

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 1<sup>st</sup> September, Trinity 14

This week we have a 10.00am All Age Holy Communion. All are warmly invited to worship.  
At 6.00pm St Luke's will be leading a Celtic Evening Prayer for the first of the autumn Sundays at Six.

### The 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.

### 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.

### Gospel Reading

<sup>1</sup>When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus,  
<sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing  
them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus  
observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they  
wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and  
bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live  
according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Isaiah  
prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there  
is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,  
<sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil  
things come from within, and they defile a person.'

*Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

### Sunday's Hymns

42	Longing for light, we wait in darkness	screen	We are called
screen	Purify my heart	757	One more step

## Thought for the week...

Today's gospel reading is not an easy one. Jesus is criticised for not keeping the 'traditions of the elders' – that meant respecting food laws and ritual washing and so on. But Jesus points out that it is not what goes into us that causes problems- rather what comes out of us. People can appear pious and holy externally but just what is going on inside?

Autumn is upon us. A new school year always seems to herald the start of more 'stuff' – of busyness starting again. The quietness of summer ceases and more demands are made of us, even those who no school links at all.

It is so easy to get swept up with it all – as individuals, family, church. We become like swans, to stretch the analogy a little - apparently serene on the outside but paddling madly inside.

Perhaps the concept of silence leading to inner stillness might attract us this autumn and we might each learn to be quick to listen and slow to speak, to be still with God allowing Him to calm our inner selves so that what 'comes out of us' is gentle, uplifting, loving and kind.

Then author Henri Nouwen writes: 'the Word of God [Jesus] is born out of the eternal silence of God, and it is to this Word out of silence that we want to be witnesses'.

As we move into the 'stuff' of autumn, I wonder whether seeking that inner silence might enable us to live more effectively as disciples of Jesus.



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

- Give thanks for the success of our Arts Project, and pray for those who attended.
- For our schools, staff and children, as they return to learning and work, for those starting new schools.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there and for strength for all those who are suffering loss and fear.
- For those who fear the onset of Autumn, and who are lonely.
- For our care for creation.
- 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 Frances Avenue.
- 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: Phyllis Sigsworth, Rose Schlarb
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024:**

Sunday	Psalm 119.17-40	Ezra 1.1-8; 3	Luke 7.36-end
Monday	Psalm 1	1 Kings 1.5-31	Acts 13.13-43
Tuesday	Psalm 5	1 Kings 1.32-2.4;2.10-12	Acts 13.44-14.7
Wednesday	Psalm 119.1-32	1 Kings 3	Acts 14.8-end
Thursday	Psalm 15	1 Kings 4.29-5.12	Acts 15.1-21
Friday	Psalm 19	1 Kings 6.1,11-28	Acts 15.22-35
Saturday	Psalm 23	1 Kings 8.1-30	Acts 15.36-16.5

## Rotas for next week Sunday 8th September: Parish Communion

Read: Margaret Gibbon

Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Chalice: Shula

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Jeanette

Coffee: Simone and Season

*The week the flood lighting has been sponsored by*

**Iris Brown**

*In memory of Peter's birthday on 4<sup>th</sup> September*

and

**Malcolm Moulton**

*In memory of Margaret Moulton, our Pearl of great price*



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 1st	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Celtic Evening Prayer, St Luke's
Tuesday 3rd	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.30-6.30pm, WAMCF Trustees meeting, in Church
Wednesday 4th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 5th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group
Friday 6th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 4.00pm, Messy Church
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am, Morning prayer on zoom 3.00pm, Garden party
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Parish Communion

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

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Celtic Evening Prayer at St. Luke's
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

## Administration of Holy Communion

As was announced in church recently, we have received a letter from the Bishop informing churches that the practice of intinction at communion (dipping the wafer into the wine) that became widespread as a result of the pandemic should now stop. Bishop Olivia writes, that intinction... *... should only ever be an exceptional practice. The sharing of the common cup is one of the foundation stones of Anglican sacramental practice, dating back to Cranmer's Prayer Book and part of our heritage, and which in normal times should be normal practice.*

She continues:

*... no one needs to drink from the chalice if they do not feel comfortable doing this, as receiving the bread alone is sufficient to receive the Sacrament. But for those who do wish to receive the wine, the common cup is there. Drinking from a silver vessel is extremely safe as germs do not survive contact with the metal for long and the chalice is always wiped.*

From THIS SUNDAY we will therefore cease to offer intincted wafers (except at home communion) and will revert to, usually, having to chalices and two ciboria. This will be at all services.

## Coming up...

**Garden party, NEXT Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.** 3pm, in the vicarage garden. Tickets £15 pp, to include a glass of prosecco, available now from the parish office or after services.

As is usual, it would be great to have offers of cakes made for the event – please let Sally Somerville **know if you can make a cake** or sign up the list in church. We will also need **teams of helpers**:

- On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to help erect gazebos in the vicarage garden, and carry over tables.
- On Saturday from 10 am to help make sandwiches (in church). Thank you!

## Looking ahead to this Autumn:

**The Thanksgiving service for the life of Phyllis Sigsworth, RIP,** will be held in church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. All are warmly invited to give thanks for this amazing lady, who played a key role in the life of our church family for so many years. We hope that parking will be available at St. Joseph's church from 1.30 pm (NOT before this) and will confirm that next week. There is parking also on nearby streets and on Norfolk Road itself on Sundays.

**Heritage weekend: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.** We are participating in this national event by opening the church for people to visit and see our rich Christian heritage through our architecture and history. The current 'living stones' of the church will also be evident through other activities going on concurrently.

The church will be open from 10 am – 4pm each day, with guided tours available 10 am – 1pm and 3pm – 4pm. If you are able to give some time to help guide please let Ann Darracott know asap (information will be provided).

If you are able to help serve refreshments, on sale all day, please speak to Sally Somerville.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> is also **Valuation Day**, when local company Dawsons Auctioneers will be in church to talk about and value (without an audience) your personal treasures and curiosities. Please do come along and take advantage of this offer – and maybe make a small donation to church funds.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> is also **Ride and Stride Day**. This national event happens every year across the country, and is a great way to raise funds for the support of our historic churches.

Any mode of transport is fine – you could walk, cycle, ride between different local churches: simply choose a route and find lots of sponsorship from all your friends and family. Half of the sponsorship

goes to the Historic, Churches Trust, and half to our own church. Our local co-ordinator is Peter Goford who can tell you more, or look at the BHCT Ride & Stride website <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>  
Sponsorship forms are now available in church.

There will also be a **Baptism Play and Stay**, preparation session in church that morning.

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.

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.

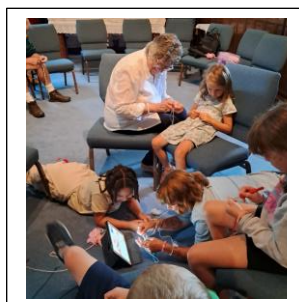
**The Bishop of Reading, Bishop Olivia**, is retiring at the end of September. We have a card and small gift for her from this parish. Everyone is warmly invited to her farewell service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, at 3pm in Reading Minster.

**Sunday 7<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**.

**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.

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**. Details to come... save the date!!

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.

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

## **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.

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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

**Windsor Pantomime Trip:** Ann Burdett is again organizing a trip to the Theatre Royal Windsor to see Dick Whittington on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 4:30pm. Tickets are £16.00 per person. If you would like to come please ask Richard for a booking slip or call us on 07860 814998.

## **Christmas Tree Festival 2024- 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)

### **Fellowship Area Cupboards**

Thanks to Ralph who is upgrading the locks on the doors to make them more secure and safer. Please note that the left hand doors of all now have twisting bolts on the inside – beware not to force the doors!

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> September 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> August

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 12<sup>th</sup> September

**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  
Church,  
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:



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## Harvest Lunch

Saturday 7th October 2024

Midday in church  
A bring and share lunch

All Welcome

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## Heritage Weekend

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th  
September 2024

Church open 10 am – 4 pm

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and 3–4pm  
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Friday: valuations by  
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