



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 25th September 2016
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion - Harvest Thanksgiving

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

12.00 pm Lunch

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Iona Evening Worship at 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 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 Harvest are:

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

John 6. 1-14

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.



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 not been sponsored this week



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Advent Pilgrimage: This year's Advent Pilgrimage - including an Advent Carol Service - will be to Christ Church Cathedral on 26th November from 2pm. Further details to come. A few copies of 'What's on at Christ Church Cathedral' can be found at the back of church.

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 Sally know now as we need to confirm places.

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: 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.

Memorial Service: Please note that we have had to change the date of our annual Memorial service from that published in the Sundays at Six sheet to the previous Sunday, 23rd October, at 4.00 pm. 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. If you would like the name of a lost loved one read out at the service please email the office with the name by 16th October.

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 Service NEXT WEEK: 'Thank God for Pets' service. This will be an All Age Word service to which everyone is invited to bring (well behaved and/or in cages) pets of all shapes and sizes - live or stuffed!

Seeking Solace: This monthly opportunity for the bereaved to meet for chat and prayer will next happen on Sunday 2nd October at 3pm

150th BIRTHDAY & ARTS PROJECT

Exhibition: We intend to have an exhibition of the history and work of the church in October. Although we have had some response, we really do need a lot more if the exhibition is to be a success. 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

Invitations: Invitations for our Birthday Weekend are now available. Please do feel free to take some to pass on to family, friends or neighbours. We would love to celebrate with as many people as possible!

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).

INFORMATION

Brown Coat: A brown cord coat has been found in church. Please contact the office if it is yours, or you know who it may belong to.

Office: Please note the office will be closed on Wednesday 28th September.

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

Monthly Lunches: On Thursday 29th September, we will be going to the Bells of Ouseley (Harvester) for lunch and will leave church at 11.45am. Please let Jean T-D (626671) or Enid (628195) know if you are coming and particularly if you would like a lift.

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 required by 2nd October: 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 2nd October. Tickets are £17.50 each - cheques payable to 'St Luke's PCC'

Children's Society: Kristina Smith is taking over as box co-ordinator in October. 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! 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.

Ride & Stride: Our cycling team of 6 adults and 4 children did well, coping with wet weather, they visited 24 churches on a route around Maidenhead then through Taplow, Burnham, Britwell, where the 7 year old and her Mum turned for home, while the rest went on to Windsor before returning. The sponsorship money goes to our own church and to the Berkshire Churches Trust, which gives grants for repairs to needy churches. If you still wish to give, please contact Peter Goford, Ann Burdett or myself during the next few days. Roger Bevitt T.633464

Spire Brand Marmalade: This is on sale again at £1.20 a jar. Please see me after the 10a.m. Service.

Calling jam and pickle makers: A stock of empty jam jars has built up in the wooden box under the table near the main church door. Please help yourself. Thanks. Jilly Bevitt.

Moonlight Walk 7.15 pm: The next full moon (the Hunter's Moon) occurs around the time of our Patronal/105th celebrations. If you are interested in a walk of about

3m., please let us know as soon as possible, including which dates from 15-17th October the above range could suit you. We also have to fit in with the weather! Details to follow. Roger & Jilly T.633464

WIDER COMMUNITY

Windsor & Maidenhead Community Forum: The next meeting of the WAMCF Women's Group will take place TOMORROW at 7.30pm 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.

Community Meal: All are very welcome to the next Community Meal, which will be held in the Parish Centre at 5.30pm on Tuesday 27th September.

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.

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
- Those who will receive our Harvest offerings
- 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
- Louie and Lacey, baptised here last week
- Dina, Rebecca, Rhidian, Monique and Hilary, to be confirmed on 16th October
- 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 Camperdown
- 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, 2nd October

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Word Service - Pet Service

Officiant: Revd Sally Lynch

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3.00 pm Seeking Solace

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

Next week's readings at 10am:

Genesis 1. 20-31

Luke 12. 22-31

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Dave Sopp

Elements: Not required

Chalice: Not required

Reader: Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake

Intercessor: Children & Young People

Coffee: Jan & Ian Gilchrist

Welcomers: **8.00 am:** Joan Harnby

10.00 am: to be confirmed

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 26th	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group at St Joseph's
Tuesday 27th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	7.15 pm	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	PCC Standing Committee
Wednesday 28th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	<i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	10.00 am
Thursday 29th	10.30 am	Quiet Day
	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
	<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	11.45 am
Friday 30th	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 1st	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	12.00 pm	Vicarage Garden Working Party

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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