



St Luke's

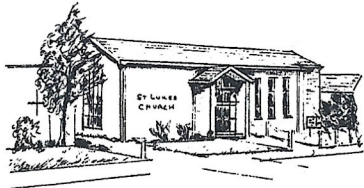
the Parish Church for

Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln

Harvest

Celebration

Welcome to St Luke's



Following the Service

Everything you will need for today will be in this booklet and the hymn book. The service will be on the right hand page in black (please join in the words in bold) and if need it there will be an explanation of what's happening on the left hand page. Words printed in **bold type** are said by all. We generally stand to sing and for a couple of other marked bits but feel free to stay seated if that's more comfortable for you.

If we can be of any assistance with any particular requirements please let us know.

Receiving Communion

If Communion is your thing then you are welcome to receive here. We can offer Gluten free wafers we'd be grateful if you could let us know if you need this at the start of the service.

If you do not receive Communion, we would love you to come to the altar for a blessing, holding your service book as a sign.

Children at St Luke's

"Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me" Luke 9:48"

Jesus loved children and so do we and they are always welcome here at St Luke's. We know that God put the wiggle in them so please don't worry if they move around or make a bit of noise. This is an all age celebration which means we worship together as one family, There will be bits for grown ups and bits for children and there is a table of craft activities if you fancy exploring that.

*The bell will ring as a cue our service is starting,
The song numbers can be found on the board at the front of church.*



Song

Gathering to worship God

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

We pray together:

God of the days and the years, God of winter, spring, summer and harvest

We give this time to you.

As we meet together in your house, help us to become more like Jesus so that when people look at us they see you.

Saying Sorry to God

Harvest makes us aware of how much we have but it also makes us aware of how often we fail to take care of the world and those around us.

Confession Activity

*We receive God's forgiveness
then we pray together*

**Dear Lord, the gifts of the harvest are yours.
May we use them wisely to your glory
and for the relief of the suffering,
as well as for our own needs. Amen**

We Say Sorry (Prayers of Penitence)

Sometimes we do things that are wrong, we hurt or upset people, we put our needs first. These things get in the way of our relationship with God and with each other. But God doesn't want us to carry that guilt with us so in this prayer we say sorry and offer it all to God, knowing that we can leave it with him and be free.

We Hear That We Are Forgiven (Absolution)

Jesus died and rose again so that none of the things we do wrong get in the way of our relationship and so that we could be forgiven anything; there's nothing too big or bad. One of a priest's roles is to reassure us of that forgiveness.

The Collect

The collect is a special prayer for the day. Anglican churches across the world will be praying the same prayer today. It collects all of our individual prayers together.

The Creed/Declaration of Faith

The creed is a summary of the most important things that we believe as Christians. The creeds were written when the church was still very new and people have been saying them for many hundreds of years. When we say it together it joins us together with each other, with churches across the world and with all Christians throughout history.

Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen, alleluia amen

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus...
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit...

The Collect

We stay standing if comfortable

Bible Readings

Please sit

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Talk

Song



We declare our faith together

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,

Bible Reading(s)

We listen to passages from the Bible. It may be from the Old or New Testament.

There will normally be at least one reading from the Gospels. These (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are the four books written that tell us about Jesus' life and what he said

**who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers

The Peace

God gives us a peace which passes all understanding, and which we reach through trusting in God. Let us share that peace with each other.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



Offertory Song

During which the Bread and Wine are brought up to the altar and we take a collection. This is also the time to bring up your harvest gifts and we will pray a blessing on them

Preparation of the Altar

The table is set and the bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Peace

Communion starts with "the peace". We shake hands or hug and say "peace be with you" to each other. It may seem a little bit odd but it comes from Jesus' telling us that we should try to make up with anyone we have fallen out with and not come to Communion grumpy. Of course we probably haven't fallen out with anyone and if that's the case then we are sharing God's blessing and asking for peace for the people we greet.

The Offertory

During this song the bread and wine is brought to the table. It is brought up by people from the congregation to represent us bringing our normal everyday lives and offering them to God who, as He does with the bread and wine, makes them something special. We also take a collection for the work of the church and its outreach into the community.

During the offertory we set the table, as we would for a normal meal. But the things on the table represent special things that help us think about Jesus' death and resurrection.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air,
and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

Bread and Wine

Jesus used bread and wine in the last supper and told us to do the same. In a special way, a way that we don't always understand, the bread is for us Jesus' body and the wine is His blood. We use special wafers because they are easier to manage but they are the same thing.

The Corporal

The big square cloth we put on the table first. It comes from the Latin word 'corpus' meaning body. It symbolises the grave clothes that Jesus was wrapped in after he died.

The Chalice

These are the cups we use for the wine. They are normally silver (although of course this isn't a requirement!) because we think the blood of Jesus is precious and special

The Pall

The square cover on the chalice. Pall is also a name for the cloth that covers a coffin when someone dies, again pointing us to Jesus' death.

The Water

We add a little bit of water to the wine. It symbolises the water that came from Jesus' side when the Roman soldier hit him with his spear after he had died.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St Luke and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Receiving the bread and the wine

If you are visiting us and you usually take Communion, even if you haven't received for years, you are very welcome to receive today. If, however, that's not your usual practice we would still love to pray for you, so if you are comfortable, please come and bring this order of service with you so that we know to pray a blessing

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

**We receive communion.
After Communion we stay seated and sing our next song**

Prayer after Communion

We pray together

**Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

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Final Prayer

We may not be able to confront queens,
or challenge presidents;
We may not have the capacity to divert resources,
or pull communities out of distress;
We may not have the voice to silence the noise of war,
or the words to negotiate peace between armies;

But, as we follow you Lord, we are able to do something.

And so, we pray that you would inspire us to commit to and act on the small difference we can make:

May we bring peace through small acts of gentleness and reconciliation;

May we bring wealth through small contributions and collaborations;

May we bring safety through small acts of consideration and acceptance;

May we bring wholeness through small acts of care and service.

And in the small ways, O God, may our small difference make a big contribution to your saving work in our world.

Amen

Blessing

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ
Amen**

**Please join us for refreshments after the service if
you can.**

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