

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 6th October, Harvest Festival

This week we are celebrating our Harvest Festival with an All Age Holy Communion service at 10.00 am, everyone is warmly invited to join us for worship. The service will be followed by a **bring and share lunch for all**.

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. There will be a churchyard trail for children (and adults!) and activities for those who would like to stay on between the service and lunch.

At 6pm, our shared Sundays at Six service is a Harvest Songs of Praise at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green.

The Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
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 the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine
of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us
a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Do Not Worry. 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6.25-33

Sunday's Hymns

Screen Cauliflowers fluffy
639 Give thanks

290 We plough the fields and scatter the seeds
Screen Harvest samba

Thought for the week...

Harvest festival isn't like it used to be! The fields are still ploughed and scattered but children do not associate food so easily with the agricultural world. Perhaps a more overall recognition of the world of nature is called for.

This is what I write in last weeks' Advertiser:

The leaves are turning, the nights are drawing in, Autumn is fast approaching. The poet John Keats describes Autumn as the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. How true! Out walking ('getting my steps in'!) I noticed have several swathes of trees with brilliantly colouring leaves. We have enjoyed the fruits of such trees – the vicarage apple trees have this year yielded delicious fruit. Some members of our congregation make delicious chutneys to sell at Christmas. Harvest and the riches of Autumn are truly upon us.

I love this time of year. This season helps me to connect with the natural world with all its colour and glory and fruitfulness. I am reminded more at this time of God who made the world for humans to enjoy and revel in the vast delights that it offers. I don't know how God made the world (there were no humans there at the start to take notes!) and I am not sure that matters. I am quite convinced that God in some way set all that we know in motion – how else than by loving design could something so beautiful come into being?

The Bible creation story tells us that when God looked at all God had made God was pleased and said that it was 'good'. It also says that God made human beings to 'steward' or care for the earth and all in it.

As we enjoy the fruits of harvest to the full, I pray that we might show gratitude, share what we can and also take good care of it all.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For the people of Israel and Palestine, Lebanon, and the whole 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 Grassy Lane.
- 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 6th October 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 132	Jeremiah 31.23-37	Luke 12.35-end
Monday	Psalm 98	2 Kings 17.24-end	Philippians 1.1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 106	2 Kings 18.1-12	Philippians 1.12-end
Wednesday	Psalm 111	2 Kings 18.13-end	Philippians 2.1-13
Thursday	Psalm 115	2 Kings 19.1-19	Philippians 2.14-end
Friday	Psalm 139	2 Kings 19.20-36	Philippians 3.1-4.1
Saturday	Psalm 121	2 Kings 20	Philippians 4.2-end

Rotas for next week Sunday 13th October: Parish Communion

Read: Ruth Sheppard Intercede: Jamie Harle Chalice: Ian G
 Welcomers: Jaqueline, Simon and Ben Coffee: Simone and Season

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by
Joan Harnby
 In loving memory of Gordon*



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 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
Tuesday 8th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.45pm, PCC Meeting
Wednesday 9th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible study, in Church
Thursday 10th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 12.00pm, Soups and Psalms, in Church 2.00pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 11th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 9.30am, Pram Service, in Church 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
Saturday 12th	9.00am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 13th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Parish Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Freya Dean 1.30pm, Baptism of Poppy Day

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 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

Coming up...

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: 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.

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

NB: Cancelled due to flooding risk

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 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

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Harvest Lunch

Sunday 6th October 2024

Midday in church
A bring and share lunch

All Welcome



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.



**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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