

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 27<sup>th</sup> October, Bible Sunday

This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion, all are warmly invited to worship. An activity for children will be available during the service.

Thank you to everyone who reads the rotas in the sheet and checks whether they are down or not. Please do let the office know if you have made a swop or can't do a date. Thank you.

Don't forget that the clocks go back by one hour on Sunday; remember to change all your clocks..... Enjoy the extra hour!

Don't forget the **All Age Craft morning on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Collect

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures  
to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience,  
and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you...

### Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people  
with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### First Reading

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

*Hebrews 7.23-end*

## Gospel Reading

<sup>46</sup>As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Mark 10.46-end*

## Sunday's Hymns

810      Thou, whose almighty word  
383      Lord, thy word abideth  
390      Thanks to God whose word was spoken  
239      Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire  
379      God has spoken

## Thought for the week...

This weekend we keep Bible Sunday – the last Sunday after Trinity in the church's calendar. From now on we turn to All Saints and the Kingdom season and we begin to prepare for Advent and the new start to the church year. And as we do so, we are reminded today of the absolute centrality of the Bible in our faith, our belief, our worship, our life together and our daily living. Were it not for the Bible we would be impoverished in guidance about how to live our lives and in our knowledge of God.

Of course, God can be known to us through creation, through the natural world, through personal and corporate prayer, through worship and through miracles. And God is supremely manifest to us in Jesus – his word made flesh as the Word of God.

How best do we know about Jesus? The Bible records for all time his story – and also what went before to prepare people for him, and a little of what came after as the people who accepted him as God incarnate grew in number and became the church. So it is a history book in a way (about divine revelation)

Some people view the Bible as a kind of manual for life – a maker's handbook. Hmm... I'm not very good at reading the instruction manual when I buy a new anything. I learn how to use it by trial and error – fiddling with it and making mistakes. The book is usually too big, and I am too lazy to read it, or the language is too complicated (and now it is often online anyway). So, I make mistakes and might even mess it up.

I guess the same could be said of the Bible. And some people don't read the bible because it is so huge it looks daunting, or the language is difficult to understand, or it feels out of date.

Do we feel a bit like that as Christians, and if so what are we going to do about it? The Bible is our main line to God. We hear it in worship, we use it in prayer and it does guide us in life – though we have to interpret it for ourselves, prayerfully and with help from wise church leaders and others.

Jesus himself read the OT scriptures, he knew them inside out and he knew how they would help him in his daily life. He also knew that he fulfilled them. As today's collect reminds us, we are called also to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest God's word that we may have life, as Jesus promises, life in all its fullness.

**Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- That we may be faithful in reading God's word and applying it to our lives.
- For the people of the whole Middle East, for an end to the violence there.
- For our care for creation
- For the various nurture activities offered this autumn.
- For a successful Christmas Tree Festival .... and for stamina and lots of helpers!
- 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 Harrow Close
- 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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024:**

Sunday	Psalm 119.89-104	Ezekiel 34.1-16	Luke 14.25-15.10
Monday	Psalm 132	Ecclesiasticus 2	Luke 6.12-23
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Judith 11	2 Timothy 4.9-end
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Judith 12	Titus 1
Thursday	Psalm 37	Judith 13	Titus 2
Friday	Psalm 1	Wisdom 5.1-16	Revelation 19.6-10
Saturday	Psalm 42	Judith 15.14-end of 16	Philemon

**Rotas for next week Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November All Saints, All Age Holy Communion**

Read: Ministry Team                      Intercede: Preacher                      Chalice: Jacqueline  
Welcomers: Clare, Shula and Ann                      Coffee: Jeanette and Lisa

***This week the floodlighting has been sponsored  
in loving memory of Ann Hockham***

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



## What's on.... this week:

Sunday 27th	10.00am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 29th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 30th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 31st	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 1.30pm, Funeral of Ann Hockham, in Church 8.00pm, Pastoral Course (in church)
Friday 1st	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 4.00pm, Messy Church
Saturday 2nd	9.00am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 3rd	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion 4.00pm, Memorial Service

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

3 <sup>rd</sup> November <b>NB: 4 pm:</b>	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
10 <sup>th</sup> November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec.)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

## Sad news

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 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Pat Botting passed away suddenly at home on 10<sup>th</sup> October. His funeral will also be here in church on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 10,30 am. May they both rest in peace, and rise in glory.

## Coming up...

**The annual Memorial Service**, for those who have been bereaved at any time, is at 4pm on Sunday **3<sup>rd</sup> November**. We particularly remember those who have died in the last year and read out all names of those we love and miss. The list of names is now closed.

Our **Autumn Quiet Day will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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: 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November.

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

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### **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: 1<sup>st</sup> November, 29<sup>th</sup> November

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### **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: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December set up on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Schools day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Covering boards, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Moving trees into church, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (depends when they arrive)
- Putting boards out and trees into place, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> (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! If each person brings **just one thing** we can share the load. Thank you.

### **Publicity**

A3, A4 and A5 posters and flyers are now available to take and hand out or put up (in legal places!!). Please take what you need and fill in the sheet to say where you have taken them for to avoid repetition. All tree sponsors will be sent a poster very soon.

## Help over the CTF period

The sign up sheet is now at the back of church. Please do sign up to help over the four days of the CTF. The more people we have, the less you each have to do. There are sitting tasks as well as standing and it would be wonderful if every member of the church was able to offer a little time to this to share the load. Without helpers it cant run! Thank you very much.

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## Love Christmas

The PCC has agreed that we will take part in Love Christmas again this year (having had a year or two off).

Sandy from St. Peter's writes: *It was a joy to partner with other churches on Love Christmas last year, where together we reached over 750 families and individuals facing challenging circumstances; and shared with them gifts of love and kindness.*

*This will be year 5 of Love Christmas and each year we try to refine the project to maximise impact and strengthen links between partner churches and their communities. Following feedback and reflection on both the impact and the process, this year we are proposing to give away the following:*

*Asylum Seekers based in the Holiday Inn:*

- 220 bags to include: £15 Supermarket voucher plus biscuits*

*Families facing a difficult Christmas to be distributed through schools where there is a need and where the churches involved have a direct link:*

- 500 bags to include: £10 supermarket voucher plus Christmas treats*

*Isolated elderly or those in the community facing hardship (10 bags per partner church):*

- 80 bags to include: Christmas food (biscuits, chocolates; cheese biscuits; chutney etc)*

*This totals 800 bags, each of £20. Therefore, the total projected cost of Love Christmas 2024 is £16,000. Each bag will also contain a gift card explaining who the gifts are from and the partner churches involved. Obviously, this plan is subject to the level of support received, though we trust that God will generously provide!*

*If we are unable to raise the target amount, we will first reduce the value of each bag to £15, before reducing the number of bags delivered.*

*It is a joy to partner with you to reach those in need in our communities. And not only is it a blessing to work together, the impact we have is multiplied!*

If you would like to contribute please hand your cash/ cheque in an envelope marked 'Love Christmas' in with the weekly collection, or if you wish to donate by card or cash please note the same reference so that we know how much to send to St, Peter's en bloc at the end of November. Thank you.

## World Day of Prayer

There will be a service on March 7th 2025, venue to be confirmed. However we really need new committee members as the future of this service in Maidenhead is in doubt. I have been on the committee for more than 25 years and many others have served nearly as long as that.

We have afternoon meetings twice a year, occasionally three times, to plan the forthcoming service. On the actual day we all take part in the readings which have been set by the women of the particular country. In March the service has been planned by the women of the Cook Islands.

It is always an enjoyable service and the committee members are very friendly. We are in need of new members from each church involved, possibly recent retirees. I have agreed to stay on for the time being. If you are interested please talk to me or to Gill Curry. It would be a shame to lose this service which unites Christian women right round the world in a 24 hour period.

Ruth Sheppard

## Our Regular activities:

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> November

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. Next is 27<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVjNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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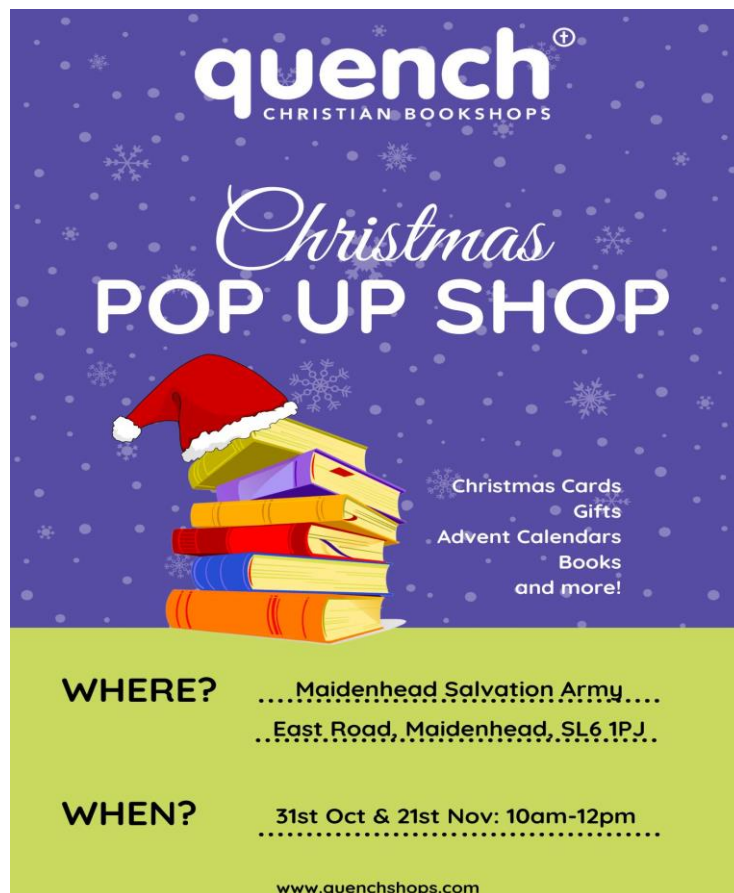
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**Zoom Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609



The poster features a dark blue background with white snowflakes and a light green bottom section. At the top, the 'quench' logo is displayed in white, with 'CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOPS' underneath. The main title 'Christmas POP UP SHOP' is written in a mix of white cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. A stack of colorful books with a red Santa hat on top is positioned on the left. On the right, a list of items for sale is shown: 'Christmas Cards', 'Gifts', 'Advent Calendars', 'Books', and 'and more!'. The bottom section contains the location and dates of the event.

**WHERE?** .....Maidenhead Salvation Army.....  
.....East Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1PJ.....

**WHEN?** .....31st Oct & 21st Nov: 10am-12pm.....

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