



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 23rd October 2016

Bible Sunday

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

4.00 pm Memorial 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, cheese and wine, which will be served around the church.

You might like to know that...

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with 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 through the double doors at the front of church.

... 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 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 readings for Bible Sunday are:

A Reading from the Book of Romans

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15.1-6

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'

Luke 4. 16-24

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly di-
gest them
that, through patience, and the comfort
of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



‘Open the Book’ worship at St. Luke’s
School: the baby in the bullrushes

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week

*In memory of those who lost their lives in the village of Aberfan on
21st October 1966, and those who remain*



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Holy Land pilgrimage: following the success of our trip to the Holy Land in February I have arranged to lead another group in February 2017 (14th – 23rd). If you are thinking of coming, let me know now as we need to confirm places. Sally

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: Sunday 6th November and Saturday 3rd December. All sessions run from 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm.

Grave Talk café: this event scheduled for 8th November has been postponed.

Memorial Service: Today at 4pm. As well as remembering all who have died in the last year we will this year also give thanks for all who have played a part on the life of this church over the last 150 years.

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/Task Groups: Thank you to all who attended and your contributions to the various discussions. Scribes - if you have yet to send your notes to Revd Sally, please do so (ideally by email to sally514@btinternet.com) at the earliest opportunity in order they may be distributed.

The next meetings are: Vision meetings – Task groups: Tuesdays at 8pm:

8th November - Sunday Midday Worship / Weddings / Music / Bereavement / Christenings.

22nd November - Social media / Social Gospel / Our Older Members / Children & Young People / poss. Re-Ordering group.

Sheep! Time is rushing by and before we know it we will be in Advent, sending out our travelling nativity set. Each year a flock of sheep travel with it and families are invited to choose one to keep. We have a few stray sheep from last year but do need more to make up the flock. If you are able to knit some please take the pattern from the back of church and bring them (with their tails behind them!) to the office by mid-November. Thank you.

Special offer: books by Bishop Steven

DLT Books are offering everyone in the Diocese the opportunity to buy *The Advent Calendar*, *Ministry in Three Dimensions* and *Transforming Communities* at half-price. To take advantage of the offer (until 30 November), simply use Steven's surname, Croft, in the discount code field in the online shopping basket on the [website](#).

150th BIRTHDAY

Exhibition: Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the exhibition and to all those who helped to set it up and decorate the church.

Bags & Mugs: The bags and mugs are still available at the cost of £5 per mug and £5 per bag.

INFORMATION

Re-Ordering update: The revised faculty notice brought further letters of objection (most original and a few new ones) All writers received a letter from the Deputy Registrar asking if they wished to become formal objectors. Three people did so by returning Form 5 to the Registry and serving it on myself and the wardens as petitioners. The wardens and I have now responded to the Form 5s with a Form 6. We have now written a letter of response to the other objections (in one letter) which goes directly to the Deputy Registrar. We now await further directions from the Registry.

Please be aware that this will entail a huge amount of work for some people, particularly the wardens and myself, but I am very determined that this will not prevent any pastoral or liturgical ministry taking place, nor our 150th birthday celebrations and other planned activities.

It has been encouraging to witness the unity with which we have shared worship, meals and other activities recently. Please do pray that we may continue to be gracious in our relationships with each other as members of one Christian family. Revd. Sally

Contactors: There will be a Contactors meeting on Tuesday 25th October at 8pm in the Parish Centre. As we only have two meetings a year please make every effort to attend. If anyone needs transport please let me know.

We are becoming very short of Contactors. If any one would be interested in joining the team or would like more information as to what it involves, please contact me, Sue Hinchliffe, or better still come to the meeting on Tuesday 25th October at 8pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. Thank you. Sue Hinchliffe 01628 784724

Church Care Time: Saturday 19 November 9.30 - 12.30

We have an ambitious programme of maintenance and repairs this time, inside and out, and would welcome plenty of volunteers of both sexes. Please note the date if you may be able to help, and see the detailed list of tasks and a sign up form at the back of the church. It helps greatly with the planning if we know who is coming and what tasks would suit them, so do talk to me or Don Luff if you have not come before.

If anyone has sand & cement they can spare to re-concrete in one of the iron gate posts please let me know. Thanks, Roger Bevitt T.633464.

Inspire: The next issue of our church magazine will be out in early December and it would be fantastic to see a wide range of contributions from the congregation - thank you to those who've already given me something. Please email your articles, ideas and/or photos to inspire@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk by 9pm on Wednesday 30th November. If email isn't possible, I can also accept paper submissions before the deadline. Thanks very much, Louisa Ellins, Editor.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Charities Fair - Saturday 5 November: We are having 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 are now on sale. Sally Somerville

Children's Society: Kristina Smith has taken over as box co-ordinator, and needs your box in order that the money collected can be counted and paid in. Cheques - made payable to 'The Children's Society' - are also very welcome.

Monthly Lunch: We shall be going to The Carvery, Stafferton Lodge on THURSDAY, 27th October leaving church at 11.50am. Any queries to Jean T-D on 626671 or Phyllis on 778656 Transport will be available do hope you can join us

WIDER COMMUNITY

Winter Coats: Churches Together in Maidenhead are collecting winter coats for men, women, and (particularly) children to send out to refugees in Syria and Lebanon. If you have any you are able to donate, please drop them off at St Peter's 9-12 on weekday mornings or on Sunday mornings before 23rd October.

Bach to Baby: We are delighted to let you know that Bach to Baby - the critically acclaimed classical concerts for babies and young children - will be starting here again. The concerts will be held on Tuesdays at 11am on 25th October and 22nd November. There will also be a special Christmas concert on Tuesday 20th December at 3pm.

A Military Man's View of Faith: Major General Tim Cross was a Commander of the British forces in Iraq during the last war there. He will be speaking about his life and beliefs at Maidenhead Synagogue on Tuesday 1st November at 8pm. All queries to admin@maidenheadsynagogue.org.uk or phone 01628 673012

Maidenhead Care – an urgent appeal for duty officers: Maidenhead Care has a large number of local residents on their client register who depend on them for help and support. A team of volunteers provides transport for medical appointments, both locally and further afield, also shopping and visiting the lonely. This much-needed service is organised by a rota of Duty Officers who work from home, with a telephone and computer, both of which are provided by Maidenhead Care. Currently the charity is having a real crisis due to a severe shortage of Duty Officers. They need *urgent* help *now* so that they can fulfil their promise to be available 5 days a week, every week.

Please consider whether you can spare a day or half a day, monthly to enable them to continue to offer this valuable service to those who need it. All Duty Officers receive full training and ongoing support. If this type of voluntary work does not appeal, could you offer any time to help us with driving?

Visit Maidenhead Care website: maidenheadcare.org.uk to find out all about us or talk to Jan Cheek or Ann Hockham, your St Luke's Representatives

Hall Caretaker: There is a vacancy for a Hall Caretaker, the position is to start in November. If you or anyone you know is interested please speak to Phyllis Sigsworth or Sally.

Lost fleece: A light blue fleece has been found in church, owner to collect from office.

Chocoholics and Coffee Evening: In order to raise money for 2 local charities- People to Places and Thames Hospice, I am having a coffee evening with all sorts of chocolate novelties on sale. Prices range from 20p tree decorations to large lush boxes of beautifully packaged chocolates. The chocoholics party (with full display and samples!) is on Thursday November 17th at 7.45pm at 30 Mallow park. Everyone is welcome and I have chocolate catalogues available for anyone who would like to pre-order. All the money raised and all the commission goes to the two charities. Ann Burdett (631486)

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



- Give thanks for 150 years of St Luke's
- The ministry and mission of this church and our offering of ourselves
- Those caught up in the refugee crises and those affected by terrorism
- Those affected by Hurricane Matthew
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work
- Tom & Nikki Brooks and Tanya & Paul Savage, celebrating their first wedding anniversary
- Dina, Rebecca, Rhidian, Monique and Hilary, who were confirmed last Sunday
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in October: leuan Cox, Emilia Baines, Felicity Pearce, Taya-Macey Davies-Elsbury, Willow Brudenall, Dylan Darienzo, Amelia-Lilly Caldwell-Brudenall, Georgia Percival
- Those who live and/or work in Collier 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, Vivienne Holland
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Betty Ackland-Snow, Phyl Claydon, Marian Brooks

