

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 8th September, Trinity 15

This week we have an 8.00am Holy Communion and a 10.00am Parish Communion. There will be an activity available for children during the latter service. All are warmly invited to worship.

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2.1-10, 14-17

Gospel Reading

²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Mark 7.24-37

Sunday's Hymns

669	I heard the voice of Jesus say	358	Be still, for the presence of the Lord
810	Thou whose almighty word	675	Immortal love, for ever full
644	God is love, let heaven adore him		

Thought for the week...

This week's *Roots on the Web* reflection develops the reading from James and asks us all some challenging questions:

'We welcome all'. It's easy to say but do we really? James' teaching is a judgement call on all who show favouritism within the Christian community. God's kingdom is for all peoples. Are there people we knowingly exclude or have we become a clique? What barriers to others do we create as a Christian community? Consider physical obstacles, actions, language, the structure and tradition of worship. What do we feel when we put ourselves in the shoes of others. What would we see and feel if we were walking into church for the first time today? What barriers would we face? What could make our church more welcoming?



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our schools, staff and children, returning learning and work, those starting new schools.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there.
- For those who fear the inset of Autumn, and who are lonely.
- For our care for creation.
- For the various nurture activities offered this autumn.
- 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 Fullbrook Close.
- 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 8th September 2024:

Sunday	Psalms 119.57-72	Daniel 3	Luke 9.57-10.24
Monday	Psalms 30	1 Kings 8.31-62	Acts 16.6-24
Tuesday	Psalms 36	1 Kings 8.63-9.9	Acts 16.25-end
Wednesday	Psalms 34	1 Kings 10.1-25	Acts 17.1-15
Thursday	Psalms 37	1 Kings 11.1-13	Acts 17.16-end
Friday	Psalms 31	1 Kings 11.26-end	Acts 18.1-21
Saturday	Psalms 71	1 Maccabees 2.29-48	Philippians 4

Rotas for next week Sunday 15th September: Parish Communion

Read: Kate Taylor Intercede: Dorothy Strack-Hankey Chalice: James
 Welcomers: Rachel, Helen and Carl Coffee: Jeanette and Kim

The 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 donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.



What's on this week:

Sunday 8th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Parish Communion 2.00pm, Thanksgiving service for Phyllis Sigsworth, in Church
Tuesday 10th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30pm, PCC Standing Committee
Wednesday 11th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible study group
Thursday 12th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 2.00pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 13th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 10.00-4.00pm, Heritage weekend 5.00pm, Evening Prayer on zoom 8.00pm, Choir practice
Saturday 14th	9.00am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am-4.00pm, Heritage weekend and Ride and Stride day 9.30am-10.30am, Baptism Stay and Play, in Church
Sunday 15th	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

15 th September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
6 th October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
20 th October	Sung Evensong (BCP), at St. Luke's and on zoom (Sunday morning link)
3 rd November NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
10 th November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
24 th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
8 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 6 th - 8 th Dec.)
22 nd December 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

Congratulations...

To all those young people admitted to Holy Communion before confirmation last Sunday:
Monalisa and Daniel Ezeokoli, Jonas and Sebastian Lanyon, Sofia, William and Theo Sharma,
Noah Cameron, Monty and Hugo Harle.



Coming up...

The Thanksgiving service for the life of Phyllis Sigsworth, RIP, will be held in church on Sunday 8th 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.

St Joseph's church has very kindly agreed to offer **parking** from **1.30pm** (NOT before this as people will still be leaving). There is parking also on nearby streets and on Norfolk Road itself on Sundays.

The service will be zoomed – use the Sunday morning link.

Heritage weekend: Friday 13th and Saturday 14th 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 13th 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 14th is also **Ride and Stride Day**. 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.

All Saints Church, Boyne Hill will also be taking part in the Heritage weekend. See below for more details.

All Saints church in Boyne Hill will be open under this scheme on 14 and 15 September for you to visit, between 9.30 and 4.30 on the Saturday, and between 12 and 4.30 on the Sunday. This is a grade 1 listed church built in the gothic style to reflect the mediaeval grandeur of the cathedrals and churches of that time and is full of polychromatic colour, beautiful windows, stone carvings and much more. And there is not just the church to see - it is sited in an enclosed grass quadrangle with other buildings around it in the same style, and with an interesting churchyard. It is of national and international significance.

Detailed leaflets will be available for you to browse around the church at any time at your own pace with volunteers on hand to answer questions, and there will be a guided tour at 10.30am on the Saturday and 3pm on the Sunday, and an organ recital at 2.30 on the Sunday. Light refreshments will also be available.

Our next church breakfast is on **Saturday 21st 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 22nd 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, just turn up.

On **Saturday 28th 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 14th as previously stated)

The next **WAMCF Dialogue** is on Thursday 26th September at 7pm at Taplow Court. See flyer below for details.

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 29th September, at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please let Revd. Sally know if you would like or can offer transport.

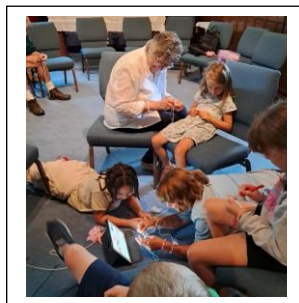
Sunday 6th October is our Church Harvest Festival, the All Age Holy Communion service will be followed by **bring and share lunch for all**. We hope to hold the service in the churchyard near our new bug hotels. There will be a churchyard trail for children (and adults!) and an activity for those who would like to stay on between the service and lunch. If you are able to bring food to share please sign up so that we can avoid an overload of sausage rolls!

This year we are invited to bring food offerings that can be taken to Foodshare, along with those that children from school will bring to their Harvest service in church on **Friday 4th (9.30 am**, to which all are welcome). As usual we will have a small number of plants to take to the housebound.

On Friday 18th 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 20th October. It would be great to see as many of church family as possible gathered to celebrate together at the 10 am service. This will also be a **Gift Day** when we are invited to make a financial offering towards the work and maintenance of the church.

Following the success of the Arts Project we will be holding an **All Age Craft morning on Saturday 26th 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 **3rd 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 23rd November**. Details to come... save the date!!

Sunday 24th 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 6th – 8th December**, with set up on Wednesday 4th and Schools day on Thursday 5th. 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: 11th and 25th September, 9th and 23rd October, 6th and 20th November.

We are offering a **Pastoral Course**, aimed particularly at contactors but open to anyone, on the other alternate Wednesdays, at 8pm in church: 18th September, 2nd, 16th and 30th October, 13th and 27th 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: 26th September, 10 and 24th October, 14th and 28th November. All welcome – as are offers of soup!

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 5th 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: 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 29th November

Windsor Pantomime Trip: Ann Burdett is again organizing a trip to the Theatre Royal Windsor to see Dick Whittington on Sunday 5th 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 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 September 2024
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 September

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 12th 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 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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 26th 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,
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**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:



The Mysteries of
the
Church of England!



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Harvest Lunch

Saturday 7th October 2024

Midday in church
A bring and share lunch

All Welcome

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The Interfaith Group in the Royal Borough
of Windsor & Maidenhead



Join in the Dialogue at Taplow
Court, Cliveden Road, Taplow
SL6 0ER

What does the world need
most right now?

Thursday 26th September 2024
7pm - 830pm followed by
refreshments

LINK TO TAPLOW
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REFRESHMENTS

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Heritage Weekend

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th
September 2024

Church open 10 am - 4 pm

Tours of the church: 10 am - 1pm,
and 3-4pm
Refreshments all day



Friday: valuations by
Dawsons Auctioneers

ALL WELCOME