



## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 17th September 2017**  
**Trinity 14**

### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

**8.00 am Holy Communion, BCP**

**10.00 am Parish Communion**

**with Baptisms of Elsie, Harriet and Rupert**

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

**6.00pm Sundays at Six: Desert Island Hymns and Readings at  
The Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green**

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 will be served in the community hall.

#### **You might like to know that...**

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with quiet toys and books. 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 in the community hall and there is a portaloo behind the porch

... if you would like to receive an intincted wafer at communion please come to the south side of the altar and indicate to the minister.

... 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](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) and we will add you to the list.

**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 reading sfor the Thirteen Sunday after Trinity:**

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans: [at 8.00 am]**

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?'

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

<sup>23</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;

and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

*Matthew 18. 21-35*

**Collect for Trinity 14**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.

**Hymn during Communion**

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name  
I've been born again in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to  
*He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received  
Freely, freely give  
Go in My name, and because you believe  
Others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His power as He told me to.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, the source of truth  
and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles'  
teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking  
of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of  
heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:**

Joan Harnby

*In loving memory of Bill and Gladys*



**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too [www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)**

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**Our Harvest celebrations are next weekend:** everyone is warmly invited to a bring and share picnic in Kidwells park from 2.30pm-4.30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Our Harvest Festival service will be an All Age Holy Communion Service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. We will have a speaker from Tear Fund. You are warmly invited to bring any of: the usual food offering for Food Share, a financial contribution to the work of Tear Fund and a small plant ( in a plant saucer) to be blessed and to deliver to a local person.

**Quiet day:** There will be a pre-Advent Quiet Day on **Saturday 18th November**, from 10.15 am until 4.00 pm at Ascot Priory. Cost £7.50 per person. This replaces the Ladies Breakfast calendared for that day (which may not be possible given the building work) and also replaces the Advent pilgrimage calendared for 2nd December (now a wedding that day).

**And quiet children!** To help occupy our wonderful toddlers during services we are seeking to offer more quiet activities - if you have any stickle bricks that you can spare, or soft bricks or hand puppets or if you fancy making some felt bricks we would really appreciate them. Thank you.

**Patronal Festival:** We will celebrate the Feast Day of St Luke on **22nd October** with a Parish Communion at 10am and a family celebration from midday-4pm in the community hall with a bring and share lunch and a variety of activities. There will be no 6pm service on this day.

On **15th October** we have a Choral Evensong as a part of Sundays at Six.

**Mini teaching series:** there will be a series in the autumn: What do Christians believe? Everyone is warmly invited to any or all of the sessions, on Thursdays, at 8.00 pm, in church:

28th September: what is revelation?

5th October: what about Jesus?

12th October: who is the Holy Spirit?

19th October: what do we mean by Trinity?

26th October: why suffering?

2nd November: what is salvation?

**Task Group Meetings:** Open meetings in church to explore aspects of our church life and worship and to help enact our Mission Action Plan.

**Tuesday 26th September 8pm:** Social Media, Social Gospel, Our Older Members, Children and Young People.

**Crucifer/Acolyte/Chalice Assistant:** The new rota has been sent out by email. If you are expecting one and haven't received it, please let me know. Thank you. Nicola Buckland: [nixbea@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nixbea@yahoo.co.uk)

## **SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING**

**Ride and Stride:** Congratulations to our Team of Peter, his friend Andy, Ann & Richard who, on 9th September, visited 21 churches on a new 37 mile cycle ride that took them through the Walthams, Ruscombe, Sonning, Shiplake, Henley and Warren Row. Parts along the Thames tow path were so slippery with mud that they had to walk to avoid the chance of having to swim. Many thanks to those who have already sponsored them. For others who wish to sponsor them, Peter Goford, Ann Burdett and myself still have the forms. Roger Bevitt

**Charities Fair, Saturday, 4 November:** We are planning to have a stall at the Combined Charities Fair and I am hoping that people will have some jams, chutneys, pickles, lemon curd etc. to donate for sale. I shall make Christmas cakes. We usually manage to raise about £300.00 for general fund, which makes it well worth the effort. Items can be brought to me at your convenience before the event and if you are able to offer help with pricing and labelling before the day or on the Friday evening or Saturday, please let me know. Contact 01628 783618. Sally Somerville

**Moonlight walk 2nd, 4th or 5th October:** This is the time of the full Harvest Moon and we hope to have a local walk of about 3m. at 7.15pm on one of these dates. If you are interested please let us know by 1st October 10am Service latest, what dates you could come and, having considered the weather forecast, we will let you know which date the walk will take place. Further details to follow. Roger & Jilly Bevitt T.633464

**School Stationery for the Kori Project:** We are collecting school stationery for the Kori Project. Biro's, pencils, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, protractors, set squares etc all welcome. Please drop donations into the box at the back of church. For more information please see Gill Curry

**Christmas is coming!** Our seventh Christmas Tree festival is from 8th –10th December this year. We have 60 trees on order and sponsor forms and letters available from 25th September. If you would like to join the group doing the overseeing of the CTF please let Revd Sally know, and come along to a meeting at the vicarage at 8pm on Wednesday 27th Sept., if you can.

## **Wycombe Swan Christmas Panto - Thursday 28th December at**

**7pm:** I have made a provisional group booking to see Jack and the Beanstalk at Wycombe Swan theatre. Full payment needs to be made to Wycombe Swan during September so I will need cheques, payable to St. Lukes PCC by Sunday September 24th, but for now I need to check I have reserved approximately the correct number of seats so if you think would like to come please let me know asap. Ann Burdett (tel 631486 or email ann@aremb.com)

**Children's society boxes:** This year, Kristina Smith would like to collect your Children's Society Boxes earlier than usual and is asking that you bring them into church handing to either Kristina or to Ben Darracott throughout September. Boxes will be counted and returned during October. Many thanks.

**Red Carpet!** We have had a very generous donation towards replacing the red dais and chancel carpet (still red) and that will happen once the building work is complete. We are a little short of the full cost so if anyone would like to contribute to this as a thank offering please speak to Richard, our treasurer.

## **WIDER COMMUNITY**

**Organ Recital at All Saints, Marlow:** Rhidian Jones, our former organist writes to say that he is giving an organ recital at All Saints' Church in Marlow this afternoon at 3 p.m. Music to include pieces by Bach, Brahms and Hindemith. Admission is free, and cream teas are available afterwards. He would be glad to see people from his former church there.

## **RE-ORDERING UPDATE**

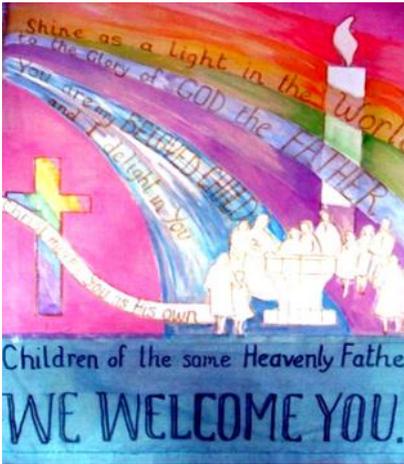
Work is well underway in the former parish centre and the builders move into church in the next week or so.

Please note that from tomorrow **the church and office will not be accessible except for services (including midweek)**. The office will still be contactable by phone, or in person by appointment only. The prayer area will be available before and after services only. We hope this will be just for a couple of months.

The Funding group has now made a number of applications for Funding agencies and also to companies. To date we have received a total of ££16,500. If you have any personal contacts or links with people, companies, agencies, organisations that you think might be able to offer funding or offers in kind – however small – please do let Sally or Emma Shenton know.

See the weekly update and website for photos.

We now have copies of an information flyer about our project to deliver to roads locally. If you can offer to help deliver to a street please see Ian or Sally- or take a pile from church.



### **Baptism photos:**

Please do let us have a copy of one of your Christening photos to add to our display. By post to the vicarage or email to the church office.

**For your prayers (to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)**



- The ministry and mission of this church
- Our re-ordering of the church, for forbearance during the work to take place, and fundraising / grant applications
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in September: Toby Mace, Bethany Langran, Amelia Martin, Toby Langran, Lacey Saunders, Louie Tull
- Those baptised here recently: Leo and Chloe Samuel-Gibbon, Eva Monello-Whittaker, Archibald Shaw
- Aurelia, baptised last week and Elsie, Harriet and Rupert, to be baptised today.
- All those who live and work in Cookham Road
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Ben Francis, Stephen Sands, Tim Williams, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, babies Albert and George, Rose Dolan
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Margaret Grove, Alex Jackson
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Betty Ackland-Snow, Violet Ferguson, Dorothy Webster, Harry James, Vera Wheeler, Geoffrey Knight, Robert Dymond, Kenneth Lewis, Mary Dawson, Edna Franklin, Joan Richardson, Joan Fusco, Jessica Nicholls, Margaret Borfield, Brian Ing, Derek Wilkins

### **Church life: Bible readers:**

Lord, we celebrate and give thanks for our Bible readers. Through their ministry we hear the word of God proclaimed week by week. May the words that they speak bring salt and light to our hearts and minds, and may we so continue to learn and grow in spirit and in truth. Amen



## Next Sunday, 24th September

### Harvest Festival

**8.00 am** Holy Communion

**10.00 am** All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Tear Fund speaker

6.00pm Sundays at Six: International Taize service, here

### Next week's readings at 10am:

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**Next week's rotas under Duty Warden:** Ruth Sheppard

**Intercessor:** tbc    **Chalice:** Don Luff, James Ellins

**Acolytes:** Sue Hinchliffe, Ben Darracott

**Server:** Ben Darracott    **Crucifer:** Nicola Buckland

**Elements:** Gill and Roger Bevitt

**Coffee:** Gill Curry, Ann Darracott

**Welcomers:** **8.00 am:** Joan Harnby

**10.00 am:** Don Luff, Jill Bevitt, Emma Shenton, John Cox

Monday 18th Sept

*Office by phone now on*

Tuesday 19th

8.30am

Morning Prayer

7.15pm

Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th

8.30am

Morning Prayer

10.00 am

Holy Communion

Thursday 21st

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.00pm

Evening Prayer

Friday 22nd

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.00pm

Evening Prayer

Saturday 23rd

2.30 pm

Harvest picnic in Kidwells Park

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

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

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