



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 1st October, Harvest Festival

This week we are celebrating our Harvest Festival with an All Age Holy Communion service at 10.00 am, everyone is warmly invited to join us for worship. We will be doing some active thinking about Harvest and you might like to bring something to lean on and your own supply of crayons, felt pens, etc! We will also provide plenty. The order of service will be attached with the weekly email if you wish to download it to your device.

Everyone is invited to bring along a small potted plant (with a saucer or non-leak container please) which we will bless before taking them as gifts of Harvest blessing to people on our contact list. If you are able to deliver a plant or two (and a smile!) please do collect them over coffee, gift labels will have names and addresses on.

At 6pm, our shared Sundays at Six service is a Harvest Songs of Praise at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. If there is anyone who might like to suggest and read a Harvest reading of some sort - biblical or non-biblical - on a creation or harvest theme please let Revd. Sally (or Revd. Joan) know asap.

The 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,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

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. Amen.

Gospel Reading

¹⁶ And Jesus told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' ¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God

feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life^[a]? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Luke 12.16-30

Sunday's Hymns:

282	Come, ye thankful people, come	screen	Cauliflowers fluffy
290	We plough the fields and scatter	639	Give thanks
Screen	Harvest samba		

Thought for the week:

Have you noticed that there's a lot in the word Harvest:

We begin with our HARVEST.

Because of our harvest we HAVE food to EAT for our TEA (etc!)

From EAST to VEST (*sorry*) over all the EARTH, people's HARVESTs come at different times of the year.

Unfortunately, harvests are not always good. Sometimes they fail.

Maybe too much HEAT or too many TARES - an old word for weeds.

When this happens it ends in TEARS and people can even STARVE.

Some people have more than they need, while others do not have enough to EAT.

There is a word which can help with this.

Of course it is: SHARE

This is one way in which we can celebrate the harvest – by sharing what we have (which may be more than we need) with our neighbours and those in real need.



Prayer suggestions for these weeks:

- For a greater recognition of God's generosity in the world, and a desire among people to live in this light.
- That our Harvest worship and plants might bring joy to God and other people.
- For those struggling to bring in their harvests, in a whole variety of ways.
- For Sam, as she develops our work with children and families.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For the Amhara region of Ethiopia with increased violence and little food supply
- For a new Director of Music / organist
- For those who fear the onset of Autumn and the darker nights.
- That we may each play out part in the ministry of our church and care for its building.
- For our care for creation, giving thanks that we have achieved the Bronze Eco Church Award, and looking to the next step.
- For Jude Ridley, Elsie Trillow and Levi Patton to be baptised in October, and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in October: Lily Jones, Mabel Spratley, Noah Ridley, Amaya Boulton, Maggie and Dollie Deeley,
- For Jordan and Pilar recently married here
- For all those who live and work in Pintail Way.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Alice.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Geoff Tulloch, Wendy Botting, Tessa Armstrong.

- Those whose anniversary of death falls in October: Charles (Len) Harvey, Beryl Bunce, Daisy Cole, Thomas Yates, David Garnett, Peggy Clutterbuck, Richard Burrows, Michael Adamson, Barbara Prior, Philip Littlejohn, Beryl Burrows, Ernest Philips, Gilbert McKenna, Gerard Beattie, Vera Swadling, Eileen Rance, Albert Harvey, Ruth (Sally) Roberts, Marian Brooks, Walter Suckling, Phyllis Clayden, Elizabeth Shailes, Eileen Loach, Les Rowlands, Janice Neaves, Dorothy Herbert, Martin Hornby, Victor Russell, Yvonne Lewis, Janet Trinkwon, Sheila Whitfield, Joyce Forrest, Tom Parfett, Charles Goodman.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 1st October 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 125	Isaiah 48.12-21	Luke 11.37-54
Monday	Psalm 71	Ecclesiasticus 6.14-end	Mark 14.1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 73	Ecclesiasticus 7.27-end	Mark 14.12-25
Wednesday	Psalm 77	Ecclesiasticus 10.6-8, 12-24	Mark 14.26-42
Thursday	Psalm 78.1-39	Ecclesiasticus 11.7-28	Mark 14.43-52
Friday	Psalm 55	Ecclesiasticus 14.20-15.10	Mark 14.53-65
Saturday	Psalm 76	Ecclesiasticus 15.11-end	Mark 14.66-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 8th October: Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Gill Curry

Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Lisa

Coffee: Sally and Jeanette

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

The church 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 The 2023 form is now available.

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 1 st	10.00am, Harvest Festival All Age Holy Communion 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Harvest Songs of Praise, Church of the Good Shepherd
Tuesday 3 rd	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 11.00am, Funeral of Wendy Botting 7.45pm, Parochial Church Council Meeting
Wednesday 4 th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Exploring the Bible Groups, in Church
Thursday 5 th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group
Friday 6 th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 4.00pm, Messy Church, in Church
Saturday 7 th	8.45am, Church Breakfast, in Church (no morning prayer)
Sunday 8 th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Parish Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Jude Ian Ashley Ridley 3.00pm, Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital; Andrew Gallacher

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

1 st October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
22 nd October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom at St. Luke's
5 th November NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
5 th November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
19 th November	Service of Wholeness and Healing At All Saints
26 th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
3 rd December	Christ Child Market at All Saints 12.00 – 3pm
10 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 8 th – 10 th December)
17 th December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

St. Luke's Primary School:

Did you go to St. Luke's school as a child (at any time)?

Did you teach there or work there?

Were you a governor at any time?

If so, please do make contact with the school via this email: celebratinghistory@st-lukesprimary.com

We are celebrating the history of the school this year (160 years the foundation of the first school was laid and 75 years of links with the diocese) and would love to hear from anyone with links to the school, - and also photos or artefacts.

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on 6th October. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book places (so we know how many to cater for). Dates for following Messy Church sessions are, 3rd November and 1st December.

And Looking Ahead...

There is lots coming up, do note in your diaries, and come along to what draws you.

Growing in Faith: our journey exploring Matthew's gospel continues – an informal time of looking at the gospel together and wondering how it might speak to us today / Going Deeper – a small group reflecting on using the Bible imaginatively.

First and third Wednesdays, 8pm, next 4th October, in church.

7th Oct Church Breakfast 8.45 – 10.30 am, Phyl, Jeanette and Ben will talk about their work at the vaccination clinic during the pandemic, with a delicious breakfast. Tickets £5 each, available now.

8th Oct The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital: Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm. Free entry and donations invited for a cream tea to follow.

18th Oct **St Luke's School Patronal and celebration service** , 9.30 am. All welcome – and to see an exhibition of the school in church.

21st Oct **Quiet Day** 10 am – 3pm, location: Bray church spirituality centre.. Led by Revd. Terrie.

22nd Oct **Patronal / back to church day**

5th Nov **Memorial service** 4pm in church to remember all those whom we have loved and lost.

2nd Dec **Quiet morning**, 9.30 – 12.30 in church, led by Revd. Sally

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: 8th – 10th December (set up day Weds 6th)

Forms are now available (with further details) for those who would like to sponsor and decorate a tree. Please speak to Revd. Sally for further details or pick up a form and letter from the back of church.

Produce Stall

Reminder: Fruit and vegetables are now ripening so if you have access to any of these and are not able to make jams and chutneys, please let us know. Donations of sugar and vinegar would be welcome and can be placed in the cupboard at the back of church (behind back pew, centre aisle). Labels for produce are in a small plastic box in the cupboard.

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FROM THE DIOCESE

New course: The Story of Scripture

The story of the Bible is fundamentally about how God created us, how things have gone wrong, and how God faithfully throughout human history has called people back into relationship with him.

This going deeper course on learn.oxford.anglican.org is designed to help you get a firmer handle on that big story through the use of videos, questions, and quizzes. This course can be completed on your own, or as part of a small group. Over six units, you'll open your Bible, gain a deeper understanding of what God was doing throughout the pages of Scripture and how God is calling you to join in that same story.

You'll work at home at your own pace and at a time that suits you with interactive digital resources from Dr Andy Angel. The materials are also suitable for clergy, LLMs and home group leaders to offer in a small group format.

The Story of Scripture launches in October 2023. It will take around 15 hours to complete and can be started at any time during the year.

[Register here](#), or click the button below, before mid October for immediate access to the course materials as soon as



Beginners' Retreat

St Mary's Convent

This short retreat, facilitated by Sr Lizzie Ruth, is for anyone who has never been on a retreat before or who would value some extra guidance on how to use the space and time in retreat. [Find out more.](#)

Care for Creation course

Why should Christians care for creation? What does the science tell us about climate change and biodiversity? And where does Eco Church fit in? Join us for a six-session course, starting 19th September - [contact Hannah Mann](#) to book your funded place.

A DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO YOUR CATHEDRAL: Saturday 14 October 2023

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/visiting-cathedral/st-frideswide-pilgrimage>

We are delighted to invite you to join our next St Frideswide Pilgrimage on Saturday 14 October. Whether you have joined us before or are new to pilgrimage, you are welcome to journey from five different starting points and walk with us to the Shrine of St Frideswide in Christ Church Cathedral. The patron saint of Oxford, St Frideswide founded the priory upon which our Cathedral is based. She was known as a woman powerful in prayer and with gifts of healing, and her community as a place of learning and safety.

On arrival at Christ Church you are invited to have tea in the Great Hall – an unmissable experience – before looking round the Cathedral and joining us for a Pilgrim Service at the end of the day.

So do join us – we look forward to welcoming you.

- Route A From North Oxford (1.5 miles)
2.00 pm Meet at St Margaret's Church OX2 6RX
- Route B From Wolvercote (5 miles)
12.00 pm Meet at St Peter's Church OX2 8AQ
- Route C From Headington Quarry (3 miles)
12.30 pm Meet at Holy Trinity OX3 8NU
- Route D From Iffley (2 miles)
1.30 pm Meet at St Mary the Virgin OX4 4EG
- Route E From Abingdon (9 miles)
10.00 am Meet on Thames Path beneath Abingdon Bridge OX14 3HX

Baby loss service

This is a beautiful and moving service that some of us have attended in the past. For more details do speak to Revd. Sally.



Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service - St Albans

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL

9TH OF OCTOBER, 2023 AT 7PM

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.

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Recycling at St Luke's

As one of the ways to demonstrate our commitment to living more sustainably and caring for creation, we have set up an area at the back of church by the servery, where things that can be difficult to recycle at home can be brought and members of the 'eco-team' will ensure they are taken to be recycled correctly.

There are two boxes:

- One for used pill packets
- One for dead batteries and empty make up containers.

There is a larger 'hamper' for packaging that can be recycled in supermarkets. This rubbish has this label



Recycle with bags at large supermarkets | Don't recycle at home

You can see this label on plastic wrapping such as bread bags, fruit and veg bags, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. You can recycle this type of packaging at recycling points in selected supermarkets.

Please do bring any of these items of rubbish and place them in the appropriate container. Many people making small changes in the end makes a big difference.

Our Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd 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 6th October e-mail 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 19th October

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 12th October

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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 28th September then 26th October

Please note that for all Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday) **NB: new link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 7879 6960

Passcode: 386635