



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 1st September 2019**

**Trinity II**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00am All Age Holy Communion**

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

**2.40pm 'Flying visit' by Bishop Steven**

**Sundays at Six resumes next week, next term's venues are out now.**

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 slip to complete and a welcome card with information about our 10am service.

Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee which will be served in the fellowship area at the back of church.

You may like to prepare for worship by praying quietly using your own words or these

God be in my head  
And in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes  
And in my looking;  
God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking;  
God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking;  
God be at mine end,  
And at my departing.  
Amen

*We take all aspects of safety very seriously at St Luke's. Please do take care with hot drinks. Details of our safeguarding team are on the noticeboard by the door. Should you have any concerns, please do speak to someone.*

## **The Readings for Trinity II**

### **A Reading from Hebrews**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.'

'Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of St. Luke**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

*Luke 14.1, 7-14*

## Processional Hymn

Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord, in the suffering  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman  
Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars  
Havens from fear  
Cities for sanctuary  
Freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing-fields  
Scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness  
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future, our dreams  
Lord, end our madness  
Carelessness, greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need

Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice  
Burns brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise

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## Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ...

## The Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord

## Gradual Hymn

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

*We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
We are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God!*

## Offertory Hymn:

Meekness and majesty,  
Manhood and Deity,  
In perfect harmony,  
The Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity  
Dwells in humanity,  
Kneels in humility  
And washes our feet.

*O what a mystery,  
Meekness and majesty.  
Bow down and worship  
For this is your God,  
This is your God.*

For your own reading, the  
other lectionary readings  
set for today are:

O.T. Jeremiah 2.4-13  
Psalm 81



Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
And we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love!

*David Haas*

Father's pure radiance,  
Perfect in innocence,  
Yet learns obedience  
To death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
Conquering through sacrifice,  
And as they crucify  
Prays: 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible,  
Love indestructible  
In frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity,  
Stooping so tenderly,  
Lifts our humanity  
To the heights of His throne.

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## What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too

### WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

#### This morning's hymns at 10am:

P: sht Beauty for brokenness  
G: sht We are called  
O: sht Meekness and majesty  
HC: 313 My God and is thy table spread  
R: 538 O Jesus I have promised

**Anointing for healing:** as we did back in May, on Sunday 8th September, we will again offer the opportunity of anointing for healing after communion at the 10 am service.

**Roles and rotas:** thank you to everyone to serves in various ways in church – and is on the inevitable rota (or more than one rota!). As the new school year starts, may I please suggest that we all use this as a time to tighten up our practice – and especially in respect of rotas. Please take careful note when you receive rotas of when you are down to serve in whatever capacity, and if you know that you cannot make your slot please inform either the person who send you the rota (e.g. coffee rota Dorothy), or email the office. Thank you for making your own swops – that is really helpful – but please do then either write it on ALL copies of the rota (green file at back of church, outside the office..) or notify Ruth in the office. If you know that you cannot attend as sides-person please let the duty warden know asap – published week by week on the back page of the pew sheet. Please do not tell the vicar – I will forget to pass the message on!! Many thanks.

Early in September I will be handing round role descriptions again for review, please do let me have them back, signed, asap. Revd. Sally.

**Harvest Festival:** this year is the weekend of 28th / 29th September. We will have a **Harvest Supper** on Saturday 28th September. This will be a two course hot meal (BYO drink) in church, at 7pm, followed by our own inimitable entertainment. Tickets £10 adults and £5 children on sale now.

**Please state if you are vegetarian or have a special dietary requirement when buying your ticket.**

Everyone is invited to our **All Age Harvest Festival Communion** service at 10 am on Sunday 29th, and to bring along Harvest gifts: a plant – in a saucer or such like – and / or food for Maidenhead Foodshare. If anyone knows of a local elderly or lonely person who might appreciate the gift of a plant please let Revd. Sally know asap so that we can update our gift list. As usual we will

cards available to indicate who to take the plants to. Everyone is also invited to bring a picnic lunch (not bring and share) and join together in the vicarage garden for a **picnic lunch** to make the most of the last summer sun (hopefully!!). There will be games for the young – and not so young too. We are hosting the **Taize service** that evening, offers to read in any other language to Revd. Sally please

**St. Frideswide Pilgrimage:** we have booked to join the diocesan pilgrimage to our cathedral on **Saturday 19th October**. It is possible to walk one of the led routes into Oxford, or to join there for tea (3pm) and a service in the cathedral (4pm). Full details can be found at [www.chch.ox.ac.uk](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk) (under Cathedral events). This flyer is also on the board at the back of church. Please sign up to say which route you will walk with us (A2, starting at Abingdon at 11am, or route B meeting at Iffley lock at 2.15 pm) or if you will meet us there for the service (you'd welcome to spend time in Oxford and the cathedral before that). We have twenty tickets for the tea at 3pm in the Great Hall and priority for these will be given to walkers.

**Christenings:** Baptism preparation is now via monthly 'Play and Stay' sessions for families. The next Stay and Play is on 7th September from 9.45 am and all are welcome to join us.

**The next Bishop of Reading:** Olivia Graham will be consecrated in a service at St. Paul's Cathedral on 19th November. More details on the Diocesan website. Please pray for Olivia and her family as she prepares for this new ministry.

## **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING**

**Garden party/ afternoon tea:** Many thanks and well done to Phyl, Dave and Rachel, for working really hard and laying on super afternoon last Sunday. They have raised £870 for church funds which is fabulous – thank to all who came and gave so generously.

**Interfaith activities:** there are a number of activities this autumn run by WAMCF: A Dialogue at Maidenhead Mosque on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm – 8.30pm

Ladies meetings: Monday 23rd September 7.30pm - 9pm St Luke's Church (playing the Diversity Game and designing Flames of Remembrance), Monday 18th November 7.30pm - 9pm Cookham Rise Methodist Church (Lindisfarne Pilgrimage), Wednesday 16th October 1.30pm - 3pm Maidenhead Mosque (Hajj).

**Ladies Breakfast:** Saturday 21st September, doors open 8.45 am. Tickets £5 pp. on sale now. Jo Hall of *Less is More* will speak about Chaos to Calm (and beyond). All Ladies welcome. Tickets now available from church.

## INFORMATION

Photography in church: you will be aware from the national press that the CofE is making Safeguarding (at all levels) a priority.

Whilst we welcome photography of the church building and personal / family photos of events such as Baptisms, please refrain from photographing our children and please do not post on Facebook, Twitter etc, anything with people in WITHOUT THEIR EXPRESS PERMISSION. Thank you.

### For your prayers

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



- For our own journey as disciples going deeper into Christ
  - Olivia Graham as she prepares for episcopal ministry
  - Growth of our Café Church
  - Logan who was baptised last week
  - For our church finances– that we may be self sufficient
  - For our political leaders, especially our government
  - Our schools children and staff as they conclude their holidays
  - Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in September: Amelia Martin, Toby Langran, Lacey Saunders, Louie Tull, Aurelia Lawrence, Harriet Priestly, Elsie Spratley, Rosie Ribton, Austin Brooks, and Rosie Turner
  - The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Emily, and Pat Lovering.
  - Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Maureen Clarke
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Albert Harris, Royston Woodruff, Frederick Williamson, Molly Lewis, Roy Baldry, Joyce Wilkins, Ivy Sparks, June Wells, Vera Velvick, Alice Webb, Bessie Molin, Malcom Gavin, Rennie Jones, Betty Ackland-Snow, Violet Ferguson, Vera Wheeler, Geoffrey Knight, Mary Dawson, Edna Franklin, Joan Richardson, Lisa Plummer, Derek Wilkins, Mac' Macaulay Brown, and Margaret Burrows

**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:**  
**Iris**

*“Peter’s birthday would have been 4th September”*



## This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities



### **Monday 2nd Sept**

*Office open 9.30-11.30am*

3.00pm Seeking Solace

### **Tuesday 3rd Sept**

*Office open 9.30am-11.30am*

8.30am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Interfaith Community Meal

7.15pm Holy Communion

8.00pm Standing Committee

### **Wednesday 3rd Sept**

*Office open 9.30-11.30 am*

8.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion. Followed by coffee

3.00pm Prayer Group

### **Thursday 4th Sept**

No morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **Friday 4th Sept**

8.30am Morning Prayer

3.30pm Messy Church

7.15pm Baptism Contactors Meeting

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday 6th Sept**

No Morning Prayer

9.45am Baptism Play and Stay

## **Sunday, 8th September Trinity 12**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00 am Parish Communion and anointing for healing**

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Phyl Sopp

**4.00pm Café Church**

**6.00pm Sundays at Six: Celebration of Education, here**

### **Next weeks readings:**

Philemon Luke 14.25-33

**Rota for Sunday 8th September under Duty Warden:** John Salter

**Reader: NT:** Ruth Sheppard **Acolytes:** Michael Masango and Shula Tajima

**Intercessor:** Shula Tajima **Elements:** Gill Curry, Sally Somerville

**Chalice:** Sue Hinchliffe, Jean T-D

**Coffee:** Mike Mason and Lisa Sharp

**Server at 8am:** Rebecca Bryant **Crucifer at 10am:** Nicola Buckland

**Welcome Team: 8am:** Joan Harnby

**10am:** Peter and Eileen Goford, Jill Bevitt, Ann Burdett, Dorothy S-H

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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