



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 29th September, St Michael and All Angels

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.

The Collect

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals
in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels
always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
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 of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us
near to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Genesis 28.10-17

Gospel Reading

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

John 1.47-end

Sunday's Hymns

362	Come let us join our cheerful songs
766	Praise my soul the king of heaven
589	Angel voices ever singing
754	O worship the king
826	Ye holy angels bright



Thought for the week...

There are angels in our church! We cannot fail to see the angels moving up and down past the sleeping Jacob in the wall painting above the chancel arch. The painting (actually on tiles) depicts Sunday's first reading from Genesis – the story of Jacob's dream and God's encouragement to him – through angels.

As a result of the dream Jacob felt that he was in a 'thin place' – a place where the void between heaven and earth, God and people, felt very slim. As place he deemed to be 'holy' and where God made God's presence felt.

Angels encourage, they bring God's message to people. Who are your angels today?

Thin places draw us closer to God to God, even in times of trial. Where are your thin places today?

As you gaze on the painting in worship may it help you to draw closer to God.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That we may be alert to angels among us.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, Lebanon, and the Middle 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 attend the Baby and Toddler group.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in October: Jude Ridley, Levi Patton, Elsie Trillow
- For Joshua Simmonds baptised recently
- 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 October: Thomas Yates, David Garnett, Peggy Clutterbuck, Richard Burrows, Michael Adamson, Barbara Prior, Philip Littlejohn, Beryl Burrows, Ernest Philps, 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 29th September 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 139	2 Kings 6.8-17	Acts 12.1-11
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

Rotas for next week Sunday 6th October: All Age Holy Communion

Read: Gospel only Intercede: Preacher Chalice: Emma
 Welcomers: Clare, Fiona and Beryl Coffee: Helen and Carl



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 29th	10.00am, Parish Communion 3.00pm, The Bishop of Reading's retirement service, Reading Minster
Tuesday 1st	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 11.00am, Funeral in church 7.30pm, WAMCF Ladies Meeting, Rutland Road, Maidenhead
Wednesday 2nd	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Pastoral course, in Church
Thursday 3rd	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 3.30pm onwards, Harvest Church Decorating
Friday 4th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 9.30am, St Luke's School Harvest Church service 4.00pm, Messy Church
Saturday 5th	9.00am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 6th	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion Harvest Festival service - Bring and Share lunch 6.00pm, Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd

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, 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	Memorial services, in church, NB: 4 pm: 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

Coming up...

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

A note from +Olivia:

Dear Sally,

Keith and I were very touched to receive the generous gift voucher from the congregation of St Luke's, which has just been spent on bedding for our new house. Please would you give our warm thanks and love to them.

Best wishes

+Olivia

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 now from the parish office or after church.

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: 9th and 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; 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!

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.

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
- 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

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. 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 24th October

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 Church,
Maidenhead



Harvest Lunch

Sunday 6th October 2024

Midday in church
A bring and share lunch

All Welcome

NHS



Are you aged 75 to 79?
You can protect yourself
from serious lung infection

Every year, thousands of older people need hospital care for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection. It affects the lungs and can cause pneumonia.

RSV vaccination is the best way to protect yourself. Your age makes you a priority for a free NHS vaccine.

Your GP surgery will contact you to offer an appointment.

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
BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.

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