



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 2nd June 2019

Sunday after Ascension Day

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00am Holy Communion

**10.00am All Age Holy Communion including
Renewal of Marriage Vows– Sue and Ralph Hinchliffe**

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

3.00pm Seeking Solace

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Compline, here

If you are new to St. Luke's please do make yourself known to the ministers or a member of the Welcome Team, who can give you a contact slip to complete. Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee which will be served in the fellowship area at the back of church.

You might like to know that...

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with quiet toys and books. Do feel free to sit there with your children. For older children we have activity bags so that they can sit with you in the pews, just ask a sidesperson for one.

... we have large print orders of service and hymn books. If you would like one please ask someone wearing a name badge.

... we have a loop system for those using hearing aids.

... the toilets are through the double doors at the front of church.

... if you would like to receive an intincted wafer at communion please come to the south side of the altar and indicate to the minister.

... we have many activities going on during the week. For a full list please ask a person with a name badge

... we send out a weekly email update. If you would like to be added to the list please email the Parish Office on admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Pastoral Care: If you have or know of any particular pastoral need (visiting, home communion, etc) please speak to our Pastoral Coordinator, Sue Hinchliffe in the first instance (01628 784724).

Safety: We take all aspects of safety very seriously at St Luke's. Please do take care with hot drinks. Details of our safeguarding team are on the noticeboard by the door . Should you have any concerns, please do speak to someone.

The Readings for the Sunday after Ascension

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Acts 16.16-36

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory

that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

John 17.20-end

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son
Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your
kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not
comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to
strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where
our Saviour Christ is gone before,

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into
all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This morning's hymns at 10am:

P: 380	At the name of Jesus	T. Camberwell (omit * verses)
G: p 4	Our God is a great big God	
Anthem:	The Lord's my shepherd (Goodall)	
O: 516	Love Divine	
HC: p4	O God you search me and you know me	
R: 166	Crown him with many crowns	

Our God is a great big God (x3)
And He holds me in His hand
He's higher than a sky scraper
And He's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams
And He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

Holy Communion:

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Ralph and Sue

“In celebration of our Golden Wedding”



What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

The Revd. Nicola Hulks: Nicola's last Sunday at St. Luke's is next Sunday. We will have a parish lunch and party for her in the vicarage garden. Please sign up to provide food. Nicola's induction will be on 2nd July, 7.30pm at Thatcham Park School. Sign up sheet for car share is now at the back of church.

Quiet day, Saturday 6th July. We have booked back at Goosebury Hall Quiet Garden for our summer quiet day. It is a drive of around an hour so we will leave here in shared cars at 9 am aiming to be there for coffee just after 10 am. We will have time for quiet in the lovely gardens, as well as walking for those who wish to do so. We will leave around 4.00 pm. Cost £7 pp. please sign up in the usual way.

INFORMATION

Summer Fair Saturday 8th June, 2-5pm: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the fair. Now we need loads of items for the various stalls. Goodies for the Bottle Stall, Tombola, Books, Produce, Card Tombola (small items), Bric-a-brac. And of course offers of cakes! Good quality new items for the Raffle. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair. Johanna, Rita and Sue

Fabric Meeting. There will be a Fabric Meeting on Tuesday 11th June at 8pm in Church. Any new members will be warmly welcomed. For further information please contact Sue Hinchliffe.

The Diocesan Common Vision (becoming a more Christlike church) will be the focus of the next Deanery Synod on Tuesday 4th June at 8pm, (refreshments from 7.30pm) at All Saints Dedworth. Those of us at the recent conference about this will feed back – it was very interesting and helpful. Everyone is welcome to this meeting. **To enable us to get there in time the Tuesday evening Holy Communion Service will start at 6.45pm**
See over for website details of +Steven's talk

Bishop Steven's blog: Read more about the Diocesan Common Vision in Bishop Steven's blog:

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/put-out-into-deep-water-macedonia/>

Hospitality fund: A reminder of ways to pay into this: By a bacs payment into the church account (reference: HOSP) – please also ideally email the treasurer to let him know. By cheque (St. Luke's PCC) given to Richard Burdett or Ben Darracott. By cash to the box marked 'hospitality fund' on the churchwardens cupboard on Sundays.

Interfaith Community meal: a meal for anyone in the community to join and eat together. Every Tuesday at 6.00pm, here in church. All welcome.

Serena Tajima and Andrew Hayes are getting married here at midday on Saturday 20th July. Everyone is warmly invited.

Berkshire Exploring Vocations Group: Open to all exploring God's call on their lives and seeking to understand how to respond. These sessions will offer the opportunity to meet others on the same journey, to reflect on aspects of ministering in the Church of England and to explore a topic in group discussion. Each Session is standalone. Tuesday 11th June, 2019; 7.30 - 9.30 pm (starting at 7.45 pm) At: St. Mary's Church Centre, Station Road Twyford RG10 9NT. Please let Sally know if you plan to go.

Evening rambles. Thursday 6th June: meet in the Nat Trust car park on Cookham Moor now a pay and display car park. N.B. this is free to Nat Trust members on use of your membership card. M.R. SU892855. And

Wednesday 12th June: details next week.

Windsor Panto January 2020: details next week (oh no...) or see Ann B.

WAMCF Ladies: The next interfaith ladies meeting will be on Wednesday 12th June, 1.30-3.00pm at Maidenhead Synagogue on the theme of Jewish Pilgrimage. The following meeting is on Monday 22nd July, 7.30-9.30pm here at St Luke's Church on the theme of Remembering Srebrenica. Ladies of all faiths and none are welcome to either or both. For more details speak to Revd. Sally 01628 783033

Music Festival 21st-30th June: It's less than a month until our music festival. Please give your completed booking forms to Jean T-D or the church office.

Book early to avoid disappointment! For details of all concerts, recitals and workshops please pick up a festival brochure from church or visit:

<http://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk/>

Church finances: at an extra meeting recently, the PCC considered the fact that we are facing again this year a predicted deficit on our general fund account. We have discussed a number of ways to raise the income needed to ensure that we can balance our books. We can have a (limited) number of extra fund raising activities (please join in), we can 'let' the church (who do you know who might take up this opportunity?) and we can make a few cuts, but the lions share must come from our own generous giving – paying for what we receive from 'church' and in gratitude for all that God has given us. After that meeting we have already had one pledge of increased giving. Please do prayerfully consider how you could support our finances. You may like to use this prayer:

Generous God,

Thank you for the abundance of your creation and for all the good gifts that we enjoy in our church and home lives. May we mirror your creative giving in the way that we manage the finances of our church; and embrace a spirit of thankfulness and gratitude. Please help us as individuals to give with contemplative generosity to the whole ministry of this church; as church to give compassionately to the needs of those around us; and as your body in this place to be courageous in our sacrificial giving of our whole selves, out of our love for you.

For your prayers

(to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)



- Nicola, Ben and Luke in their new ministry
- Growth of our Café Church
- For all young people sitting exams- and those marking them!
- For our Muslim brothers and sisters and they complete the holy month of Ramadan
- For our political leaders especially at this time of national concern.
- The Orthodox and Anglican church in Ethiopia and especially the work of FACE (Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia)
- The work of The Clewer Initiative and the Homelessness Bus
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in June: Lexi Teeder, Robert Lambert, Ollie Pickett, Myles Taylor, Jayden Shaw-Griffiths, Coby Griffiths, and Cameron Raymond
- All those who live and work in White Rock
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Shula Tajima
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Ronald Bennett, Paul Luxton, Christine Collins, Hazel Birch, Joycelne Wyman, Christa Blight, John Avenell, Philip Snelgrove, Robert Clark, Doreen Shields, and Scott (Cyril) Keen.

This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities



Monday 3rd June

Office open 9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 4th June

Office open 9.30-11.30am

8.30am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Interfaith Community Meal

6.45pm Holy Communion

8.00pm Deanery Synod

Wednesday 5th June

Office open 9.30—11.30 am

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion, coffee

Thursday 6th June

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Baby and Toddlers Group

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 7th June

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.15am Stretch and Breathe

3.30pm Messy Church

6.00pm-7.30pm Summer Fair set up

8.00pm Choir

Saturday 8th June

9.00 am Morning Prayer

2.00pm-5pm Summer Fair

Sunday, 9th June , Pentecost

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd. Nicola Hulks

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4.00pm Café Church

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Pentecost Songs of Praise at ChOGS, Cox Green

Next weeks readings:

Acts 2.1-21 John 14. 8-27

Rota for Sunday 9th June under Duty Warden: John Salter

Reader: 1st: Jean T-D **Acolytes:** Michael Masango, Ben Darracott

Intercessor: Dorothy S-H **Elements:** Rita and John Salter

Chalice: Sue Hinchliffe, Ian Gilchrist **Coffee:** Lisa and Mike Mason

Server at 8am: Rebecca Bryant **Crucifer at 10am:** Nicola Buckland

Welcome Team: 8am: Joan Harnby

10am: Sue and Ralph Hinchliffe, Jill Bevitt, Ann Burdett, Dorothy S-H

St. Luke's Church Office is open Mon Tues, Weds, 9.30 am - 11 am

Deadline for entries for this weekly pew sheet is 9.00 am on Tuesdays.

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