



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 18th September 2016
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion with Baptisms

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

Sundays at Six: International Taize Service, 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 in the Parish Centre.

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity are:

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

Luke 16. 1-13

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they
find their rest in you: pour your
love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself, and so bring us at last to
your heavenly city where we shall
see you face to face;
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, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given
to all good works;
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

Tony & Enid Barber

to celebrate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mary & Mick



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

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.

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.

Harvest festival this year will take place on Sunday 25th September with an All Age Holy Communion service at 10 am. 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.

Beer and Hymns: Friday 23rd September from 8pm – 9.30 pm. 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.

Readers and intercessors: We would love to extend the number of people reading in the main Sunday service, and leading intercessions. If you think you might be called to this ministry please speak to Sally. If you are worried about writing prayers we can always provide them for you to read.

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 have already met. Thanks to all who came.

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

Special services coming up: *Harvest Festival, 25th September.* See earlier note.
Pet service, 2nd October: This will be an All Age Word service to which everyone is warmly invited to bring along (well behaved and/or in cages) pets of all shapes and sizes.

150th BIRTHDAY & ARTS PROJECT

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

If anyone is able to help set up on Wednesday 12th October come along between 11am-4pm, the more the merrier. If anyone has (or knows a source of) any display boards we could borrow please let us know. Thank you

Bags & Mugs: The bags and mugs 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 from the parish office or on sale after church . Please make cheques payable to 'St Luke's PCC'.

Church concert, Saturday 15th October 2016 at 1pm: As part of our 150th anniversary celebrations, we are putting on an hour-long concert in church to show off the musical talents of our congregation and friends. Children who are learning to play an instrument or sing, this is your opportunity to shine under St Luke's Gate of Heaven. Grown-ups, this is your opportunity to dust off your Grade 3 pieces from, ahem, the previous century, and play or sing them to a rapt audience. We are looking for items lasting from 3 to 5 minutes; they can be modest or difficult to perform, as you wish. A piano accompanist will be available if you need one. Please speak soon to Rhidian Jones about your possible contribution to this. (telephone 01628 783618 or e-mail Rhidian.Jones@outlook.com).

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Charities Fair - Saturday 5 November: We are planning to have a stall at this event and I have already had offers of marmalade and jam and chutney from some reliable stalwarts of the St Luke's chefs. More offers would be much appreciated, especially as we want to make much of our 150th by having a really zingy stall. Programmes and raffle tickets will be on sale from Sunday 25 September. Sally Somerville

Ride & Stride: Thank you and well done to our team of cyclists. Thank you also to all those who have already sponsored the team to raise money for our own church and for the Berkshire Churches Trust, which gives grants for repairs to needy churches. It's not too late to donate, so please see Rachel Harris, Peter Goford, Ann Burdett or Roger Bevitt.

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 28th. (We may combine the show with tea in High Wycombe beforehand.) Ann Burdett 631486

Wycombe Swan Pantomime: Names and payment are required urgently as the theatre needs to know numbers. If you would like to join a group from St. Luke's going to see Cinderella on Thursday 29th December at 7pm, please let Ann Burdett (631486) know by Sunday 25th September. We have reserved a wheelchair space if it is needed. Tickets are £17.50 each.

Couch Potatoes: Do come and join us for a fun way to lose some weight, New members very welcome. We are not a slimming club but a group of like - minded people who support and encourage each other by swapping recipes and ways to reduce our waistlines. Meeting at 7pm Wednesday 21st September in the Parish Centre.

Children's Society: Kristina Smith is taking over as box co-ordinator in October so I would like to say thank you to all who have contributed over the past few years. The boxes need to be sent off by mid-November and the money needs to be counted, so please hand them in to Kristina in October, not before as she is moving house this month! Of course cheques are most welcome too, made payable to The Children's Society. In the mean time I am happy to help with any questions. Ruth Sheppard.

WIDER COMMUNITY

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 with 'True Honour'.

Baby and Toddler Group: has now started again on Thursday from 9.30 – 11.15 am in the community hall. All welcome, £1.50 per family. We'd love it if a small number of adults could offer to help set out the chairs in the hall either later on Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning. The more volunteers the less often on the rota! Please let the church office staff know if you can help. This is a lovely simple way of serving the community. Thank you.

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



- Revd Nicola and Ben as they celebrate the arrival of Luke
- 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 plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work
- Tim & Laura - married here recently
- Louie and Lacey, to be baptised here today
- 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 Bailey Close
- 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: Peggy Brett, Violet Ferguson



Next Sunday, 25th September

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion - Harvest

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Sundays at Six: Iona Evening Worship with
Meditation at Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Next week's readings at 10am:

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

(John 6. 25-35)

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Peter Goford

Elements: Julienne Grobler, Ann Hockham

Chalice: Shula Tajima, Sue Harbour

Reader: Nicola Buckland and Young People

Intercessor: Young People

Coffee: Ann & Richard Burdett

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Ann Hockham

10.00 am: Don Luff, Jilly Bevitt, Ben Darracott, Peter Goford

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 19th

Tuesday 20th 8.30 am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30-11 7.15 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st

Office 9.30-11 10.00 am Holy Communion

7.00 pm Couch Potatoes

Thursday 22nd 8.30 am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30-11 5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Friday 23rd 8.30 am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30-11 3.30 pm Messy Church

8.00 pm Beer & Hymns

Saturday 24th 9.00 am Morning Prayer

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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