## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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#### Week commencing: 29th September 2019 Harvest Festival

### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am All Age Parish Communion President: Revd. Sally Lynch Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch Harvest Lunch
  6.00pm Sundays at Six: International Taize Service, 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

We bring our questions and our sense of awe and wonder at a seemingly infinite creation, beyond the limits of our imagination, to the living, creating God. We bring our sense of anger and injustice that this earth is not as it should or could be, naming our fears that in the future, it might not be, to the cosmic Christ, present in, through and under creation. We bring our hopes and our dreams, of humanity living in harmony with each other and with the earth that is restored and life giving, to the Spirit of wisdom, who breathes life through creation.

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 Harvest Festival A Reading from Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.4-9

#### A Reading from the Gospel of St. John

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, the crowd asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

For your own reading, the other lectionary readings set for today are: Deuteronomy 26. I-II Psalm 100

John 6.25-35

#### 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...

#### Gradual Hymn

Cabbages and greens Broccoli and beans Cauliflower and roasted potatoes Taste so good to me! Apricots and plums Ripened in the sun Oranges and yellow bananas Good for everyone

It's another Harvest Festival When we bring our fruit and vegetables 'Cause we want to share the best of

All the good things that we've been given.

It's another opportunity To be grateful for the food we eat With a samba celebration To say thank you to God the father.

Golden corn and wheat Oats and sugar beet Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti Wonderful to eat! Coffee, cocoa, tea Growing nat'rally Herbal plants and all kinds of spices Very nice indeed! It's another Harvest Festival

#### **The 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.

Thank you for the harvest Thank you for your goodness For all of the fruit and vegetables And the wonderful things that grow.

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#### **Offertory Hymn**

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine! Great the Lord in love and wisdom, might and majesty divine! He who framed the starry heavens knows and names them as they shine. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine!

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! wounded souls his comfort know. those who fear him find his mercies, peace for pain and joy for woe; humble hearts are high exalted, human pride and power laid low. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! wounded souls his comfort know. Praise the Lord for times and seasons, cloud and sunshine, wind and rain; spring to melt the snows of winter till the waters flow again; grass upon the mountain pastures, golden valleys thick with grain. Praise the Lord for times and seasons, cloud and sunshine, wind and rain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days; love his laws, declare his judgments, walk in all his words and ways; he the Lord and we his children, praise the Lord, all people, praise! Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days.

#### Holy Communion Hymn

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name. Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever, faithful to the end of days. *Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.* 

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment, risen from the snares of death. His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all. Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cymbals,

praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.

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

#### WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

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

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P:	270		Come, ye thankful people come
Taize Gloria			
G:	Page 3		Harvest samba
O:	Page 4		Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
HC:	Page 4		Sing of the Lord's goodness
R:	275		We plough the fields and scatter

**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 (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 I lam, 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.

**From Adam Went, Director of Music:** Are you able to read or follow music? Do you enjoy singing (soprano, alto, tenor or bass)? Why not come and join St Luke's Choir? We meet every Friday evening from 8pm to 9.15pm and at 9:35am prior to Sunday morning services. Belonging to our choir takes commitment, but has many benefits, including the opportunity to sing a variety of different styles of music, friendship and fellowship, choir socials and making a valuable contribution towards the life and worship of our Church. All initial enquiries to Sue Maclean, Choir Secretary, either in person or via email: <u>stlukeschoir@hotmail.com</u>. 5

#### SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

**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 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 ( $\pounds$ 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?

**Stretch and Breathe sessions** with Paula, Friday mornings from 10.15 am to 12.00 noon in the beautiful surroundings of the Church (*The weekly one-hour sessions are followed by refreshments.*) Cost £40 for five sessions (to be taken over 8 weeks). Drop-in £10.

Also mat-based regular Stretch and Breathe Hatha Yoga sessions from 6.30 – 7.45 pm continue this Autumn on Wednesday evenings.

All equipment provided. Cost per session £10.

Please contact Paula Clayton-Nuth on 07843016641

#### 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 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.

# The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

#### Mr T Autos

**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 and Rosie who were baptised recently
- Oliver and Kirsty, married here recently
- 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
- Farmers and all who gather harvest
- 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 Belmont Road
- 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, Roy Dalton
- 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 30th Sept

Wednesday 2nd Oct Office open 9.30-11.30 am

Thursday 3rd Oct

Saturday 5th Oct

Friday 4th Oct

Office open 9.30-11.30am **Tuesday 1st Oct** Office open 9.30am-11.30am



Sunday, 6th October Trinity 16

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00 am All Age Holy Communion
 President: Revd. Sally Lynch
 Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch

3.00pm Seeking Solace
6.00pm Sundays at Six: Harvest Songs of Praise at The Church of
 the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Next weeks readings: 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17. 11-19

Rota for Sunday 29th September under Duty Warden: Dave Sopp Reader: NT: Charlotte Sloan Acolytes: Monique and Hillary Murwisi Intercessor: Stars and Sparks Elements: Eileen and Peter Goford Chalice: Johanna Raffan, James Ellins Coffee: Sue Harbour, Bridget Morris Server at 8am: Roger Clarke Crucifer at 10am: Roger Clarke Welcome Team: 8am: Ann Hockham

10am: John and Rita Salter, Chris, Kristina, Isla and Scarlett

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. Administrator: Ruth (01628) 622733 <u>Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033; Vicarage: 26 Norfolk Road, SL6 7AX</u>

