



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week commencing: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 All Saints, Parish Communion

Our service this Sunday will be **Parish Communion** at 10 am, to which all are, as ever, warmly invited in church and on zoom.

Our Annual **Memorial Service** takes place at 4pm, to which all are warmly invited to reflect on those we have loved and miss, and to light candles.

**Morning Prayer** also continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom, at 8.30 am (9 am on Sat.)

**Evening Prayer**, on Fridays at 5pm also on zoom (but note there is no service on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday monthly).

**Thought for the week:** every week when we say the (traditional form of the) Creed, we affirm that we believe in the 'communion of saints'. We are saying that we recognise that we are one with all Christians who have gone before us, and all who are yet to come. Those we knew and loved and carry in our hearts. Those we have heard of but never met. Those we will never know.

We can be assured that we are part of a worldwide, eternal family of hugely disparate people, united in our shared faith in God – however we understand God. Often, as I am at worship, or simply 'being' in our beautiful church building, I sense the presence of our forebears, soaked into the stones.

Maybe they are interceding for us. All Saints and All Souls Days can help us to focus on the bigger picture of the whole church. They can comfort us with the knowledge that our own loved ones are safe with the Father, for eternity. They can also challenge us to live as members of this amazing family.

### *Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October:*

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| Sunday    | Psalm 112        | 1 John 3.1-3    |                  |
| Monday    | Psalm 84         | Isaiah 35.1-9   | Luke 9. 18-27    |
| Tuesday   | Psalm 5          | Isaiah 1.21-end | Matthew 2.1-15   |
| Wednesday | Psalm 9          | Isaiah 2.1-11   | Matthew 2.16-end |
| Thursday  | Psalm 15         | Isaiah 2.12-end | Matthew 3        |
| Friday    | Psalm 16         | Isaiah 3.1-15   | Matthew 4.1-11   |
| Saturday  | Psalm 18. 31-end | Isaiah 4.2-5.7  | Matthew 4.12-22  |

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

- Give thanks for all who have gone before us.
- For those who miss loved ones.
- For all children, especially those in need, and for the work of the children's society  
For our mission as church and guidance about our Autumn offering.
- For Steve and Gemma, married here last weekend and for Harper, to be baptised here next weekend.
- For caution as Covid 19 infections rise again
- For the people of all places of conflict.

- For our care for creation and preparations for forthcoming environmental conferences.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Eddie Freear, Arthur Freear, Lilly Pyrke, Owen Green, Lilly Hutchinson, Robert Midgely, Beatrix Ribton, Isabella Burdett, Fred Wilson.
- For all those who live and work in North Town road.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela and Kenneth Rivers, Julianne Grobler, Clarice, Eunice Moffett, Jim Mundy, Andy, Dorothy Nicks.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Betty Himmons
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surrige, Ruth Keys, Eileen Hurst, Joan Joyce, Stuart Courtier, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Catherine Vincent, Trevor Headington, Marcus Hawes, James Herbert, Olive Powell, Beryl McGuire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith

### ***Pray for COP26***

Creator of our common home  
 Hear the cry of the earth  
 Our world stands in great peril  
 Many are suffering  
 We have put at risk our present and our future  
 through the rapid warming of the earth and the careless destruction of it's beauty  
 Give to the leaders of the world fresh hope and courage  
 As they gather for COP 26  
 Unite us all in a common mission to heal and cherish our environment  
 And steward the resources of our world for future generations  
 May this conference be a turning point in human history  
 For the sake of all the peoples of the earth. Amen.

### **Rotas for next week: 7<sup>th</sup> November, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom**

Read: Joan Harnby

Intercede: Terrie Robinson

Welcomers: Aaron, Eileen and Shula

Antibac: Sally Somerville

### **Our church is floodlit at night.**

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored  
by Mr T Autos*

To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally, or fill in the sheet now back at the back of church!



## **What's on...**

### **This week:**

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| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>       | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom                                    |
|                                 | 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift (Prayer shawl knitting) in church            |
|                                 | 6.45 – 7.45 Parish prayer, in church                                |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom    5.00 pm, Evening payer, on zoom |
|                                 | 8.00 pm, Choir practice   |
| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom                                    |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>         | 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom                   |
|                                 | 4.00 pm, Memorial service, in church                                |

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| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov. | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>7.30 pm, Extra PCC meeting   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>10.00 am Holy Communion, 10.30 am coffee   |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>     | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift (Prayer shawl knitting) in church<br>6.45 – 7.45 Parish prayer, in church |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>       | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>4.00 pm, Messy Church<br>8.00 pm, Choir practice   |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom<br>10.00 am, Baptism Play and stay  |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>       | 10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom<br>12.00 pm, Baptism of Harper Hutchinson                                    |

### Coming up:

**Remembrance Sunday** this year is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November when our main act of worship and remembrance will start at **10.30 am**.

**Christmas Tree Festival** : 3-5<sup>th</sup> December. If you (and anyone you know) would like to sponsor and decorate a tree, please speak to Revd. Sally.

**Foodshare**: as restrictions lift, we feel that now is the time to re-introduce the Foodshare basket at the back of church. Do feel free to leave items for Foodshare there, which Peter Goford will kindly take to Foodshare for us.

**Be the change**: is a diocesan initiative for young people (and the young at heart) about climate change. Do take a look at: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/making-a-difference/environment/be-the-change/>

**Love Christmas** is an initiative that St. Peter's lead on last year and will be heading up again, for all churches in town, this year. The idea is that we contribute to small gifts of love for churches to deliver to those they feel would benefit from them. It would be great if one person from St. Luke's might volunteer to be our link person and attend a meeting on the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please let Sally know if you feel called to do this.

### Regular activities:

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

**Midweek Holy Communion** will occur again at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee (or just come at 10.30 for coffee!).

**Baby and Toddler group** meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am. We meet in church.

**Messy Church** continues on the first Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Keeping Company** is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 16<sup>th</sup> December (none in November).

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, next 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Gaynor's Gift** is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. The next is on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm.

**Sundays at Six** A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, with a mix of zoom and in-church services. The programme is on our website.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto 'Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action', and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action, throughout the year.



In 2022 the service has been written by women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Scotland, for historic reasons, runs separately. It is an important year for the women of these countries as the last time we were involved was 1945. As more countries have joined since then, the likelihood is that it will be another 100 years before we can do it again! We are hoping for a large congregation from around the town in March. The theme for the service is 'I know the plans I have for you' and is centred round hope. This is appropriate considering all we have been through recently and amazing as it was written three years ago before we knew of the pandemic. God speaks in wonderful ways!

Gill Curry and I went to a preparation day for the service which our committee ran at St Marks Methodist Church. The speakers were Elizabeth Burroughs, the national president, and Suzanne O'Malley, one of the appointed officers. It was a fascinating day. We learned a surprising amount about our islands and were shown beautiful scenes on the power point presentation. Both women are enthusiastic in recruiting a younger generation to continue what is the largest ecumenical organisation in the world.

A few years ago the name was changed from Women's' World Day of Prayer, omitting the word 'Womens' because it has always been intended to include men, although being women-led, brings women's' issues to the attention of the world. We have been encouraged to reconsider the timing of our service. The tradition has been to hold it at 2pm, thus precluding parents collecting children from school and people at work. This also means that the committee members tend to be retired women. In our committee meeting in January we will be discussing all this and hopefully coming to a decision. It is yet to be decided where the service will be held.

Gill and I are representatives for St Luke's on the committee. I have been doing it for over 20years and am prepared to continue. However, it would be so good if there could be one or two women not in their seventies, who would consider joining us. It is not very demanding as we only meet about twice a year to plan, and we are a very friendly group. We then all take an active part in the services which are shared around the churches in the town from year to year. If there is anyone out there who is interested, have a word with me or with Gill.

Please look out for notices in the New Year and give the service a try even if you have never been before. Ruth Sheppard

**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

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password    Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing \*6 (star six)

**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)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810                      Passcode: 171263

**Sundays at Six: NEW link from 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdReiJUa0pQOTBJZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852                      Passcode: 936128

**Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry** 3pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, monthly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191294701?pwd=MzNVRFRpY2ZqcZdMMXV5SC9sc3ZKUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 9129 4701                      Passcode: 418055

**Night Prayer from All Saints:** Mondays at 8pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011600714?pwd=Y0x2VWpMQ3JFUSStsQ0plbEFLOEQrQT09> Meeting

ID: 850 1160 0714 Passcode: 553120

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033