

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 3<sup>rd</sup> November, All Saints

This week we have a 10.00am All Age Holy Communion to which everyone is warmly invited. Then, at 4pm, we have our Annual Memorial service at which we remember all those whom we have loved and lost, at any time. Everyone is warmly invited to the service, and to stay for light refreshments afterwards. This is an opportunity to reflect and to light candles in memory of our loved ones.

Next week we keep Remembrance Sunday with a Word service **at 10.20 am** and Holy Communion at 8 am.

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

### Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast  
on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

<sup>1</sup>I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.’

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

*Revelation 21.1-6a*

## Gospel Reading

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

*John 11.32-44*

## Sunday's Hymns

27 Colours of day  
296 For all the saints  
725 Make me a channel of your peace  
screen O when the saints go marching in



## Thought for the week...

There is something powerful about candles.

They can evoke an atmosphere in our homes, but they are also used by almost every faith in various ways in worship.

As autumn draws on light becomes more important and sparks of candle flames stand for hope in darkness.

Our Hindu sisters and brothers celebrate Diwali this week – fireworks and flames a reminder of the lights that guided home the hero Rama and his beloved Sita, good having overcome evil.

And we will light candles in church at our Memorial service on Sunday afternoon as we recall our own loved ones, whom we see no longer face to face. The pain of loss is real and lasting but simple actions, such as lighting a candle, can be very meaningful. The candle flame reminds us of the hope of eternal life that Jesus offers and when it burns out (we don't blow them out, we allow them to go out) then the smoke rising symbolises our prayers rising to God. Candles can bring great comfort, often through the tears.

Jesus promised, 'I am the light of the world'. Let's light candles thus autumn in solidarity with our sisters and brothers of faith, in prayer for peace in what feels like a dark world, and as beautiful tokens of love for those with whom we have shared our lives.

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

**Joan Harnby**

*Happy Heavenly Birthday Phyllis*



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.

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

- For all those who share in the communion of saints and for those who miss loved ones.
- For the people of the whole Middle East, for an end to the violence there.
- For our care for creation
- 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 Lane
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Harper Hutchinson, Poppie King-Couling, Klarissa Obwianu,
- For Joshua, Freya and Poppy baptised recently
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, 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, Jean Fuller. Peter Schaap.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Catherine Vincent, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surridge, Olive Powell, Beryl Maguire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith, Kenneth Rivers, Pamela Rivers, Dorothy Stanley, Penelope Bide.

### **Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024:**

Sunday	Psalm 112	Proverbs 1.20-end	Luke 16
Monday	Psalm 2	Daniel 1	Revelation 1
Tuesday	Psalm 5	Daniel 2.1-24	Revelation 2.1-11
Wednesday	Psalm 9	Daniel 2.25-end	Revelation 2.12-end
Thursday	Psalm 15	Daniel 3.1-18	Revelation 3.1-13
Friday	Psalm 16	Daniel 3.19-end	Revelation 3.14-end
Saturday	Psalm 18.31-end	Daniel 4.1-18	Revelation 4

### **Rotas for next week, Sunday 10th November, 10.00am Word Service**

Read: Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake, Gill Curry      Intercede: Barbara Essam, Simon Bader  
Chalice: n/a      Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Beryl      Coffee: Sally and Kate

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

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion 4.00pm, Memorial Service
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.30am, Funeral of Pat Botting, in Church
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible study group, in Church
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 9.30am, Pram Service, in Church 5.00pm, Evening Prayer 8.00pm, Choir practice
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am, Morning Prayer on zoom

Sunday 10th      8.00am, Holy Communion  
 10.20am, Word service  
 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, All Souls Eucharist, All Saints Church

**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

### Coming up...

Our **Autumn Quiet Day will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** 10 am – 3pm at St, Michael's convent, Gerrards Cross. There is one place left. 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!

### 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: 29<sup>th</sup> November

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**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)

### **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 can't run! Thank you very much.

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### **Mid week Holy Communion in December**

Advance notice that the Wednesday service will move to Tuesdays on two weeks due to the Tree Festival and School Carol services:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Both at 10 am as usual, followed by coffee.

### **Love Christmas**

The PCC has agreed that we will take part in Love Christmas again this year (having had a year or two off). See last week's sheet for further details. 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. If you are interested please talk to me or to Gill Curry. 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 29th 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=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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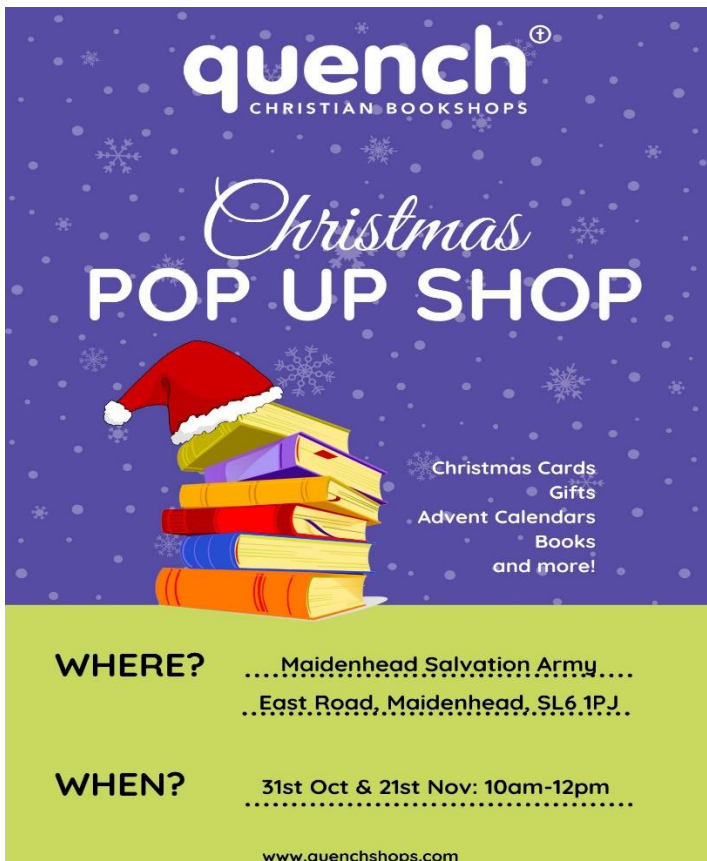
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**Zoom Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

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 serif and sans-serif fonts. A stack of colorful books with a red Santa hat on top is positioned on the left. To the right of the books, a list of items 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.....  
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**WHEN?** .....31st Oct & 21st Nov: 10am-12pm.....

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