



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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**Week commencing: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Trinity 18**

Today Sonya and Roger Clarke's last Sunday with us as they move to Somerset. Sadly, we can't have the big 'goodbye and thanks' celebration that we'd like, but we will be able to pray for them and we have a small (!) presentation to make.

Our service is the usual **Sunday Parish Communion** and the order of service can be found on our website. The service is also on Zoom, and a recording will be available on our website later in the day.

From this week onwards the links to all of the Zoom services for the week will be posted in the text of the weekly email and on our website to cut down on this weekly sheet.

**Morning Prayer**, daily (except Monday) on Zoom

*Readings for the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> October are:*

Monday	Psalm 80	2 Kings 5	Acts 26. 1-23
Tuesday	Psalm 89.1-18	2 Kings 6. 1-23	Acts 26. 24-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119. 105-128	2 Kings 9. 1-16	Acts 27. 1-26
Thursday	Psalm 92	2 Kings 9. 17-end	Acts 27. 27-end
Friday	Psalm 88	2 Kings 12. 1-19	Acts 28. 1-16
Saturday	Psalm 97	2 Kings 17. 1-23	Acts 28. 17-end
Sunday	Psalm 145	Luke 1. 1-4	

**Evening Prayer** at 5pm on Fridays, on Zoom

The readings for the coming week are:

Psalm 102                      Mark 16.1-8

The orders of service for MP and EP are in the red Common Worship book, and also on the Daily Prayer App.

**Mid-week Holy Communion:** 10 am, second and fourth Wednesdays, in church. Next: 14th October

**Sundays at Six:** Night Prayer on Zoom on the first and third Sundays of each month, use the little blue book: 'Prayers for the use of the Church during the coronavirus outbreak'. Next: 18<sup>th</sup> October

All Saints Church is holding **Night Prayer on Zoom**, weekly at 8pm on Thursdays, and anyone is welcome to join in.

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

- For Sonya and Roger as they prepare to move to pastures new
- For our care for all creation
- For our keeping of our Patronal Festival next week
- 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 October: Lily Jones, Mabel Spratley, Amaya Boulton, Maggie Mae and Dollie Bella Deeley
- For all those who live and work in the Fallows
- The sick and those who care for them: John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, Janet, Stan Swansborough, and Mick Curley
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Yvonne Lewis
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in October: Gerard Beattie, Beryl Bunce, Daisy Cole, Philip Littlejohn, Beryl Burrows, Peggy Clutterbuck, Len Harvey, Thomas Yates, Eileen Rance, Albert Harvey, Sally Roberts, Marion Brooks, Walter Suckling, Phyllis Clayden, Vera Swadling, Ernest Philps, Gilbert McKenna, Barbara Prior, Michael Adamson, David Garnett, Richard Burrows, Elizabeth Shailes, Eileen Loach, Janice Neaves, Dorothy Herbert, Victor Russell, Martin Hornby, Les Rowlands.

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

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

*Roger and Sonya Clarke*

*To the glory of God, and with grateful thanks for friends past and present*

*AND ALSO by*

*Joan Harnby*

*In loving memory of Gordon*



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, 18<sup>th</sup> October: Parish Communion for the Feast of St. Luke**

**Read:** Eileen Goford

**Intercede:** Jacqueline Lewis

**Welcomers:** John, with Eileen, Ann Burdett, Dorothy SH

**Sunday cleaning:**

**Other cleaning:**

**Roots at home** this week: <http://www.rootsontheweb.com/athome11Oct>

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

**Patronal Festival and Gift Day:** next Sunday is the actual feast day of St. Luke. We will have a celebration Parish Communion service at 10 am though sadly this year we can't offer celebratory drink afterwards. Please do join us on worship together – in church or on Zoom – if you possibly can. As we reflect on our life together as a church, we are very conscious that this year has been financially challenging for us (as for all faith communities) in the loss of income through fees, lettings and fund raising. And yet God has abundantly generous in His provision to us all and care over this time. Everyone is therefore invited to make a one-off gift to this church on our Feast Day as a thank-offering to our amazing God. The bac's details are on our website, the card reader will be available in church on that day, if you prefer to make a cheque or cash payment please place in an envelope marked 'thank offering gift' and place it in the collecting bowl or pass to Richard, our treasurer. Thank you.

In due course our treasurer, Richard, and I will write to all those who participate in our Generous Giving Scheme as we prayerfully budget for next year. We await more information from the diocese on Parish Share, etc.

**Study course:** we have just started a new, six week, study course. **'Well prepared'** focuses on living well at the end of life and preparing for death. Death is part of life for us all, and for Christians it is, as a poet wrote, 'a comma, and not a full stop'. It is the transition to a whole new life in eternity. The course is for any adult of any age and helps to reflect on important practical and spiritual issues. Please do consider joining in his week.

We will have to use Zoom and encourage participants to have something comforting with them at each session – coffee and cake or chocolate might work well (were we physically together we would provide that!). We will use small breakout groups as well as whole group teaching and reflection. There will be a member of the ministry team by the phone each week so that anyone who needs to can call them. This seems a really good time to follow the course as we come up to Remembrance season.

See the diocesan website for more details: <https://www.deathlife.org.uk/>

Thursdays, 7.30 pm. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82587653929?pwd=Qnd6cWJwSkxSaHpldy96aXd2RFdqUT09>

Meeting ID: 825 8765 3929

Passcode: 432183

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

**Christmas Tree Festival (Trail).** Anyone - 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. Thank you to those how have returned forms already – do consider joining the trail yourselves. See the letter with details of how to take part on our website. If you would like to be involved in any other way, please let me know.

**Quiet morning:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. 9.45 – 12.30, on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82670870258?pwd=RkVPSGtNVWVFMnBTcUtmSE96c2lSdz09>

Meeting ID: 826 7087 0258

Passcode: 511063

Join us for a short input at 9.45 am, 11 am and closing together at 12.15 pm, with space in between for personal reflection.

(the next Quiet Morning is on 28<sup>th</sup> November).

**Memorial service,** 4pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. An opportunity to remember all whom we have loved and lost, at any time, with candle lighting. Anyone is welcome to come along. The names read out last year will be on display in church – please cross out (with your own pen) any that you would not wish to be read this year, and email Revd. Sally with any additional names (we automatically read all those for whom we conducted funerals this year).

**Light Trick or Treat!** We are keen not to encourage the keeping of Halloween as a time of spooking people and we certainly do not encourage Trick or Treat. It is a season of remembering with affection and giving thanks for those we love and see no more. But we are not killjoys!! So... on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, All Hallows Eve, we will hold as near as we can this year to a Light Party. Families are invited to drop by the church between 5.00 pm and 6.30 pm where they will be greeted with Light packs to take away and use at home. There will be candles to light (safely and covid-securely) and possibly even some treats. Children (or adults too!) might like to come in fancy dress – not as ghosts and ghouls but as Saints – which is your favourite Saints? We will make a display of photos for the congregation to see the next day.



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If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033

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

<https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f43dadd67a8/content/pages/documents/1596271439.pdf>