

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 15<sup>th</sup> September, Trinity 16

This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion, an activity will be available for children during the service. All are warmly invited to worship. The Sundays at Six service of Evensong and Benediction will be taking place at All Saints Church.

Many thanks to all those who came, and helped, at the Garden party. It was a great success and fun was had by all. It is another busy weekend this week with the Heritage weekend, Valuation Day and Ride and Stride. We hope to see many of you there.

### The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you  
mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive  
and know what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power  
faithfully to fulfil them;  
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.

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you  
with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*James 3. 1-12*

## Gospel Reading

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup>Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

*Mark 8.27-end*

## Sunday's Hymns

667 I danced in the morning  
193 All heaven declares  
489 From heaven you came  
612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

## Thought for the week...

Sunday's reading marks a turning point in Mark's gospel. The focus changes and Jesus teaches about his inevitable sacrificial death – and resurrection. There are more challenges to those who wish to follow. There is teaching about the life of the kingdom of God as Jesus the Messiah continues his ministry to bring salvation to all.

Not much has changed in 2000 years. There are folk who hear about Jesus the Messiah and don't get what that means. They want the miracles and the jolly stuff and to be in the in crowd. They don't hear the voice of the tempter whispering in their ear and they don't understand the ways of God. And there are many who – as Peter eventually did – get it. Who recognise the cost of following Jesus, of living counter culturally in a materialistic and consumer led world. Who can see beyond the sugar-coated cosiness of church to the call to love, whatever the cost.

And there are many of us somewhere in the middle, trying to follow Jesus, messing up like Peter, and returning daily to him, knowing that it is the very best way to live.

With Peter, we can say: You are the Messiah. And Jesus replies: If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross, and follow me.



### **Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- For all who will visit our church this weekend.
- For our schools, staff and children.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there.
- For those who fear the onset of Autumn, and who are lonely.
- For our care for creation.
- For the various nurture activities offered this autumn.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Gables Close.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Daisy Trillow, Max Fiordelisi, Chloe Rendle, Theo Ashe-Velez, Oliver Peck, Rory Peck.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Bridget Morris, Lucy Young, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Kean, Joan Harnby, Bill Bowyer.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Anthony Gregory
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Betty Ackland-Snow, Violet Ferguson, Lisa Plummer, Derek Wilkins, 'Mac' Macaulay Brown, Margaret Burrows, Joan Went, Roy Dalton, Frederick Hearman, Betty Himmonds, Arthur Little, Elwyn Jackson, Peter Windass, Wendy Botting, Geoffrey Tulloch.

### **Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024:**

Sunday	Psalm 119.105-120	Jeremiah 5.1-19	Luke 11.1-28
Monday	Psalm 44	1 Kings 12.25-13.10	Acts 19.8-20
Tuesday	Psalm 48	1 Kings 13.11-end	Acts 19.21-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119.57-80	1 Kings 17	Acts 20.1-16
Thursday	Psalm 57	1 Kings 18.1-20	Acts 20.17-end
Friday	Psalm 51	1 Kings 18.21-end	Acts 21.1-16
Saturday	Psalm 49	1 Kings 19.15-end	2 Timothy 3.14-end

### **Rotas for next week Sunday 22nd September: Parish Communion**

Read: Isobel Davies                      Intercede: Jeanette Lock                      Chalice: Don  
Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Shula    Coffee: Lisa and Kate

*The flood lighting 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](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) The donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.



### **What's on.... This week:**

Sunday 15th	10.00am, Parish Communion
	6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Evensong and Benediction, All Saints Church
Tuesday 17th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
	7.30pm, Nurture group meeting, in Church
Wednesday 18th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
	10.00am, Holy Communion
	8.00pm, Pastoral Course, in Church

Thursday 19th 8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom  
 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group  
 3.00pm, Keeping Company

Friday 20th 8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom  
 5.00pm, Evening Prayer on zoom (use MP link)

Saturday 21st 8.45am, Church Breakfast (*NB: no morning prayer today*)  
 2.00pm, Baptism of Joshua Mettler

Sunday 22nd 10.00am, Parish Communion  
 1.00pm, Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture, Speaker Dr Matthew Price

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

15 <sup>th</sup> September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Sung Evensong (BCP), at St. Luke's and on zoom (Sunday morning link)
3 <sup>rd</sup> November <b>NB: 4 pm:</b>	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
10 <sup>th</sup> November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec.)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

### Congratulations...

To all those young people admitted to Holy Communion before confirmation last Sunday:  
 Monalisa and Daniel Ezeokoli, Jonas and Sebastian Lanyon, Sofia, William and Theo Sharma,  
 Noah Cameron, Monty and Hugo Harle.



## Coming up...

Our next church breakfast is on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** when, *in a change of speaker*, Revd. Sally will unpack some of the mystery of the Church of England, and (attempt to) answer all those questions that you have always wanted to ask about it!. Doors open 8.45 am and tickets at £5 each will be available soon.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the annual Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture.** We are alternating recitals and lectures by young people in memory of Johanna. This year will be a lecture at 1pm that day by scientist Matthew Price, who grew up through this church and sang in our choir. Do book the date to come along, just turn up.

On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September** all who are able to help with a **church care time** are invited to join us that morning to do maintenance jobs in the church and grounds. (NB not 14<sup>th</sup> as previously stated)

The next **WAMCF Dialogue** is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at Taplow Court. See flyer below for details.

**The Bishop of Reading, Bishop Olivia**, is retiring at the end of September. We have a card and small gift for her from this parish. Everyone is warmly invited to her farewell service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please let Revd. Sally know if you would like or can offer transport.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October is our Church Harvest Festival**, the All Age Holy Communion service will be followed by **bring and share lunch for all**. We hope to hold the service in the churchyard near our new bug hotels. There will be a churchyard trail for children (and adults!) and an activity for those who would like to stay on between the service and lunch. If you are able to bring food to share please sign up so that we can avoid an overload of sausage rolls! This year we are invited to bring food offerings that can be taken to Foodshare, along with those that children from school will bring to their Harvest service in church on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> (9.30 am**, to which all are welcome). As usual we will have a small number of plants to take to the housebound.

**On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm, Springs Dance Company are performing A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance**, here at St. Luke's. This event is shared with All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. It will be a beautiful event and worth bringing friends to. Book the date now – tickets £5 pp, available soon via Eventbrite.

Our **Patronal Festival** is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. It would be great to see as many of church family as possible gathered to celebrate together at the 10 am service. This will also be a **Gift Day** when we are invited to make a financial offering towards the work and maintenance of the church.

Following the success of the Arts Project we will be holding an **All Age Craft morning on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**, from 10-midday. £2 pp. do come along and enjoy time crafting together with coffee and cake. ALL welcome.

**The annual Memorial Service**, for those who have been bereaved at any time, is at 4pm on Sunday **3<sup>rd</sup> November**. We particularly remember those who have died in the last year and read out all names of those we love and miss.

Our **Autumn Quiet Day will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. 10 am – 3pm at St, Michael's convent, Gerrards Cross. Limited to 10 places. £10 pp, bring your own lunch, drinks provided.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November is **Mitzvah Day**, when we are invited to join different faiths across town at a time of good deeds, based on and organised by the synagogue. Details to come.

## **Nurture and learning opportunities this Autumn**

The **Bible Study** working through Matthew's gospel continues on alternate Wednesdays at 8pm in church: 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November.

We are offering a **Pastoral Course**, aimed particularly at contactors but open to anyone, on the other alternate Wednesdays, at 8pm in church: 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please sign up for this course so that we can provide the materials you will need.

And for those who would like a daytime study, **Soup and Psalms** - will run on alternate Thursdays, midday – 1.30 pm: 26<sup>th</sup> September, 10 and 24<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome – as are offers of soup!

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## **Baby and Toddler group / Pram service ... help requested...**

Are you good at making tea and coffee?

Do you enjoy chatting to young parents / carers?

Might God be calling you to help out with our ministry to young children?

Baby and Toddler group starts again on 5<sup>th</sup> September and we need at least one more person to help out with the coffees... it is a lovely session with lovely people! Most helpers offer one Thursday (9 am - 11.30 am including set up and clear away) once every three weeks (two more people and it will be once a month).

From October we plan to start a monthly Pram service – second Friday, 9.30 – 10.30 am. We will also need some coffee makers (and service helpers if you feel called) here.

Please speak to Sam or Sally if you would like to offer help in this really important ministry. Thanks.

**Messy Church** our autumn Messy church dates are as follows: 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 29<sup>th</sup> November

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## **Church Flowers**

Our new flower co-ordinator is Fiona Leonard (thank you!). Do speak to her if you would like to help with flowers in any way. Or come along to church from 3.30 pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to help with Harvest decorating.

**Christmas Tree Festival 2024: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December  
set up on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Schools day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>.  
More details to come. Save the dates!**

**CTF meeting:** anyone who is interested in helping out with the CTF is warmly invited to a zoom meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30 pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82770201097?pwd=pG9skbTqYT2UaXGI0tYYlVnmCQsC1g.1>

Meeting ID: 827 7020 1097

Passcode: 326608



## **The Produce Stall Appeal**

We would like to repeat the success of the produce stall last year by again appealing for help in stocking the stall.

If you have fruit and vegetables to donate, please let us know and collection can be arranged. We would also be grateful for ingredients, such as white and soft brown sugar, sultanas, and malt vinegar. Donations can be put in the cupboard behind the pews at the back of church. At present we don't need more jam jars unless they are Frank Cooper jars. For those making produce, Spire Brand labels will be put in a small box in the cupboard soon. Do not worry about putting decorated covers on the filled jars, a work party nearer Christmas will do it.

Many thanks. Ann Darracott (phone 07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (phone 07743 323635)

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## **A Celebration of Pilgrimage at Christ Church Cathedral**

Saturday 19 October

Join us at Christ Church on St Frideswide's Day to celebrate Oxford's centuries of history as a site of pilgrimage, with guided walks to the Cathedral from local parishes, activities, and tours, ending with a family service led by Bishop Steven. There is also the opportunity to purchase tickets to enjoy afternoon tea in our historic Great Hall.

[Find out more and book your place](#)

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## **Our Regular activities:**

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Thursday Lunches** meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on [Jeant-d2@outlook.com](mailto:Jeant-d2@outlook.com) for further details.

**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. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. Next is 26<sup>th</sup> September

**Please note that for 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

**Do look at the flyers below for autumn events and activities**

St. Luke's  
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Maidenhead



## Church BREAKFAST

Saturday 21st September 2024

8.45 – 10.30 am

Tickets £5

from the church office (M. 622733)  
or after services

Speaker: Revd. Sally Lynch unpacks:



The Mysteries of  
the  
Church of England!

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## Harvest Lunch

Saturday 7th October 2024

Midday in church  
A bring and share lunch

All Welcome



The Interfaith Group in the Royal Borough  
of Windsor & Maidenhead



Join in the Dialogue at Taplow  
Court, Cliveden Road, Taplow  
SL6 0ER

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Thursday 26th September 2024  
7pm - 8.30pm followed by  
refreshments

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**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

**Tuesday 1st October 2024**

at

**Guru Nanak Sat Sang Sabha  
(The Sikh Gurdwara),  
Rutland Road  
Maidenhead, SL6 4HZ**

**Angela Miller,**

Occupational Therapist, Berks NHS Trust

will speak about *Supporting Good Mental Health*

*Further details from:*

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