



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 12th November, Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and we will have the usual Service of the Word at **10.30 am** which will include the two minute silence. There will be a simple(quiet) activity for any children present. The only service of Holy Communion in the parish will be at 8.00 am – to which everyone is warmly invited.

Do read on to see all that is going on here. Please also consider what help you can offer during the Christmas Tree Festival. Do contact Revd. Sally to offer help...

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in
authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the
kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the
world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reading for Holy Communion

First Reading

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words. *1 Thessalonians 4.13-end*

Gospel Reading

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ¹The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with

their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Matthew 25.1-13

Sunday's Hymns:

584	All my hope on God is founded	623	Eternal Father, strong to save
559	God of freedom, God of justice	578	The National Anthem
746	O God our help in ages past		

Thought for the week:

What IS peace?

As we journey through the season of Remembrance this year, world peace feels ever more fragile. Our hearts break for the people of Ukraine and Russia, of Gaza, Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. There are many areas of the world, forgotten by the media, where people live in fear, amidst fighting and bloodshed.

Will there ever be a lasting peace?

The answer is probably a resounding, No. Or, not at least until the time we call the Parousia, the return of Jesus in glory to fully complete the salvation of the world.

Should we despair? Also a resounding, No!

The unrest in the world is caused by human frailty, greed and all of the unkind and unhelpful traits that we seem to invest in.

At our heart, human beings are good, kind and peace loving and so peace can rule right there and spill over into the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid'. (John 14.27)

Let's take these words to heart tis Remembrance-tide, and let's allow peace to flow from our own hearts too.



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Thanksgiving for all who have given their lives in war, and for peace throughout the world.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there and for strength for all those who are suffering loss and fear. For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town, especially those worried for loved ones.
- For Sam, as she develops our work with children and families.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For a new church music leader.
- For our growth in faith and for the developing Alpha team. For God to be moving guests to join the course next year.
- For all that is involved in our Christmas Tree Festival – smooth practicalities, lots of volunteer help, stamina, and that those who visit might meet with God.
- That we may each play our part in the ministry of our church and care for its building.
- For our care for creation.

- For Jude Ridley, Levi Patton and Elsie Trillow baptised recently, and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Owen Green, Lilly Hutchinson, Robert Midgley, Beatrix Ribton, Isabella Burdett, Fred Wilson, Harper Hutchinson, Poppie King-Couling, Klarissa Obwianu.
- For all those who live and work in Castle Hill.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Alice, Jean Jackson, Ken and Lucy Young
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Paula Clayton-Nuth.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Mary Church, Thomas Speakman, Alice Newman, Roy Rance, Ruth Keys, Mary Fox, Marcus Lawes, James Herbert, Eileen Hurst, Francisca Knowles, Stuart Courtier, Joan Joyce, Trevor Headington, Catherine Vincent, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surridge, Olive Powell, Beryl Maguire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith, Kenneth Rivers, Pamela Rivers.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 12th November 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 91	Proverbs 1.20-end	Luke 16
Monday	Psalm 20	Isaiah 5.8-24	Mathhew 4.23-5.12
Tuesday	Psalm 21	Isaiah 5.25-end	Matthew 5.13-20
Wednesday	Psalm 23	Isaiah 6	Matthew 5.21-37
Thursday	Psalm 26	Isaiah 7.1-17	Matthew 5.38-end
Friday	Psalm 32	Isaiah 8.1-15	Matthew 6.1-18
Saturday	Psalm 33	Isaiah 8.16-9.7	Matthew 6.19-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday the 19th November: Parish Communion

Read: Richard Burdett

Intercede: Terrie Robinson

Welcomers: Rachel, Don and Shula

Coffee: no coffee

Our church is floodlit at night.

The floodlighting has not been sponsored this week

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15. There are lots of weeks available.



What's on.... This week:

Sunday 12th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.30am, Word Remembrance Service
Tuesday 14th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 15th	8.30am, Moring Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible study group, in Church (last in series)
Thursday 16th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group 3.00pm, Keeping Company

Friday 17th 8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom
 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
 Saturday 18th 9.00am, Moring prayer on zoom
 Sunday 19th 10.00am, Parish Communion
 11.30am, Mitzvah day, Please sign up in church or e-mail Revd. Sally
 6.00pm, Sundays and Six, Service of Wholeness and Healing, All Saints

Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

19 th November	Service of Wholeness and Healing At All Saints
26 th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
3 rd December	Christ Child Market at All Saints 12.00 – 3pm
10 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 8 th – 10 th December)
17 th December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on 1st December. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book places (so we know how many to cater for). we will be thinking about celebrating Jesus' birth and making decorations for our tree. Dates for following Messy Church sessions will be confirmed soon.

And Looking Ahead...

There is lots coming up, do note in your diaries, and come along to what draws you.

Growing in Faith: our journey exploring Matthew's gospel continues – an informal time of looking at the gospel together and wondering how it might speak to us today / Going Deeper – a small group reflecting on using the Bible imaginatively. The last foe this year is this week – Wednesday 15th November, in church.

Alpha course: we have committed to running an Alpha course next year and are now recruiting the team to run it. if you feel called to help in leading small group discussion, catering or prayer ministry please speak to Revd Sally asap. And, of course, we will all be able to pray for the Alpha course – team and guests.

19th Nov Mitzvah day join friends from faiths across town for practical community service activities at the synagogue. Those who would like to join in will go together after our 10 am service. see below for details. **Please sign up in church or email Revd. Sally if you would like to join in.**

2nd Dec Quiet morning, 9.30 – 12.30 in church, led by Revd. Sally

Wednesdays in Advent: 9pm, Compline on zoom. Use the Morning Prayer link.

The co-ordinator of Mitzvah Day, Alexandra, writes this...

Mitzvah Day is the UK's largest faith-led day of social action, with 55,000 volunteers worldwide. At Maidenhead, we will have a range of activities (10-12), and we do a variety of things. Some will be outdoors - we want to get the compost up and running, and we're organising a litter pick as well. We always do a cooking activity for the Brett Foundation and Foodshare, and that tends to run into the afternoon. I'm also hoping that a local knitting group, Knit Your Socks Off will be joining us, and they always have a local project for charity to which we contribute. There are card-making activities and we also visit the care home next door, Herewards House.

We are also collecting donations for 2 Berkshire charities, to which your congregation is welcome to contribute if they wish. The Cow Shed needs good quality second hand or new children's books, toys and clothing. In addition, First Days is running their Christmas grotto where they collect new toys so parents who can't afford them can choose a new toy for their children at Christmas. They link to what they need is here if this might be something people could support: <https://www.firstdays.net/christmas-2023>.

Please ensure that anyone who might wish to do something outside on the day is dressed for the weather. People are welcome to join whatever activity they like. Due to security measures at the synagogue, I'll need names of people attending, number plates of all cars coming to the synagogue (and who is in each vehicle) at least by 9:45am on Sunday 19 November. Thank you for your understanding.

So looking forward to seeing you on Mitzvah Day!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: 8th – 10th December (set up day Weds 6th)

Forms are now available (with further details) for those who would like to sponsor and decorate a tree. Please speak to Revd. Sally for further details or pick up a form and letter from the back of church.

Catering for the Christmas Tree Festival

Just a reminder about cakes that we need for the festival. The three basics are Lemon drizzle, Victoria Sandwich and any chocolate cake. The Victoria sandwich must have just jam through the middle and caster sugar on the top. Some people who have not made cakes before have already volunteered to start baking and it would be lovely to have even more people joining us. Please do not cut your cakes as we have to standardise the portions.

As Reverend Sally said, if you start now but have no freezer space, we can help. My phone number is 01628 783618. Sally Somerville

We have a further planning meeting for anyone who wishes to zoom in: 23rd November, 7.30 pm, Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82393086871?pwd=SkZCRHVFWGludHNibkZsQUxubGQyQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 9308 6871

Passcode: 902314

Knitted sheep needed

Our travelling Knitvity will be moving around the parish from 3rd December and we are currently a few sheep short in our flock. If you are able to knit one or two that would be great. There is a pattern in church – or use your own, all sheep are different!

Everywhere is Heaven: Malcolm Guite, Christopher Southgate, Roger Wagner

A poetry reading to open 'Everywhere is Heaven: Stanley Spencer/Roger Wagner', an exhibition at the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham Sat, 18 Nov 2023 02:00 Holy Trinity Church Ferry Lane Cookham SL6 9SP

Tickets £10

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/everywhere-is-heaven-malcolm-guite-christopher-southgate-roger-wagner-tickets-731127300437?aff=oddtcreator>

CoOp Community Fund

Thanks to everyone who has supported this church via the CoOp Community Fund in the last year. The total raised is £ 2749. This money has been earmarked for our work to develop our churchyard and will be well used as we do this.

Our Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

Midweek Holy Communion is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee

Baby and Toddler group meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am term time only. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 1st December e-mail admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 16th November

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 14th December

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 23rd November

Please note that for all Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>


Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09>

**Windsor and Maidenhead
Community Forum
Women's Group**



Ladies of all beliefs and none
are warmly invited to our next meeting
from 7.30 - 9.00 pm
on
Monday 20th November 2023
at
St. Luke's Church
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX
Reflections on PEACE

Further details from:
sally514@btinternet.com
www.wamcf.org

Meeting ID:

853 7879 6960

Passcode: 386635



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