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Lily
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Albert Harris, Royston Woodruff, Frederick Williamson, Molly Lewis, Roy Baldry, Joyce Wilkins, Ivy Sparks, June Wells, Vera Velvick, Alice Webb, Bessie Mollin, Malcolm Gavin, Rennie Jones, Betty Ackland-Snow, Violet Ferguson, Vera Wheeler, Geoffrey Knight, Mary Dawson, Edna Franklin, Joan Richardson, Lisa Plummer, Derek Wilkins, Mac Macaulay Brown, Margaret Burrows, Frederick Hearman, Roy Dalton, Joan Went.

### **Our church is floodlit at night.**

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by*

*Val Herbert: Ronnie, you are forever in our thoughts*

*And*

*Ann Hockham: In fond remembrance of absent friends, especially Lily*



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally.

**Rotas:** do check the rota chart on our website to see if you are down to read, intercede, clean or welcome. Thank you!

**Next week, 4<sup>th</sup> October: All Age Holy Communion, for St. Francis**

**Read:** Natasha Sloan

**Intercede:** Simon Bader (and CYP)

**Welcomers:** John with Ann Darracott, Sue and Ralph.

**Sunday cleaning: Other cleaning:** Angela and Bridget (5 Oct)

**Roots at home** this week: <http://www.rootsontheweb.com/athome27Sept>

## **What's on... and other news...**

**Baby and Toddler group** has been meeting but we just feel that we cannot safely continue this either, given the change in restrictions. We will set up a Zoom coffee morning every now and then to stay in touch. See our website for details.

**Choir practice** has resumed on Fridays, at 8pm in church (socially distanced). Please do speak to Adam if you would like to join the choir, in preparation for a socially distanced Carol service.

A useful link to what **you can and can't legally do:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do#visiting-public-places-and-taking-part-in-activities>

**Christmas Tree Festival (Trail).** Clearly, we cannot hold out usual Christmas Tree Festival this year, but not to be daunted, we will transform our CTF into a CTT – a Christmas Tree Trail. The idea is that families, businesses, charities, etc will decorate a tree and place it in their window or outside and, on payment of a small fee, join our trail which people can then walk around and look at safely. It will be possible to vote for favourites online and donate money if people wish – which this year will be split equally between the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and St. Luke's. I have already written to anyone who has decorated a tree in the past, inviting them to join in, and I am sure others will want to do so too. See the letter with the weekly sheet with details of how to take part. If you would like to be involved in any other way, please let me know.

**Lily Lynch, RIP.** Most people will by now have heard that Lily, the vicarage dog, went to meet Jesus face to face earlier this week. Thank you for kind words – and shared memories, and for welcoming her as part of the church family from the outset. Lily had her own ministry among us – a cuddle for those who needed it and big eyes that said she understood your pain, as well as a mischievous way of stealing cake, or other food! I am sure she will have been greeted with, 'well done, good and faithful servant'.

Lily's Auntie Ann wrote this for her a few years ago (it lives on my fridge):

### ***Lily's Mission***

I am a little vicarage dog  
And Lily is my name,  
My life is pretty crazy,  
But I love it just the same.

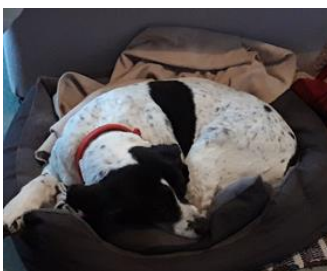
My mistress is the vicar  
Who is known as Revd Sally,  
A busier life you ne'er could find  
So round her I must rally.

The 'phone it rings incessantly  
So earplugs I must wear,  
As people leave their messages of worry or  
despair.

Then mistress mine responds to these  
With sympathy and love,  
And I support such gentleness  
Which comes from Heaven above.

I go with her on visits  
To the lonely and the sick  
And then it is I give my paw  
Which always does the trick.

So when you see a vicar  
With a little dog in tow  
You'll know they're on a mission  
To help the Kingdom grow.



If you know of someone who would like to receive this update have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033

The Annual Year Book with contact details for key parish personally can be accessed on the church website:

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