



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week commencing: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Third Sunday before Advent, All Age Holy Communion

Our service this Sunday will be **All Age Holy Communion** at 10 am, to which all are, as ever, warmly invited in church and on zoom. We also have a Baptism at midday.

**Morning Prayer** also continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom, at 8.30 am (9 am on Sat.)

**Evening Prayer**, on Fridays at 5pm also on zoom (but note there is no service on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday monthly).

Next week is **Remembrance Sunday** and so our service will be a Word service Act of Remembrance and will start at **10.30 am** so that we can observe two minutes silence at 11 am with the nation. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 8 am.

**Thought for the week:** we are now in the Kingdom season of the Church year. A time when we think about remembering – our loved ones, those who lost their lives in service of the nation, our giving of our whole loves to God and His Church. This is time to seek to work with God and to usher in His Kingdom – to help bring to reality God's dream of how the world could be. What is God asking of you? and as we each reflect on that, let's remind ourselves that it is God who remembers each of us. God puts us back together again (time and time and time again!) as we walk our daily lives in God's presence. God puts the pieces of our lives together and helps us to make sense of life – if we allow God to do that.



### *Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November:*

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| Sunday    | Psalm 136 | Phil 4.6-9       |                   |
| Monday    | Psalm 20  | Isaiah 5.8-24    | Matthew 4.23-5.12 |
| Tuesday   | Psalm 21  | Isaiah 5.25 -end | Matthew 5. 13-20  |
| Wednesday | Psalm 23  | Isaiah 6         | Matthew 5.21-37   |
| Thursday  | Psalm 26  | Isaiah 7.1-17    | Matthew 5. 38-end |
| Friday    | Psalm 32  | Isaiah 8.1-15    | Matthew 6. 1-18   |
| Saturday  | Psalm 33  | Isaiah 8.16-9.7  | Matthew 6.19-end  |

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

- For positive and effective outcomes from the COP26 conference.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For those who miss loved ones.
- For all children, especially those in need, and for the work of the children's society
- For Steve and Gemma, married here recently and for Harper, to be baptised today.
- For caution as Covid 19 infections rise again

- For the people of all places of conflict.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Eddie Freear, Arthur Freear, Lilly Pyrke, Owen Green, Lilly Hutchinson, Robert Midgely, Beatrix Ribton, Isabella Burdett, Fred Wilson.
- For all those who live and work in Northfield road.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela and Kenneth Rivers, Julianne Grobler, Clarice, Eunice Moffett, Jim Mundy, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Joyce Forrest, Tom Parfett.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surrige, Ruth Keys, Eileen Hurst, Joan Joyce, Stuart Courtier, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Catherine Vincent, Trevor Headington, Marcus Hawes, James Herbert, Olive Powell, Beryl McGuire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith

### ***Pray for COP26***

Creator of our common home  
 Hear the cry of the earth  
 Our world stands in great peril  
 Many are suffering  
 We have put at risk our present and our future  
 through the rapid warming of the earth and the careless destruction of it's beauty  
 Give to the leaders of the world fresh hope and courage  
 As they gather for COP 26  
 Unite us all in a common mission to heal and cherish our environment  
 And steward the resources of our world for future generations  
 May this conference be a turning point in human history  
 For the sake of all the peoples of the earth. Amen.

### **Rotas for next week: 14<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday, NB: 10.30 am, in church and on zoom**

Read: Eileen Goford, Rachel Beaumont    Intercede: Dorothy Strack-Hankey, Don Luff, Ian Gilchrist  
 Welcomers: Mike, Laura and Aaron                      Antibac: Jeanette

### **Our church is floodlit at night.**

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by Bridget Morris:  
 'my 'little family Oz': Katherine, Simon, Evie and Millie, on Katherine's birthday.*

To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally, or fill, in the sheet at the back at the back of church



## **What's on...**

### **This week:**

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| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>4.00 pm, Messy Church (NO Evening Prayer)<br>8.00 pm, Choir practice |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>10.00 am, Baptism Play and stay                                      |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom<br>12.00 pm, Baptism of Harper Hutchinson        |

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| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>    | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>7.30 pm, Tree Festival meeting, on zoom   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>10.00 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am coffee  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>9.30 – 11.00 am Baby and Toddler group, in church<br>2.00 pm, Teas, in hall<br>6.45 – 7.45 pm, Parish prayer, in church (drop in or pray at home) |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom<br>8.00 pm, Choir practice   |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom  |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>    | 8.00 am, Holy Communion<br><b>10.30 am</b> , Act of Remembrance, in church and on zoom<br>6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, on zoom  |

### Coming up:

**Remembrance Sunday** this year is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November when our main act of worship and remembrance will start at **10.30 am**.

**Christmas Tree Festival** : 3-5<sup>th</sup> December. If you (and anyone you know) would like to sponsor and decorate a tree, please speak to Revd. Sally asap.

If you are able to take a poster to put up anywhere (legally!) please do take as many as you need from the CF table at the back of church – and sign to say where you have taken them for.

Although we won't have any stalls this year, we will have a raffle and as usual we are inviting church members to contribute towards a first prize Christmas hamper. Please sign the sheet if you would like to make a donation. Thank you.

**Ladies Breakfast:** we are holding a Ladies breakfast on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, with a talk by Nelly Semaille of Filling Good - a local zero waste project, and a tasty breakfast. Tickets are £5 pp and on sale now.

Men.. watch this space for your own event!

**Foodshare:** as restrictions lift, we feel that now is the time to re-introduce the Foodshare basket at the back of church. Do feel free to leave items for Foodshare there, which Peter Goford will kindly take to Foodshare for us.

### Regular activities:

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

**Midweek Holy Communion** will occur again at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee (or just come at 10.30 for coffee!).

**Baby and Toddler group** meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am. We meet in church.

**Messy Church** continues on the first Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Keeping Company** is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 16<sup>th</sup> December (none in November).

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, next 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Gaynor's Gift** is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. The next is on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm.

**Sundays at Six** A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, with a mix of zoom and in-church services. The programme is on our website.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto 'Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action', and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action, throughout the year.



In 2022 the service has been written by women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Scotland, for historic reasons, runs separately. It is an important year for the women of these countries as the last time we were involved was 1945. As more countries have joined since then, the likelihood is that it will be another 100 years before we can do it again! We are hoping for a large congregation from around the town in March. The theme for the service is 'I know the plans I have for you' and is centred round hope. This is appropriate considering all we have been through recently and amazing as it was written three years ago before we knew of the pandemic. God speaks in wonderful ways!

Gill Curry and I went to a preparation day for the service which our committee ran at St Marks Methodist Church. The speakers were Elizabeth Burroughs, the national president, and Suzanne O'Malley, one of the appointed officers. It was a fascinating day. We learned a surprising amount about our islands and were shown beautiful scenes on the power point presentation. Both women are enthusiastic in recruiting a younger generation to continue what is the largest ecumenical organisation in the world.

A few years ago the name was changed from Women's' World Day of Prayer, omitting the word 'Womens' because it has always been intended to include men, although being women-led, brings women's' issues to the attention of the world. We have been encouraged to reconsider the timing of our service. The tradition has been to hold it at 2pm, thus precluding parents collecting children from school and people at work. This also means that the committee members tend to be retired women. In our committee meeting in January we will be discussing all this and hopefully coming to a decision. It is yet to be decided where the service will be held.

Gill and I are representatives for St Luke's on the committee. I have been doing it for over 20years and am prepared to continue. However, it would be so good if there could be one or two women not in their seventies, who would consider joining us. It is not very demanding as we only meet about twice a year to plan, and we are a very friendly group. We then all take an active part in the services which are shared around the churches in the town from year to year. If there is anyone out there who is interested, have a word with me or with Gill.

Please look out for notices in the New Year and give the service a try even if you have never been before. Ruth Sheppard

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

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400                      Passcode: 526076

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password      Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing \*6 (star six)

**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

**Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810                      Passcode: 171263

**Sundays at Six: NEW link from 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdRejJUa0pQOTBJZ09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852                      Passcode: 936128

**Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, monthly    **NEW LINK****

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87016448043?pwd=WVJ4VIAzZVBIWTdmTOVjVGM1Q3k5UT09>

Meeting ID: 870 1644 8043                      Passcode: 303678

**Night Prayer from All Saints: Mondays at 8pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011600714?pwd=Y0x2VWpMQ3JFUStsQ0plbEFLOEqrQT09> Meeting

ID: 850 1160 0714 Passcode: 553120

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033