



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 22nd September 2019**

**Trinity 14**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

**10.00am Parish Communion**

President: Fr. John Ainslie

Preacher: Fr. John Ainslie

**6.00pm Sundays at Six: Evensong and Benediction at All Saints Church**

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

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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.

*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 14**

### **A Reading from Timothy**

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 2.1-7

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

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

*Luke 16. 1-13*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way  
into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.

## Offertory Hymn

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed  
by need and pain,  
Informed of God's own bias we ask  
him once again:  
"How long must some folk suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self interest turn  
prayer and pity blind?"

From those forever victims of  
heartless human greed,  
Their cruel plight composes a litany of  
need:  
"Where are the fruits of justice?  
Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners and  
dreams find their release?"

From those forever shackled to what  
their wealth can buy,  
The fear of lost advantage provokes  
the bitter cry,  
"Don't query our position!  
Don't criticise our wealth!  
Don't mention those exploited by  
politics and stealth!"

## The Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and  
love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles'  
teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of  
bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of  
heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

To God, who through the prophets  
proclaimed a different age,  
We offer earth's indifference, its  
agony and rage:  
"When will the wronged be righted?  
When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be generous to  
all instead of some?"

God asks, "Who will go for me?  
Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen, will  
prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome,  
will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow, will  
walk the road I show?"

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep  
in someone's boat,  
Attuned to what the ancients  
exposed, proclaimed and wrote,  
A Saviour without safety,  
a tradesman without tools  
Has come to tip the balance with  
fishermen and fools.

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

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

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

P:	170	Jesus is Lord
G:	See page 3	Inspired by love and anger
O:	605	Through the night of doubt and sorrow (omit *)
HC:	305	I come with joy
R:	497	Let all the world in every corner sing

**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.

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. Please also check the list at the back of church for ways to help.

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 23rd 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.

**Flower Fund:** It is always a joy to see our beautiful church decorated with lovely flowers. Sadly flowers are becoming more and more expensive and whilst we have a small flower budget it does not stretch far enough these days. If you would like to make a small donation to the flower fund there is a box at the back of the church or if you prefer give it direct to Rita, Richard or Ben.

## **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING**

**Thursday lunches** will have lunch at the Toby Carvery on Thursday, 26th September. Please let Jean T-D know if you would like a lift, and be at church by 11.45am Bon appetit!

**Interfaith activities:** there are a number of activities thus 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).

**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.

**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.

**Coffee and crafts:** Eunice Goodman will be kindly leading sessions on crafts (hanging glass pictures and covered boxes) for personal purchase or to sell at the Charities fair. All are welcome to any of the weekly sessions in October, all in church: Wednesdays at 11 am: 2nd, 16th and 30th  
Tuesdays at 3 pm: 8th and 22nd.

**Reading Phoenix Choir** is giving a concert here on our actual feast day, Friday 18th October at 7.30pm. Further details and tickets (£15 per person including a glass of wine) available soon but book the date now.

It's almost that time.... Details of how to sponsor a **Christmas tree** (6th-8th December) will be available very soon. Why not be thinking about how you will decorate your tree now?

## INFORMATION

**Church yard working Party: Saturday 28th September 9.30am-1pm.**  
Please come along if you possibly can and bring any tools you have. We can enhance further the good work done recently by the Borough.

**Fabric Meeting:** There will be a fabric meeting on Tuesday 24th September at 8pm at Church. Any wishing to join us to help keep the church in good running order are very welcome. Many Thanks Sue Hinchliffe

**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 has now** restarted, Thursdays, 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.

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

**Val Herbert**



**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 and Rosie who were baptised recently
- Oliver and Kirsty, married here last weekend
- For our church finances– that we may be self sufficient
- For our political leaders, especially our government
- Our schools, especially St Lukes and St Pirans– that new staff and children settle in well
- Those on pilgrimage in the Holy Land
- 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
- For all those who live and work in Southgate House
- 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: Joan Went, Frederick Hearman
- 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

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

O.T. Jeremiah 8.18-91  
Psalm 79.109, 113



## This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities



### Monday 23rd Sept

Office open 9.30-11.30am

7.30pm WAMCF Ladies

### Tuesday 24th Sept

Office open 9.30am-11.30am

NO Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Interfaith Community Meal

NO Holy Communion

8.00pm Fabric Meeting

### Wednesday 25th Sept

Office open 9.30-11.30 am

NO Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

### Thursday 26th Sept

NO Morning Prayer

11.45am Thursday Lunches leave from church

NO Evening Prayer

### Friday 27th Sept

NO Morning Prayer

10.15am Stretch and Breathe

5.00pm Evening Prayer

8.00pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 28th Sept

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Church Care Day

7.00pm Harvest Supper

## Sunday, 29th September Harvest

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

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**Harvest Lunch**

6.00pm **Sundays at Six: International Taize Service, here**

## Next weeks readings:

Philippians 4.4-9 John 6.25-35

**Rota for Sunday 29th September under Duty Warden:** Johanna Raffan

**Reader: NT:** Monique Murwisi **Acolytes:** n/a

**Intercessor:** Roger Clarke **Elements:** Don Luff, Dorothy S H

**Chalice:** n/a **Coffee:** Dina and Garth Macleod with girls

**Server at 8am:** Rebecca Bryant **Crucifer at 10am:** n/a

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

**10am:** Ann Darracott, Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe, Dorothy S H, Shula Tajima

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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