

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 22nd September, Trinity 17

This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion, an activity will be available for children during the service. All are warmly invited to worship. And 1pm the Johanna Raffan Memorial lecture: From Choirboy to Chemist, by scientist Matthew Price, followed by scones and tea. Many thanks to all those who visited and helped during the Heritage Weekend.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts
and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually
to be given to all good works
through Jesus Christ our Lord

First Reading

13Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

1Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 7Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. *James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a*

Gospel Reading

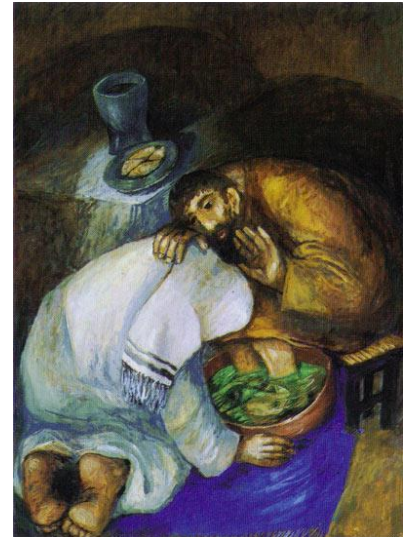
After leaving the mountain ³⁰Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of

Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Mark 9.30-37

Sunday's Hymns

763(i) Praised to the holiest in the height
 604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
 728 Meekness and majesty
 258 O thou who camest from above
 648 God of grace and God of glory



Thought for the week...

In the gospel reading for this Sunday Jesus is teaching about servant leadership, an important concept for our own church leaders at all levels of the establishment, but also for each of us at our own level of personal discipleship. Servant leadership is not about letting go, being wimpy or seeking to be all things to all people – standing for anything, but it is about holding in care all who are entrusted to each of us and seeking to work together for the good of all. It is about humbly getting on with God's work without blowing our own trumpet, and simply serving.

Of course it is not just the church which does that. We saw throughout the covid pandemic how those working in the NHS and elsewhere gave sacrificially of themselves - powerful examples of people in public life who have put self last and others first. As Christians we are called to emulate that example of service which acts without counting the cost – not something that is very popular or encouraged in contemporary society.

A scholar has written: 'our Christian greatness lies not in ourselves but in the greatness of the one whom we represent, in whose name we come'. Jesus' disciples – then and now – are to bring Jesus' love and compassion and offer of eternal life to all around, whatever the personal cost and by glorifying God, not ourselves.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our schools, staff and children.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, and the Middel 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 and work in Gordon Road.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Daisy Trillow, Max Fiordelisi, Chloe Rendle, Theo Ashe-Velez, Oliver Peck, Rory Peck.

- For Joshua Simmonds baptised yesterday
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, 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: Anthony Gregory, Patricia Robinson, Frederick McIntosh
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Betty Ackland-Snow, Violet Ferguson, Lisa Plummer, Derek Wilkins, 'Mac' Macaulay Brown, Margaret Burrows, Joan Went, Roy Dalton, Frederick Hearman, Betty Himmonds, Arthur Little, Elwyn Jackson, Peter Windass, Wendy Botting, Geoffrey Tulloch.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 22nd September 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 119.153-end	Jeremiah 17.5-14	Luke 11.29-end
Monday	Psalm 71	1 Kings 21	Acts 21.37-22.21
Tuesday	Psalm 73	1 Kings 22.1-28	Acts 22.22-23-11
Wednesday	Psalm 77	1 Kings 22.29-45	Acts 23.12-end
Thursday	Psalm 78.1-39	2 Kings 1.2-17	Acts 24.1-23
Friday	Psalm 55	2 Kings 2.1-18	Acts 24.24-25.12
Saturday	Psalm 76	2 Kings 4.1-37	Acts 25.13-end

Rotas for next week Sunday 29th September: Parish Communion

Read: Jeanette Lock Intercede: Shula Tajima Chalice: Rachel
 Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Don Coffee: Beryl and Jenny

The flood lighting has not been sponsored this week

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 22nd	10.00am, Parish Communion 1.00pm, Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture, Speaker Dr Matthew Price
Tuesday 24th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 25th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible study group, in Church
Thursday 26th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 12.00-1.30pm, Soup and Psalms 12.00, Thursday Lunches: Toby Carvery 3.00pm, Gaynor's gifts 7.00pm, WAMCF Dialogue, Taplow Court
Friday 27th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening Prayer on zoom (use MP link)
Saturday 28th	9.00am, Morning Prayer on zoom Church care Morning
Sunday 29th	10.00am, Parish Communion 3.00pm, The Bishop of Reading, Bishop Olivia retirement service, Reading Minster

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

6 th October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
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

Gaza Appeal

As we approach the anniversary of 7th October, Christian Aid is inviting donations to support aid work for the people of Gaza. We will have donation envelopes in church this Sunday – please bring cash / cheque (made out to Christian Aid) for this appeal.

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Coming up...

On **Saturday 28th September** all who are able to help with a **church care time** are invited to join us that morning to do maintenance jobs in the church and grounds. (NB not 14th as previously stated)

The next **WAMCF Dialogue** is on Thursday 26th September at 7pm at Taplow Court. See flyer below for details.

The Bishop of Reading, Bishop Olivia, is retiring at the end of September. We have a card and small gift for her from this parish. Everyone is warmly invited to her farewell service on Sunday 29th September, at 3pm in Reading Minster

Sunday 6th October is our Church Harvest Festival, the All Age Holy Communion service will be followed by **bring and share lunch for all**. We hope to hold the service in the churchyard near our new bug hotels. There will be a churchyard trail for children (and adults!) and an activity for those who would like to stay on between the service and lunch. If you are able to bring food to share please sign up so that we can avoid an overload of sausage rolls! This year we are invited to bring food offerings that can be taken to Foodshare, along with those that children from school will bring to their Harvest service in church on **Friday 4th (9.30 am)**, to which all are welcome). As usual we will have a small number of plants to take to the housebound.

On 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 soon via Eventbrite.

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.

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. do come along and enjoy time crafting together with coffee and cake. 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. £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. Details to come.

Nurture and learning opportunities this Autumn

The **Bible Study** working through Matthew's gospel continues on alternate Wednesdays at 8pm in church: 25th September, 9th and 23rd October, 6th and 20th November.

We are offering a **Pastoral Course**, aimed particularly at contactors but open to anyone, on the other alternate Wednesdays, at 8pm in church: 2nd, 16th and 30th October, 13th and 27th November. Please sign up for this course so that we can provide the materials you will need.

And for those who would like a daytime study, **Soup and Psalms** - will run on alternate Thursdays, midday – 1.30 pm: 26th September, 10 and 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 starts again on 5th September and we need at least one more person to help out with the coffees... it is a lovely session with lovely people! Most helpers offer one Thursday (9 am - 11.30 am including set up and clear away) once every three weeks (two more people and it will be once a month).

From October we plan to 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: 4th October, 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. Or come along to church from 3.30 pm on Thursday 3rd October to help with Harvest decorating.

**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!**

CTF meeting: anyone who is interested in helping out with the CTF is warmly invited to a zoom meeting on Tuesday 24th September, at 7.30 pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82770201097?pwd=pG9skbTqYT2UaXGI0tYYlvmCQsC1g.1>

Meeting ID: 827 7020 1097

Passcode: 326608

The Produce Stall Appeal

We would like to repeat the success of the produce stall last year by again appealing for help in stocking the stall.

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. Donations can be put in the cupboard behind the pews at the back of church. At present we don't need more jam jars unless they are Frank Cooper jars. 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)

A Celebration of Pilgrimage at Christ Church Cathedral Saturday 19 October

Join us at Christ Church on St Frideswide's Day to celebrate Oxford's centuries of history as a site of pilgrimage, with guided walks to the Cathedral from local parishes, activities, and tours, ending with a family service led by Bishop Steven. There is also the opportunity to purchase tickets to enjoy afternoon tea in our historic Great Hall.

[Find out more and book your place](#)-----

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 4th October 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 10th October

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 26th September

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>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Do look at the flyers below for autumn events and activities

St. Luke's
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Church BREAKFAST

Saturday 21st September 2024

8.45 – 10.30 am

Tickets £5

from the church office (M. 622733)
or after services

Speaker: Revd. Sally Lynch unpacks:



The Mysteries of
the
Church of England!

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Harvest Lunch

Saturday 7th October 2024

Midday in church
A bring and share lunch

All Welcome



The Interfaith Group in the Royal Borough
of Windsor & Maidenhead



Join in the Dialogue at Taplow
Court, Cliveden Road, Taplow
SL6 0ER

What does the world need
most right now?

Thursday 26th September 2024
7pm - 8.30pm followed by
refreshments

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REFRESHMENTS

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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 1st October 2024

at
Guru Nanak Sat Sang Sabha
(The Sikh Gurdwara),
Rutland Road
Maidenhead, SL6 4HZ

Angela Miller,

Occupational Therapist, Berks NHS Trust

will speak about *Supporting Good Mental Health*

Further details from:

sally514@btinternet.com

www.wamcf.org



**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
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A family looks at an apartment block destroyed by a missile strike. Gaza City, 21 February 2024.

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