



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 4th September 2016
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

Sundays at Six: Celtic Evening Worship, here

If you are new to St. Luke's please do make yourself known to the ministers or a member of the Welcome Team, who can give you a contact card to complete. Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee, which today is served at the back of church.

You might like to know that...

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with toys and books for restless little people. Do feel free to sit there with your children. For older children we have activity bags so that they can sit with you in the pews, just ask a sidesperson for one.

... we have large print orders of service and hymn books. If you would like one please ask someone wearing a name badge.

... we have a loop system for those using hearing aids.

... the toilets are through the double doors at the front of church.

... if you would like to receive an intincted wafer at communion please let one of the ministry team know before the service and come to the south side of the altar.

... we have many activities going on during the week. For a full list please ask a person with a name badge - or take a Parish Directory from the leaflet trolley.

... we send out a weekly email update. If you would like one please email the Parish Office on admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Pastoral Care: If you have or know of any particular pastoral need (visiting, home communion, etc) please speak to our Pastoral Coordinator, Sue Hinchliffe in the first instance (01628 784724).

The Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity are:

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Philemon 1-21

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

Luke 14. 25-33

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Yesterday, Today and Forever (Hebrews 13.8) ... our 150th Birthday

This year St. Luke's celebrates the 150th birthday of the church's founding.

We have a variety of events planned across the year, including:

14th – 16th October: Patronal Celebration weekend

Tuesday 18th October: Celebration Dinner

Don't forget you can find key events for the whole year on the church website – listed by event and also on the web calendar.

There is a hard copy sheet of events by the church door.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by

Iris Brown

In memory of Peter's Birthday



What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too
www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Prayer List:: To add anyone to the prayer list on this pew sheet please notify the office -with permission of the person to be prayed for.

Messy Church: The dates for Messy Church - a time of craft, worship and food for all ages - for the remainder of this year are as follows: Friday 23rd September, Sunday 6th November and Saturday 3rd December. All sessions run from 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm.

Sundays at Six: Sundays at Six starts again today with Celtic Evening Worship, to be held here at St Luke's.

Quiet Day, Wednesday 28th September: Our next quiet day will be based in and around church starting with Holy Communion at 10 am, which will include a short address. There will then be a time of silence and space in the church/vicarage garden (weather permitting) with lunch at 1.15 pm and an afternoon address and quiet space, concluding with tea and Evening Prayer at 3.30 pm. You are welcome to any or all of the day. Please sign up to help with numbers for catering.

Morning Prayer: Please note there will be no service of Morning Prayer on Wednesdays 14th & 21st September.

Seeking Solace: We meet again tomorrow, Monday 5th September, from 3.00pm in the Parish Centre then Church. All are welcome to come along to share tea and cake, followed by a short reflection. If you have been bereaved or are lonely and would like some company for a short period, then please know that you will be made most welcome. Further information from Sonya on 632626.

Monthly Prayer: We next meet on Wednesday 7th September from 3.00pm in church. All are very welcome to come along and partake in a quiet space. Further information from Sonya on 632626.

Harvest festival this year will take place on Sunday 25th September with an All Age Holy Communion service at 10 am. Our children and young people will play a key part in the service. Gifts of food etc are invited for Foodshare and you are also invited to bring a small plant for local elderly people. We will provide plant saucers for them and children at Messy Church will make sweets to go with them. Everyone is invited to join us for a bring and share lunch at midday in church.

Music in church: as stated in the Summer Supplement, our choir will be meeting less frequently on a Friday evening this term and so we are offering the opportunity for an open sing-along with 'Beer and Hymns' from 8pm – 9.30 pm on Friday 23rd September. Come along with something you'd like to drink and choose your favourite hymns to sing. All welcome.

Grave Talk café: We are holding another opportunity to talk about big questions of life and death at this informal meeting over coffee from 10.30 am on Tuesday 8th November in the Parish Centre. Do invite anyone you think would like to come along – it isn't morbid at all, just a chance to talk about stuff we don't normally do – and to share thoughts.

Vision meetings: As part of our ongoing mission, and to help us work on our new MAP, we are establishing some task groups to explore, monitor and support key areas of mission. These are not committees but working groups with a focus. Some groups met briefly at the last Vision meeting and the aim is for the groups to meet at Vision meetings, with a brief to get them started.

The groups will meet next at 8.00pm in church on Tuesday

13th September:

Sunday Middy Worship / Weddings / Music / Bereavement / Social Media

4th October:

Christenings / Social Gospel / Our Older Members / Children & Young People / Lettings

There is no chair person but at each meeting someone needs to agree to take brief notes (ideally electronically) which can be copied after the meeting to myself and all present. Every member of the PCC is on at least one group. It would be great if every member of the congregation were also on one. Please do come along as above.

INFORMATION

Photos: The embryonic Social Media Group wishes to build up a library of photos. If you have any you are happy for us to use, save them to a disc/memory stick and bring them into the office. Please remember we must have the permission of those (or the parents/guardians of those) in the photos prior to their use.

150th BIRTHDAY & ARTS PROJECT

Street Party and Arts Project: A big thankyou to everyone who took part and helped with the Street Party and Arts Project last week.

Exhibition: We intend to have an exhibition of the history and work of the church in October. If anyone has any items that they think would be ideal, please speak to Revd Sally or Dave. We promise to take good care of valuable items.

Bags & Mugs: The bags and mugs which first went on sale over the weekend of the Flower Festival and Summer Fair are still available. You will have the opportunity to buy - £5 per mug and £5 per bag - after the 10am service.

Anniversary Dinner: On the evening of Tuesday 18th October, we will be having a two course formal meal, followed by coffee at Bisham Abbey. Tickets priced at £30.00 per person are available now. Please make cheques payable to 'St Luke's PCC'.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Ride & Stride - Saturday 10th September: It is still not too late to join the team, but please let Ian & Rachel know before the day. Sponsorship would be very welcome too! We will leave the church at 10.15 a.m. led by Ian & Rachel Harris (T.783067) who will have a choice of the full route and a shorter option suitable for youngsters. The team as a whole is sponsored to raise money for our own church and for the Berkshire Churches Trust, which gives grants for repairs to needy churches. If you wish to sponsor our team please see Rachel, Peter Goford, Ann Burdett or myself who all have sponsorship forms. Roger Bevitt

Heritage Open Day: Also on Saturday 10th September, the church will be open between 10am - 4pm for folk to discover its beauty and explore its history. If you would like to help, please see Ann Darracott.

Stitch-up: Come along on Monday 12th September to stitch together knitted squares to make blankets for Kori in Sierra Leone. We meet at 2pm in the Parish Centre, and it is a pleasant sociable time. Contact Gill Curry on 01628 625196 for more details.

Wycombe Swan Friday 25th November 7pm Gangsta Granny: The most popular of David Walliams' children's books has been made into a play which is being performed at Wycombe Swan. We have managed to book tickets (in excellent seats) at a heavily discounted price (£12.50 a person instead of £24) for the 7pm performance on Friday 25th November. David Walliams is the UK's best-selling children's author and the play is produced by the producers of Horrible Histories. If you would like to join our group (whatever your age) and/or bring children or grandchildren please let Ann Burdett know asap and give cheques payable to St. Lukes PCC by September 12th. (We may combine the show with tea in High Wycombe beforehand.) Ann Burdett 631486

Thursday Teas: Tea and cakes, and an opportunity to have a chat will be waiting for you in the Parish Centre on Thursday 8th September between 2pm and 4pm. Everyone is very welcome, so we do hope you can join us. If you need transport contact Enid (628195) or Phyllis (778656)

St Luke's Relatively Young People: SLRYP will next meet at The Bear on Sunday 11th September at 7.30pm. For more details please see James Ellins.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Space for God: All Saints will be restarting its Thursday evening 'Space for God' services in September. All are very welcome to join in and experience the different styles of worship used each week. Full details can be found on the boards at the back of church outside the office.

Churches Together Christmas Day Lunch: CTiM is seeking a transport co-ordinator to help with the organisation of ferrying folk to and from the Christmas Day

lunch. They will need access to a personal computer, and be able to use email. Training on a bespoke database will be given, but most importantly the person needs to be available on Christmas Day to oversee the transport arrangements in case there are any queries or late changes. If you would like to help, please contact Tony Weeks on 01628 627265 or email tonyweeks@maidenhead6.freesevice.co.uk

Windsor & Maidenhead Community Forum: The next meeting of the WAMCF Women's Group will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 26th September at St Joseph's RC Church. Women of all faiths or none are welcome to come along and share refreshments and hear Sarbjit Atwal talk about her work 'True Honour'.

COMING UP AT ST. LUKE'S

Harvest Festival followed by bring & share lunch: Sunday 25th September

150th Birthday Celebration Weekend: 14th-16th October

Friday & Saturday: Church open from 9.30am-6pm - exhibition

Sunday 10am: Holy Communion with the Bishop of Reading

4pm: Choral Evensong

Formal Dinner: Tuesday 18th October at Bisham Abbey – tickets now available

More details of events taking place in the summer and autumn can be found in the 'Summer Supplement'

For your prayers



- Revd Nicola and Ben as they prepare for parenthood
- The ministry and mission of this church and our offering of ourselves
- Those caught up in the refugee crises and those affected by terrorism
- Our nation - and our European neighbours - following the referendum
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work
- Michael & Kathryn - married here recently, and Tim & Laura - married here last week
- Alexander - baptised here recently
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Elizabeth Harris, Bessie Wright, Toby Mace, Amelia Martin, Bethany Langran, Toby Langran
- Those who live and/or work in The Pagoda
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Katharine Morris, Ben Francis, Steven Sands, Tim Williams, Chris Sawyers, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, Marian Brooks, Vivienne Holland
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Dorothy Webster



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Sundays at Six: Evensong & Benediction at All Saints

Next week's readings at 10am:

1 Timothy 1. 12-17

Luke 15. 1-10

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Don Luff

Elements: Jan & Ian Gilchrist

Chalice: Roger Bevitt, Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake

Reader: Shula Tajima

Intercessor: Phyllis Sigsworth

Coffee: Ruth Jones, Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Peter Goford, Eileen Goford, Ann Burdett

Phyllis Sigsworth, Dorothy Strack-Hankey

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 5th	3.00 pm	Seeking Solace
Tuesday 6th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Office 9.30-11	7.15 pm	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	PCC
Wednesday 7th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Office 9.30-11	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Prayer Group
Thursday 8th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Office 9.30-11	2.00 pm	Thursday Teas
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 9th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Office 9.30-11	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 10th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Heritage Open Day
	10.15 am	Ride & Stride departure

St. Luke's Church Office is open Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri, 9.30 am - 11 am

Deadline for entries for this weekly pew sheet is 9.00 am on Tuesdays.

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