



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 8th October, Trinity 18

This week we have an 8.00am Holy Communion followed by our 10.00am Parish Communion. All are warmly invited to worship. There will be an activity for children at the main 10 am service.

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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

We praise and thank you, O Christ,  
for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table  
where you reign with all your saints for ever.

### First Reading

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, <sup>9</sup>not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *Phil. 3.4b-14*

### Gospel Reading

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: <sup>33</sup>'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they

treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ <sup>41</sup>They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. *Matthew 21.33-end*

### Sunday’s Hymns:

421	All for Jesus	585	All I once held dear
144	How deep the Father’s love for us	592	As the deep pants for the water
588	And can it be		

### Thought for the week:

Some people are described as having ‘green fingers’ (i.e. being a good gardener). Some may have an allotment, growing all manner of produce. Some will be farmers of different types, whose whole lives revolve around agriculture. And some shouldn’t be left in charge of a plant pot!

In Psalm 80, Israel is described as a vine carefully transplanted from Egypt. Transplanting a vine is certainly possible, if done with care. But, Isaiah says, this transplant has not gone well. Due to mismanagement, the vineyard goes wild and the grapes turn bad.

In Jesus’ parable, however, it’s the tenant farmers that turn bad, and the relationship between them and the owner spirals out of control. Matthew says that the Chief Priests and the Pharisees knew that this story was aimed at them, and this was the ‘final straw’ leading them to look for a way to arrest Jesus without the crowd turning on them. So, was this the story that got Jesus killed? Was this story of the killing of the landowner’s son sent as a last chance, in effect a self-fulfilling prophecy? The religious leaders chose the path of violence rather than seeking reconciliation, resulting in yet more of the bloodshed – just what Isaiah had condemned his contemporaries for.

While the original context of both the Old Testament and Gospel stories was the particular relationship between God and the nation of Israel, there are also echoes of human beings in general consistently mismanaging what has been entrusted to them, or grasping for more – from Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, through to our current stewardship of the world.

The landowner in Jesus’ parable offers the tenants one last chance. Sadly, they do not take it. Are there ways in which God is offering us, as individuals and as a people, another chance to do something different?

*From Roots on the Web*



### 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.
- For our bishops as they make decisions on Living in Love and Faith (including equal marriage in church for LGBTIQ+ people)
- 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 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, 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 all those who live and work in Simpson close.
- 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: 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 8th October 2023:*

Sunday	Psalm 128	Isaiah 49.13-23	Luke 12.1-12
Monday	Psalm 80	Ecclesiasticus 16.17-end	Mark 15.1-15
Tuesday	P 89.1-18	Ecclesiasticus 17.1-24	Mark 15.16-32
Wednesday	P119.105-128	Ecclesiasticus 18.1-14	Mark 15.33-41
Thursday	Psalm 92	Ecclesiasticus 19.4-17	Mark 15.42-end
Friday	Psalm 88	Ecclesiasticus 19.20-end	Mark 16.1-8
Saturday	Psalm 97	Ecclesiasticus 21.1-17	Mark 16.9-end

**Rotas for next week:**

**Sunday the 15th October: Parish Communion, in church and on zoom**

Read: Jacqueline Lewis

Intercede: Jeanette Lock

Welcomers: Rachel, Shula and Ralph

Coffee: Lisa and Kim

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

**Jeanette Lock**

In loving memory of my mother, Tessa  
*The Lord is my light and my salvation*

and

**Joan Harnby**

*In loving memory of Gordon,  
and giving thanks to God for the safe arrival of my great grandson*



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.

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

Sunday 8th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Jude Ian Ashley Ridley 3.00pm, Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital; Andrew Gallacher
Tuesday 10th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 11th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 12th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group 1.30pm, School visit to Church 2.00pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 13th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
Saturday 14th	9.00am, Morning prayer on zoom
Sunday 15th	10.00am, Parish Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Levi Ian Thomas Patton

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

22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom at St. Luke's
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

### Congratulations to...

Ann Darracott, who has been awarded the Taplow Court Culture Award. The certificate says 'In recognition of your sincere efforts to contribute to humanity'. This is for long service with the Maidenhead Civic Society for the publication of the book "Ockwells Manor - A history of the house and its occupants".



## An invitation to... our Feast Day

Our church is named after St. Luke, our patron. His feast day is on 8<sup>th</sup> October, so we keep our patronal festival on the Sunday closest to that date. This year that will be Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

We will have our usual 10 am service of Holy Communion and we warmly invite and encourage as many people as possible to come along to that service so that we can celebrate being a church family together. If you have not been to church for a while why not come along then, we'd love to see you.

There will be an activity for children during the service, led by Sam, our new Children and family Leader.

After the service everyone is warmly invited to stay for cheese and wine / juice, as well as coffee and cake – an early light lunch. There may even be a little quiz or treasure hunt – for all ages. Our school will also have a display in church of its 160 - year history and this would be a good time to browse it.

We are also designating this day as a Gift Day when people are invited to make one-off donations to the work of this church in thanksgiving and in order to help cover the cost of ministry and church upkeep. There will be a box in church to do this in cash on the day or you can use the card reader in church (add: Patronal before inserting the amount you wish to give) or by direct bank transfer – please use the reference: Patronal. Do remember to gift aid your offering if you can. Thank you.

The clergy and wardens look forward to welcoming many of you to church on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

## Coming up..

**Messy Church** our next Messy church is on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. £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 are, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> October, 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 have particular dietary needs.

**8th Oct**            **THIS SUNDAY: 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** , 9.20 am. All welcome – and to see an exhibition of the school in church.

**NB: the midweek Holy Communion service that day will be at 11 am.**

**21st Oct**            **Quiet Day** 10 am – 3pm, location: Bray church spirituality centre.. Led by Revd. Terrie. Sign up in church. £5 pp. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and cake provided.

**5th Nov**            **Memorial service** 4pm in church to remember all those whom we have loved and lost. Everyone is invited to this service to remember, reflect and light candles. If you would like the name(s) of loved one(s) read out please check and add to the list at the back of church.

**19th Nov**            **Mitzvah day** join friends from faiths across town for community service activities at the synagogue

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

### **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.

### **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.

Ann Darracott 01628 620280 07761 221937 Dorothy Strack Hankey 01628 311153 07743 32363

### **Cakes**

Every year we need lots of cakes to sell at the refreshment area. If you are able to start making and freezing cakes now that would be fabulous. Our stock cakes are lemon drizzle, Victoria sandwich and chocolate cakes (see Sally Somerville for details). We can also take specials! If you have no freezer space do let Sally know as we have some in church and elsewhere.

### **From the PCC**

Notes from this weeks PCC meeting will be available next week

## Our sponsored charities

Embrace the Middle East, one of the charities St Luke's is supporting this year, has on its website four very enlightening webinars, "Conversations with Middle East Christians" about the daily lives of people in Palestine-Israel, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt, and the work being done there by Christian organisations. There is also a recording of the Annual Lecture, which was given by Archbishop Justin Welby on Reconciliation in the Middle East, with a contribution from a Palestinian activist. The links are:

<https://embraceme.org/conversations-with-middle-east-christians-course-material>

<https://embraceme.org/annual-lecture-23>

## 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. More details at the link above.

## 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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## A church cleaner

For 2 hours  
every fortnight

Application form and details from the vicar:

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Closing date: 27th October 2023

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. Next is 26<sup>th</sup> 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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

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=dUNTnRZVFjBY2xiS3QyVHlYz1BaZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 7879 6960      Passcode: 386635



The poster features the Quench Christian Bookshops logo at the top, with the text 'Christmas POP UP SHOP' in a large, stylized font. Below the text is an illustration of a stack of colorful books with a red Santa hat on top. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes. The bottom section of the poster is green and contains the following text:

**WHERE?** ..... Maidenhead Salvation Army.....  
..... East Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1PJ .....

**WHEN?** 2nd, 16th & 30th Nov, 9:30am-12:30pm  
.....

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