



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 7th May 2017

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am NO Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd June Faulkner

Preacher: Sonya Clarke

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Meditative Evening Worship, at All Saints

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 card to complete. Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee which will be served in the parish centre.

You might like to know that...

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with 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 - or take a Parish Directory from the leaflet trolley.

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

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).

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter are:

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2.42-end

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.1-10

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus
Christ to be the good shep-
herd,
and in his love for us to lay
down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his
protection,
and give us grace to follow
in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:
Joan Lynch and Steve**

“Beloved Dave, we both miss you so much xxx”.



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Helen Poynter RIP: Helen's thanksgiving service is at 6pm on Friday 12th May. Everyone is very warmly invited if anyone is able provide cake for refreshments afterwards please see Sally Sommerville (783618) or sign up on the list at back of church.

Thy Kingdom Come- the Archbishops' call to prayer for our nation: our Archbishops are calling all Christians to pray for the life and renewal of this nation in a global wave of prayer, particularly between Ascension and Pentecost this year (25th May – 4th June). Do look at the website: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> to find out far more and find resources.

In this church we have agreed that we will do the following:

- Open (and staff) the church for two hours each day in the cycle, with prayer stations
- Hold a prayer walk around the parish boundary after church on Sunday 28th May
- Provide a flyer with ideas for personal participation (e.g. praying for five friends)

Please do join in as much as you can. Sally

Bishop Steven's visit to the Deanery: +Steven will spend much of Tuesday 6th June in the Deanery. He will meet with clergy and will visit St. Luke's school as well as town centre ministry in Windsor. Everyone is invited to 'an evening with Bishop Steven' at 7.30 pm at St. Stephen's church Windsor. Please do make this a priority in your diaries, especially PCC members.

Ascension day: I have received the following invitation from Rabbi Jonathan Romain: I would be delighted if you – and any of your congregation – would be able to join us for the talk to be given by given by the (still relatively new) Bishop of Oxford on Thursday 25th May at 8.00 pm. He will be speaking on 'Leadership and scripture – recovering confidence in our traditions'. It should be a fascinating evening. It would be great to go along and so our evening **Ascension day** service will be a shorter service at 7.00pm, allowing those who wish to go

together to the synagogue afterwards. If you'd like to go please let me know and I will reply for us all. Sally

Seeking Solace meets on Monday 8th May from 3.00pm in church. This is a time for anyone who has been bereaved or is in need of comfort and support. We meet at first sharing tea and cake and then spend some time in quiet reflection. For further information please contact Sonya on 632626.

Task Groups: Meet on Tuesdays 9th May (**Young People**, Music, Bereavement, Weddings) and 23rd May (Social Media, Social Gospel, Our Older Members, Children and **Christening**). Meetings start at 8pm in church and all are welcome. Each group will have a specific item to follow up / develop. Please note the change of date for the Young Peoples and Christening groups.

INFORMATION

St. Luke's Music Festival 2017 - 10th to 24th June: Brochures are now available in Church for our third Music Festival. Please take some and tell all your friends and relatives, as well as securing your own tickets from Jean T-D early to avoid disappointment. Great music to suit all tastes, starting with a sumptuous orchestral concert of popular classics conducted by John Cotterill, and ending with the award winning Taplow Choirs.

Plant Sale and dates for your diary: There will be a plant sale on Sunday 21st May after church. Also advance notice that our church fair will be on 10th June.

Serena Tajima is to be ordained deacon on Saturday 1st July at 2pm in Christchurch cathedral, Oxford. Everyone is warmly invited to be there to support her - please do pray for Serena as she prepares for this important time. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Serena please give it to the church wardens by 14th May.

Christian Aid Week 14th – 20th MAY 2017: 'SUPPORTING REFUGEES' Christian Aid Week will be here soon. This year the campaign is looking to highlight the plight of refugees in so many troubled areas of the world. It almost mirrors the origins of Christian Aid's birth 60 years ago. Last year, the Maidenhead campaign raised almost £13,000. This would not be possible without our dedicated group of church convenors who work tirelessly to make the week so successful, so seriously consider offering to help when the envelopes appear at the back of church.

Saturday 13th May 2017 10:00-12:00– Coffee morning at High St. Methodist Church, Maidenhead. This is a chance for refreshment and buying

Home Pantry products (jams, marmalade, chutneys, cakes, etc.) Donations of home produced items are welcome and a sign-up sheet will be available at back of church—contact Dorothy (Tel: landline: 311153 or Mobile: 07743 323635 or E-Mail: dorothyannstrack@gmail.com if you can help with products or your time. **Sunday 14th May 2017 6:00 pm**— Christian Aid Service at United Reformed Church, Maidenhead

At Easter our Church was shining according to several comments I heard re the brass, so thanks to the few volunteers on the brass cleaning rota. I'm pleased to say we've just had two new volunteers but we could do with several more. One of the present volunteers has been doing it for 40 years, so young and old are both welcome. It requires coming in for up to an hour about once every 2 months - day and time are flexible. Please, please contact me for details. Jilly Bevitt T.633464.

Church Care Time Saturday 13th May. 9.30 – 12.30 We have an ambitious programme of maintenance and repairs this time, inside and out, and would welcome plenty of volunteers of both sexes. Please note the date if you may be able to help, and see the detailed list of tasks and a sign up form at the back of the church. It helps greatly with the planning if we know who is coming and what tasks would suit them, so do talk to me or Don Luff if you have not come before. Thanks, Roger Bevitt T.633464.

Prayer Letters: An answer to prayer-someone has volunteered to organise the prayer letters . As from now it will be in the capable hands of Rebecca . I have enjoyed doing this since it first started , including walking along roads I had never even heard of . A big ' Thank You 'goes to all the people who have helped with the delivery over the years , especially those from the former Wives Group / Thursday Club. It was so easy to turn up to the monthly meeting and find volunteers to deliver all the cards for the following month. If you fancy the occasional walk have a word with Rebecca, you do not have to talk to anyone , just put a few letters through letter boxes. Enid

And a huge thank you to Enid for everything she has done. Sally

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

WAMCF Women's Group: The next meeting of WAMCF Women's group will take place on Monday 22nd May, 7.30-9pm at Maidenhead Synagogue, Ray Park Avenue. Ladies of all faiths and none are welcome to share refreshments and talk about wedding customs. Do bring your wedding photos with you. For more details see Sally

Local Walks: All are welcome on these walks of 2.5 to 4.5 miles, which we hope to have most weeks throughout the summer. Please let us know if you would be interested in an occasional easier, flat walk of about 2.0 miles. If you wish to be certain that the walk is going to happen, particularly if the weather looks as though it could be wet, please phone the walk leader. Please share cars

if possible. We meet as follows :

Thu. 11 May 7.15pm. Meet at the public car park just beyond the Spade Oak Inn (GR884875) which is signposted down Coldmoorholme Lane a turning south off the A4155 Bourne End to Marlow road. 3.5m flat (with an optional climb for a view) by the Thames and over the railway bridge to Cockmarsh. Leaders: Roger & Jilly Bevitt T.633464

Wed 18 May 7.15pm. Meet at the Flower Pot, Aston (GR784843) – turn right off the Henley road just past Remenham Hill and follow the lane for about a mile. Details of walk to follow. Leader: Roger Clarke T.632626

1 Jun & 13 Jul 2.15pm - provisional dates for short, flat, easy walks.
Roger & Jilly Bevitt

Children's Society candles: Please can return your candles so that I can get the money into the charity in May. Thanks Kristina

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

- The ministry and mission of this church
- The preparations for the upcoming general election
- The work of Jeel Al Amal orphanage in Bethany
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work and the outcome of the consistory court
- Those who were married here recently: Madeleine and Elliot
- Charlotte, who was baptised here recently
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in May: Heidi Brudenall, Zara Webb, William Eves, Hudson James, Dylan Perry, William Kirk, Elsie Rutland, Harry Portsmouth, Daisy Stevens
- All those who live and work in Waters Reach
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Katharine Morris, Ben Francis, Stephen Sands, Tim Williams, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, babies Albert and George
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: John Crampin, Michael Poynter, Vivienne Sewell, Roy Howton, Doreen Headington, John Henry, Doris Simpson, Terrence Comley, Joan Carpenter, Muriel (Betty) Smith, Irene Weller, Glyn Jackson, Alicia Teare, Peter Petter, Elsie Taplion, Josephine Aldridge, Angela Beavis





Next Sunday, 14th May

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

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6.00 pm **Sundays at Six:** Christian Aid Service

at the United Reformed Church

Next week's readings at 10am:

Acts 7.55-end John 14. 1-14

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Don Luff

Readers: Acts: Helen Petter

Intercessor: Phyllis Sopp

Elements: Jan and Ian Gilchrist

Coffee: Gill Curry and Sue Harbour

Welcomers: **8.00 am:** Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Peter Goford, Eileen Goford,
Phyllis Sigsworth, Ann Burdett

Monday 8th <i>Office 9.30-11</i>	3.45pm	Seeking Solace
Tuesday 9th <i>Office 9.30-11</i>	7.15pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 10th <i>Office 9.30-11</i>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 11th <i>Office closed</i>	2.00pm	Thursday Teas
Friday 12th <i>Office closed</i>	5.00pm 6.00pm	Evening Prayer Thanksgiving Service for Helen Poynter
Saturday 13th	9.00am	Morning Prayer Church Care Day

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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