



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 8th September 2019**

**Trinity 12**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

**8.00am Holy Communion**

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

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Phyl Sopp

**4.00pm Café Church**

**6.00pm Sundays at Six: Celebration of Education, 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 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 12**

### **A Reading from Philemon**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to  
Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Philemon 1-21*

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

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to

ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions’.

*Luke 14.25-33*

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than  
we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire  
or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of  
your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our  
conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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.

### **This morning’s hymns at 10am:**

P:	1	Awake my soul, and with the sun
G:	393	Brother, sister, let me serve you
O:	348	We can not measure how you heal
HC:	338	My God accept my heart this day
R:	432	From heaven you came

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside  
our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole  
in Christ  
may bring that healing to this  
broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

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

O.T. Jeremiah 18.1-11  
Psalm 139



**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:  
Genevieve Usher**

*“In memory of my mother who would have been a hundred on  
12th September.  
A loving mother, a faithful wife and a dedicated nurse.”*



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

### **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

It was good to welcome Bishop Steven last Sunday afternoon on the first leg of his pilgrimage across Berkshire Archdeaconry. He blessed the church (see chalk blessing in the porch) and prayed with us in the Chapel. You can see more about the whole week on the diocesan website and Facebook. In particular, our bishop has called us to pray, he writes this: *A key part of the ordinary common life of our churches is to pray for Her Majesty the Queen, for our government and parliament. That call is honoured in many places, neglected in some. May I ask that during the coming months, we all remember to pray daily and whenever the Church gathers for the life of our nation: for wise decisions and good government; for care for the poor and for the earth; for all those entrusted with the burdens of leadership; for fresh vision and the return of kindness to our politics. This regular intercession is a key part of our discipleship.*

I encourage us all to do that.

**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 sidesperson 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 have 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.

**The next Bishop of Reading:** Olivia Graham will be consecrated in a service at St. Paul's Cathedral on 19th November and welcomed to the area at 3pm on Saturday 24th November at Reading Minister. Please pray for Olivia and her family as she prepares for this new ministry.

**Christenings:** Baptism preparation is now via monthly 'Play and Stay' sessions for families. The next Stay and Play is on 5th October from 9.45 am and all are welcome to join us.

## **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING**

**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.

**Interfaith Community meal:** a meal for anyone in the community to join and eat together. Every Tuesday at 6.00pm, here in church. All welcome.

**Stitch-up for Kori** in the Community Hall on Thursday 19th September, 2-4pm. Come along for a social chat, tea and cake, to help out with knitted goods for this rural area of Sierra Leone. For more information, 01628 625196.

**Ride and Stride:** On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September we will be taking part in the annual Ride or Stride sponsored event in aid of Berkshire Historic Churches Trust (BHCT). We plan to meet on our bikes at St Lukes in time for a 10:00am departure and will then spend the next few hours visiting as many churches and chapels as possible, with regular breaks for refreshments and a picnic lunch. If you would like to join us please see Ann or Richard Burdett, or Peter Goford. Any sponsorship will also be much appreciated – half the money goes to BHCT and the other half comes back to St Luke's Fabric Fund.

**Pantomime tickets payment due:** If you have not already paid for your reserved pantomime tickets, please can you do so as soon as possible by giving your payment of £16.00 per ticket to Ann Burdett. Cheques should be made payable to "St Luke's PCC".

**Damson emergency:** Shrubs that in the past have provided damsons have unfortunately fallen victim to what might be peach leaf curl so yield of fruit this year has been very low. The fruit is used to make Damson Jam, sold in aid of St Lukes Church at both the Combined Charities Fair and the Christmas Tree Festival, and is very popular. If anyone has a source of damsons please ring Ann Darracott (01628 620280) who is willing to collect.

**The Christian Resources Exhibition** takes place 15-17th October at Sandown Park and is well worth a visit. It is an amazing exhibition covering so many aspects of Christianity— stalls, talks, discussions, music etc. If a group of people could share a car they could share what they found with the rest of us. There is plenty of refreshments available, take a picnic. It is easier and cheaper to book in advance rather than queue. More details are available in church or visit [www.creonline.co.uk](http://www.creonline.co.uk) Enid

Don't forget this week is **Thursday Teas** from 2pm in the Community Hall— everyone is welcome.

## INFORMATION

**NEW: Generations Café** (second Wednesdays 10.45 am - coffee and conversation for mums with young babies and the not so young)

**Baby and Toddler group** restarts on Thursday (12th September), 9.30am-11.15am in the community hall. Play, crafts, story time, singing, healthy snacks for the children and tea and cake for parents and carers.

**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 and Rosie to be baptised next 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 return to school
- 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

## This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities



### Monday 9th Sept

Office open 9.30-11.30am

### Tuesday 10th Sept

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### Wednesday 11th Sept

Office open 9.30-11.30 am

### Thursday 12th Sept

### Friday 13th Sept

### Saturday 14th Sept

### Sunday, 15th September Trinity 13

**8.00am Holy Communion BCP**

**10.00 am Parish Communion and baptism of Rosie Turner**

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

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**6.00pm Sundays at Six: Iona Evening Worship**

**at Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green**

### Next weeks readings:

I Timothy 1.12-17

Luke 15.1-10

**Rota for Sunday 15th September under Duty Warden:** Michael Masango

**Reader: NT:** Ruth Sheppard **Acolytes:** Shula Tajima, Michaela Murwisi

**Intercessor:** Phyllis Sopp **Elements:** Ann and Ben Darracott

**Chalice:** Sue Harbour, Ian Gilchrist **Coffee:** Kristina, Chris Smith, with girls

**Server at 8am:** Ben Darracott **Crucifer at 10am:** Ben Darracott

**Welcome Team: 8am:** Richard Hannam

**10am:** Ann Darracott, Mike Mason and Lisa Sharp, Garth, Dina, Rosa and Carla

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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