



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 24th September 2017

Trinity 15 Harvest Festival

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Tear Fund speaker-David Brown

6.00pm 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 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 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 the Fifteen Sunday after Trinity:

A Reading from Paul's Letters to the Corinthians

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever.'

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9. 6-15

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.' Do not worry

Then Jesus said to his disciples: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

‘Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12. 16-30

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks unto the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green
Strawberries sweeter than any I've seen,
Beetroot purple and onions white,
All grow steadily day and night,
*The apples are ripe, the plums are red,
Broad beans are sleeping in the blankety bed.*

Blackberries juicy and rhubarb sour,
Marrow fattening hour by hour,
Gooseberries hairy and lettuces fat,
*The apples are ripe, the plums are red,
Broad beans are sleeping in the blankety bed.*

Radishes round and runners beans flat.

Orangey carrots and turnips cream
Reddening tomatoes that used to be green
Brown potatoes in little heaps
Down in the darkness where the celery sleeps

*The apples are ripe the plums are red,
Broad beans are sleeping in the blankety bed x3 (shhh)*

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Mr T Autos



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

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.

INFORMATION

Found earring: A small silver dangly earring with a red stone was found on Sunday in the community hall after coffee. If it is yours please contact the office.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

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 walk from Cookham Dean of about 3m. at 7.15pm on one of these dates. Park near the church opposite the Jolly Farmer (GR871851). 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.
Roger & Jilly Bevitt T.633464

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: FINAL CALL. If you would like to join the group from St. Luke's going to Wycombe Swan to see Jack and the Beanstalk at Wycombe Swan theatre, please let me know asap. I may be able to keep a few extra seats on reserve but places can only be guaranteed to people who pay in full by Sunday October 1st. The cost is £17.50 and cheques should be made payable to St. Lukes PCC. If you would like to come and require transport just let me know. 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.

RE-ORDERING UPDATE/ IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that the church is now out of action during the day – this is for cleaning, office access etc. the exceptions are: Sunday services Morning and Evening Prayer (usual times days), Tuesday evening 7.15pm Holy Communion, Thursday evening Teaching series.

Please note that the Wednesday Morning communion services WILL NOT take place during October. We will let you know about November nearer the time. However, as our actual Patronal Feast day is a Wednesday, everyone is invited to a service of Holy Communion at 8.15 pm on 18th October, followed by light refreshments.

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.

Please see the church website for this week's progress report.



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, Elsie, Harriet and Rupert
- For Russell and Susan married here last week.
- All those who live and work in Pearce 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: Alex Jackson, Lisa Plummer
- 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

Chalice assistants

Father, we give thanks for those in the congregation who have been selected and chosen to serve as chalice assistants in your church. As they carry this most precious gift of wine, consecrated, and blessed, and given by you to all who will take it, we ask you to bless them and bring them great joy. Amen



Next Sunday, 1st October

Trinity 16

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

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3.00pm Seeking Solace

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Harvest Songs of Praise at Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Next week's readings at 10am:

Phil 2. 1-13

Matt 21. 23-32

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Dave Sopp

Intercessor: Stars and Sparks **Chalice:** Johanna Raffan, Tony Lane

Acolytes: Ben Darracott, Michael Masango

Server: Roger Clarke **Crucifer:** Roger Clarke

Elements: Sonya and Roger Clarke

Coffee: Mary Oubridge, Eileen Goford, Sue Harbour

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Ann Hockham

10.00 am: John and Rita Salter, Rebecca Bryant

Monday 25th Sept

Office by phone now on

Tuesday 26th

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.30pm

Community Meal

7.15pm

Holy Communion

8.00pm

Task Groups

Wednesday 27th

10.00 am

NO Morning Prayer

Holy Communion and Healing

8.00 pm

Christmas Tree Festival Meeting (vic)

Thursday 28th

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.00pm

Evening Prayer

8.00pm

Teaching series starts

Friday 29th

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.00pm

Evening Prayer

Saturday 30th

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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