



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 5<sup>th</sup> November, All Saints

This week we have a 10.00 am All Age Holy Communion service, to which everyone is warmly invited to worship together. It will be suitable for children as well as adults.

Then, at 4pm, we have our Annual Memorial service at which we remember all those whom we have loved and lost, at any time. Everyone is warmly invited to the service, and to stay for light refreshments afterwards. This is an opportunity to reflect and to light candles in memory of our loved ones.

Next week we keep Remembrance Sunday with a Word service at **10.30 am** and Holy Communion at 8 am only.

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body  
of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those  
who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

### Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast  
on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*1 John 3.1-3*

### Gospel Reading

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely

say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” *Matt 5.1-12*

### Sunday's Hymns:

27 Colours of day  
screen I am a new creation  
421 All for Jesus

725 Make me a channel of your peace  
160 Make way, make way

### Thought for the week:

Who am I?

Do you ever ask yourself that question?

Who each of us is, is shaped by our parents and family and background. Also, as a members of a church we are shaped by the other people who are members and, really importantly, by all those also who have been members of this church before us. Their faith and worship and ideas and beliefs have made the family of St. Luke's church what we are now and what we do and believe and so in the light of the society in which we live will shape it for those who are just joining and growing into the church and be the basis for generations to come to build on.



We are defined by the saints of the past, and we will shape the future – and the present too. Together with us they are part of the Communion of Saints – all the Christians who have ever lived, and ever will live, that is really famous people like Saint Peter and Saint Paul and Saint Francis of Assisi and Mother Teresa, but also all the very ordinary people like you and me and our grand parents and so on.

We are all children of God, called to be pure and to live holy lives – in the way that Jesus teaches in the Beatitudes (Sunday's gospel). And we can be assured that if we are shaped by our earthly parents and fellow disciples, then we will also be shaped by our heavenly father who will help us to be who we are truly meant to be – the people he longs for us to become – truly human and fully living in him.

Who are you?

You are a child of God, a member of the communion of saints, being slowly moulded into the whole person that God destines you to be.

### Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For ourselves, to recognise that we are each beloved children of God.
- 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 our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town, especially those worried for loved ones.
- 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 a new church music leader.
- For our growth in faith and for the developing Alpha team.
- That we may each play our part in the ministry of our church and care for its building.
- For our care for creation.

- For those who fear the autumn months and dark evenings.
- For Jude Ridley, Levi Patton and Elsie Trillow baptised recently, and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Owen Green, Lilly Hutchinson, Robert Midgley, Beatrix Ribton, Isabella Burdett, Fred Wilson, Harper Hutchinson, Poppie King-Couling, Klarissa Obwianu.
- For all those who live and work in Castle Drive.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Alice, Jean Jackson.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Robert Colin Sloan, Peter Sheppard, Paula Clayton-Nuth.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Mary Church, Thomas Speakman, Alice Newman, Roy Rance, Ruth Keys, Mary Fox, Marcus Lawes, James Herbert, Eileen Hurst, Francisca Knowles, Stuart Courtier, Joan Joyce, Trevor Headington, Catherine Vincent, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surridge, Olive Powell, Beryl Maguire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood, Wayne Smith, Kenneth Rivers, Pamela Rivers.

There are times when we struggle to pray – this time of turmoil in the Middle East may be one for you – this link offers a helpful aid to prayer, at any time: (with thanks to Jeanette Lock)

['When we don't know how to pray'](#)

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023:*

Sunday	Psalm 33	Ezekiel 34.1-16	Luke 14.25-15.10
Monday	Psalm 2	Isaiah 1.1-20	Matthew 1.18-end
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	P18.31-end	Isaiah 4.2-5.7	Matthew 4.12-22

**Rotas for next week:**

**Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> November: Word Service, in church and on zoom at 10.30 am**

Read: Peter Goford/Barbara Essam

Intercede: Shula Tajima/Simon Bader

Welcomers: Jacqueline, John and Rita

Coffee: Jeanette and Jenny

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

**Gill Boaks**

*In loving memory of my dear Tony*



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)

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

There are lots of weeks available.

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

Sunday 5th	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion 4.00pm, Memorial Service, St Luke's and Church of the Good Shepherd 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, All Souls Eucharist, All Saints Church and zoom
Tuesday 7th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 8th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 7.00pm, Alpha course training, in Church
Thursday 9th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group 2.00pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 10th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
Saturday 11th	9.00am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, John Cox bench dedication 12.00-3.00pm, WAMCF living library
Sunday 12th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.30am, Word Remembrance Service

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

5 <sup>th</sup> November <b>NB: 4 pm:</b>	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
5 <sup>th</sup> November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Service of Wholeness and Healing At All Saints
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christ Child Market at All Saints 12.00 – 3pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> December)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

## Coming up..

**Messy Church** our next Messy church is on 1<sup>st</sup> December. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) to book places (so we know how many to cater for). Dates for following Messy Church sessions will be confirmed soon.

## 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, last one this year: 15<sup>th</sup> November, in church.

**Alpha course:** we have committed to running an Alpha course next year and are now recruiting the team to run it. if you feel called to help in leading small group discussion, catering or prayer ministry please speak to Revd Sally and be able to come along to a training session **on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm in church. The session will start with a shared meal, as all Alpha sessions do, and last no more than 2 hours. Please let Revd. Sally know if you are coming and if you have particular dietary needs.

**12<sup>th</sup> Nov**      **Remembrance Sunday.** NB our Word service that day will start at 10.30 am, with an 8 am service of Holy Communion.

**19<sup>th</sup> Nov**      **Mitzvah day** join friends from faiths across town for practical community service activities at the synagogue. Those who would like to join in will go together after our 10 am service. see below for details. **Please sign up in church or email Revd. Sally if you would like to join in.**

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

**Wednesdays in Advent: 9pm, Compline** on zoom. Use the Morning Prayer link.

The co-ordinator of Mitzvah Day, Alexandra, writes this...

***Mitzvah Day** is the UK's largest faith-led day of social action, with 55,000 volunteers worldwide. At Maidenhead, we will have a range of activities (10-12), and we do a variety of things. Some will be outdoors - we want to get the compost up and running, and we're organising a litter pick as well. We always do a cooking activity for the Brett Foundation and Foodshare, and that tends to run into the afternoon. I'm also hoping that a local knitting group, Knit Your Socks Off will be joining us, and they always have a local project for charity to which we contribute. There are card-making activities and we also visit the care home next door, Herewards House.*

*We are also collecting donations for 2 Berkshire charities, to which your congregation is welcome to contribute if they wish. The Cow Shed needs good quality second hand or new children's books, toys and clothing. In addition, First Days is running their Christmas grotto where they collect new toys so parents who can't afford them can choose a new toy for their children at Christmas. They link to what they need is here if this might be something people could support: <https://www.firstdays.net/christmas-2023>.*

*Please ensure that anyone who might wish to do something outside on the day is dressed for the weather. People are welcome to join whatever activity they like. Due to security measures at the synagogue, I'll need names of people attending, number plates of all cars coming to the synagogue (and who is in each vehicle) at least by 9:45am on Sunday 19 November. Thank you for your understanding.*

*So looking forward to seeing you on Mitzvah Day!*

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December (set up day Weds 6<sup>th</sup>)**

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.

**Catering for the Christmas Tree Festival**

Just a reminder about cakes that we need for the festival. The three basics are Lemon drizzle, Victoria Sandwich and any chocolate cake. The Victoria sandwich must have just jam through the

middle and caster sugar on the top. Some people who have not made cakes before have already volunteered to start baking and it would be lovely to have even more people joining us. Please do not cut your cakes as we have to standardise the portions.

As Reverend Sally said, if you start now but have no freezer space, we can help. My phone number is 01628 783618. Sally Somerville

### **Everywhere is Heaven:** Malcolm Guite, Christopher Southgate, Roger Wagner

A poetry reading to open 'Everywhere is Heaven: Stanley Spencer/Roger Wagner', an exhibition at the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham

Sat, 18 Nov 2023 02:00

Holy Trinity Church Ferry Lane Cookham SL6 9SP

Tickets £10

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/everywhere-is-heaven-malcolm-guite-christopher-southgate-roger-wagner-tickets-731127300437?aff=oddtcreator>

### **CoOp Community Fund**

Thanks to everyone who has supported this church via the CoOp Community Fund in the last year. The total raised is £ 2749. This money has been earmarked for our work to develop our churchyard and will be well used as we do this.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> December e-mail [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 16<sup>th</sup> November

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 9<sup>th</sup> November

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> November

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

#### **Sunday Morning Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHlYZ1BaZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 7879 6960

Passcode: 386635

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