



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 20th October, Patronal Festival

This Sunday we celebrate our patron, St. Luke. We will have our usual 10 am service of Holy Communion and we warmly invite and encourage as many people as possible to come along to that service so that we can celebrate being a church family together. There will be an activity for children available during the service. At 6.00pm St Luke's will also be hosting the Sundays at Six with a Sung Evensong.

We are also designating this day as a Gift Day when people are invited to make one-off donations to the work of this church in thanksgiving and in order to help cover the cost of ministry and church upkeep. **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.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven
and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone
to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

First Reading

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

Acts 16.6-12a

Second Reading

⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. ⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia,^[a] Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹² Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵ Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. *2 Tim. 4.5-17*

Gospel Reading

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Luke 10.1-9

Sunday's Hymns

Screen	Let God be praised
358	Be still, for the presence of the Lord
365	Let us build a house where love can dwell
(451	Just as I am - choir only)
739	Now thank we all our God

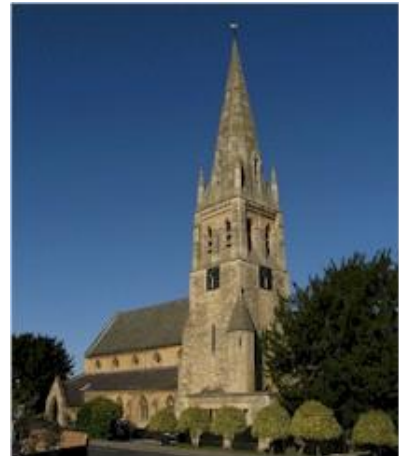
Thought for the week...

As we keep our patronal festival, we might ask ourselves, 'what IS church?'

Rowan Williams tells us: 'the NT describes what happens when human beings are brought into relationship with Jesus Christ by faith as a community in which everyone's gifts are set free for the service of others'.

The reading from Luke's gospel, that we hear every year, develops this idea:

- Pairs of Jesus' followers are sent out to share the good news of God's reign, together
- They have simple resources, not flashy ones
- They are sent to bringing peace, a deep inner content
- And to proclaim that God's reign, God's Kingdom, has come - ;'God is within your reach' that are to say – you too can be part of his reign



A church following this model works together to share the good news of God's Kingdom.

If we merge those two ideas we might suggest that the church – not the building, but the Christian community – is a 'place' of healing and wholeness, where every single person matters and has a part to play in sharing the good news that God's kingdom, his reign, is near, can be reached and lived in the everyday life of those who choose to be his disciples'.

How do we live up that?

What part do each of us play in that?

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our life and growth in faith and numbers as a church family
- For the people of the whole Middle East, for an end to the violence there.
- 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 Grosvenor Drive
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in October: Jude Ridley, Levi Patton, Elsie Trillow
- For Joshua, Freya and Poppy baptised recently
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Bridget Morris, Lucy Young, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Joan Harnby, Bill Bowyer, Katharine and Millie, Cherry Lanyon.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Pat Botting, John Shenton, Ann Hockham, Roy Wakelin.
- 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 Philips, 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 20th October 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 133	Ezekiel 14	Luke 14.1-24
Monday	Psalm 1	Judith 4	1 Timothy 6.1-10
Tuesday	Psalm 5	Judith 5.1-6.4	1 Timothy 6.11-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119.1-32	Judith 6.10-7.7	2 Timothy 1.1-14
Thursday	Psalm 15	Judith 7.19-end	2 Timothy 1.15-2.13
Friday	Psalm 19	Judith 8.9-end	2 Timothy 2.14-end
Saturday	Psalm 23	Judith 9	2 Timothy 3

Rotas for next week Sunday 27th October Parish Communion

Read: Shula Tajima Intercede: Edgar Hakobyan Chalice: Lisa S
Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Jeanette Coffee: Kate and Sally

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 20th 10.00am, Patronal Festival
 6.00pm, Sung Evensong, here

Tuesday 22nd 8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom *(office closed)*

Wednesday 23rd 8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom *(office closed)*
 10.00am, Holy Communion
 8.00pm, Bible study group

Thursday 24th 8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom
 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group
 12.00pm, Soup and Psalms
 3.00pm, Gaynor's gifts (in church)

Friday 25th 8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom
 5.00pm, Evening Prayer

Saturday 26th 9.00am, Morning Prayer on zoom
 10.00-12.00pm- All Age Craft morning

Sunday 27th 10.00am, Parish Communion

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

Sad news

Very sadly, we lost two church members this week, 'promoted to glory'.

Ann Hockham passed away peacefully at St. Mark's Care Home on Sunday morning. Her funeral will take place here in church at 1.30 pm on Thursday 31st October.

Pat Botting passed away suddenly at home on 10th October. His funeral will also be here in church on Tuesday 5th November at 10,30 am.

May they both rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Coming up...

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

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: 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!). 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 (depends when they arrive)
- 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

Do let Ann or Dorothy know if 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)

Hamper

Every year we as a congregation put together a Christmas hamper as the first prize in the raffle. The sign-up sheet for what you might like to contribute is now at the back of church. There are specific items listed and you may wish to add other goodies. Please sign up but do not bring items in until the end of November – when a box will appear for them! Thank you.

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 21st November

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