



## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 12th June 2016**

**Third Sunday after Trinity**

### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.00 am Parish Communion**

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

**6.00 pm Sundays at Six:** Choral Evensong, 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 card to complete. Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee, which today is served in the Parish Centre, but feel free to wander back into church to see the flowers.

#### **You might like to know that...**

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with toys and books for restless little people. 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 let one of the ministry team know before the service and come to the south side of the altar.

... 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](mailto: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).

## **The readings for the Third Sunday after Trinity are:**

### **A reading from the Letter to the Galatians**

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

*Galatians 2. 15-end*

### **A reading from the Gospel of Luke**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied. 'Speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

*Luke 7.36 - 8.3*



### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into  
our hearts whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to  
your service, that we and all creation may  
be brought to the glorious liberty of the  
children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the

### **Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our  
imagining and whose power we cannot  
comprehend: show us your glory as far  
as we can grasp it, and shield us from  
knowing more than we can bear until  
we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Voluntary after the service:** *Concerto del Sigr Torelli, appropriato all'Organo (first movement) – J G Walther (1684-1748)*

## **Yesterday, Today and Forever (Hebrews 13.8) ... our 150th Birthday**

This year St. Luke's celebrates the 150th birthday of the church's founding.

### **We have a variety of events planned across the year:**

*10th – 12th June: Flower Festival and Summer Fair weekend*

*23rd – 28th August: Arts Project*

*14th – 16th October: Patronal Celebration weekend*

*Tues. 18th October: Celebration Dinner*

**Don't forget you can find key events for the whole year on the church website – listed by event and also on the web calendar.**

**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week to**



*mark the celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen's Official Birthday*

**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too**  
**[www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)**

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**Prayer List:** To add anyone to the prayer list on this pew sheet please notify the office -with permission of the person to be prayed for.

**John's Gospel Mini Series:** STARTS THIS WEEK. This has been reduced in sessions but will now take place at 8pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays 15th and 29th June and 13th July. All welcome.

**Holy Land pilgrimage:** following the success of our trip to the Holy Land in February I have arranged to lead another group in February 2017 (14th – 23rd). Please ask me for a brochure if you would like one. It would be helpful to get bookings asap. Thank you. Sally

**Nicola's ordination as priest, and first presidency:** Our curate, Nicola, will be ordained priest in Reading Minster at 11.00 am on Saturday 25th June. Everyone is very warmly invited to come along and to join in this special service of celebration. Nicola will then preside at Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 26th June at 10.00am. After that service everyone is warmly invited to a lunch party in the vicarage garden (assuming the weather is fine!) so that we can all celebrate with Nicola and Ben and their family. Please do pray for Nicola as she prepares for her priesting – and also for motherhood.

**Quiet Day:** Our next quiet day is on Saturday 16th July at Goosebury Hall Quiet Garden in Epping. The journey is about an hour and we will share cars, arriving for a 10.30 am start and leaving around 4.00pm. Cost if £5 to include a light lunch. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. If you have not experienced a quiet day why not give this a try?

**Dress when robed:** with the warmer weather upon please can I gently remind all of us who robe to serve or lead worship of the need for formal footwear under robes. Please ensure that you wear dark-coloured, closed-in shoes with robes to avoid a distraction and to be respectful. With thanks. Sally

**Chalice assistants, crucifers and acolytes:** Can we all please meet briefly at 11.30 am after the Sunday service next week, 19th June, just to go over our roles. This will assist Nicola as she starts to preside at Holy Communion. Many thanks. Sally

**Messy Church:** The dates for Messy Church - a time of craft, worship and food - for the remainder of this year are as follows: Sunday 3rd July, Saturday 6th August, Friday 23rd September, Sunday 6th November and Saturday 3rd December. All sessions will run from 3.30 pm-5.00 pm.

**This morning's organ voluntary:** This is an arrangement (an 'appropriation') of a concerto for strings. Such arrangements of orchestral music were and remain a common means of studying and absorbing music. Performing arrangements was sometimes the only way of hearing the music before the advent of public concerts and the invention of the phonograph. [Signor] Giuseppe Torelli (1658-1709) was one of several composers to contribute to the development of the Italian concerto with which we are familiar from composers such as Vivaldi and Bach. Today you will hear the characteristic alternation between passages for the orchestra and a group of solo instruments, the distinction between the two made in volume and in thematic material. The arrangement is by the composer and writer Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748), author of the first German musical dictionary – the *Musicalisches Lexicon* of 1732, still a source of information – and cousin and friend of the composer Johann Sebastian Bach.

## INFORMATION

**Re-Ordering:** At its meeting on Tuesday 24th May the PCC voted to send the revised plans to the DAC for its June meeting, with a view to submitting a revised faculty, following DAC advice. The plans had been revised further following responses to the open meeting in April and plans available for viewing at the back of church. The plans will be on display on the board at the front of church during the Flower Festival.

**Contactors:** Reminder to all Contactors - could I please have your contact sheets for April. There is a green folder at the back of church, by the Rota files, which contain blank sheets. Please take sheets for May and June. Your completed sheets should then be handed to myself. They need returning even if its a nil return. Thank you. Sue Hinchliffe

**Church Care Time :** Saturday 2nd July, 09.30 to 12.00. Please note the date if you can spare an hour or more for DIY, maintenance or tidying around the church and churchyard and so help our finances. Further information to follow. Roger Bevitt (T.633464).

**Electoral role 2016:** This is now re-open for new entries. See Jill Bevitt for a form.

## 150th BIRTHDAY

**Luke's Gospel gifts:** We have now given away 150 gospels of Luke to all those people who have contact with our church (baptism families, wedding couples, those who hire our buildings, etc), and have been handing out the next 150 copies over this weekend. We'd love to have even more to hand out to people later in the year as we approach our Patronal Festival and the peak of our 150th anniversary in October. They cost less than £1 each (with discount from Quench) If you would like to contribute towards the cost of buying further copies please place your offering in the box marked, 'Luke's Gospel' by the office. If you'd like to gift aid your offering please pop it in an envelope – in that box. Thank you.

**Exhibition:** as stated at the APCM we intend to have a small exhibition of the work of the church at the Flower Festival in June and then a much bigger one in October. If anyone has any items that they think would be good for either please speak to Sally or

Dave asap. We promise to take good care of valuable items.

## **SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING**

**Flower Festival & Summer Fair:** Thank you to everyone who has arranged, baked, served, poured (maybe not the rain!), helped, sang, played, or even just bought. The weekend's events - which are still not over - have been a great success and that is down to YOU! The final total is not yet known, but we hope to let you know what has been raised next week.

**A Summer Celebration:** My friends, Richard Ratcliff and Gillian Salmon and I are giving a song recital TODAY, Sunday 12th June, at 3pm as part of the Flower Festival weekend. It will last about 50 minutes and will be mainly songs from the musicals with a few from opera as well. These will include a selection from 'Merrie England' by Edward German to celebrate the Queen's official birthday weekend. Please come, and bring your friends - we would love to see you. The recital is free, but should you wish to indulge, there will be a cream tea afterwards for which there will be a charge of £6, payable on the door. Ruth Sheppard.

**Summer Walks:** All are welcome on any of this Summer's walks. We plan to have a walk most weeks, but days and times will vary. Please let the Leader know in advance if you expect to come or the walk may not happen. We meet as follows:

*Thurs 16 June 2.15pm* (Note the time). A flat, easy walk of 2.2m parking at Waltham St Lawrence in the square by the church and the Bell (GR829769), and heading N over farmland and the railway footbridges.

*Weds 22 June 7.15pm* A 4.5m hilly walk. The 'Twin Peaks Challenge' from The Dew Drop (GR823815). Over the tops of Ashley and Bowsey Hills.

Please share cars if possible and if the weather is wet phone to check that the walk is still on. If you have ideas for local walks (2 to 5 miles) or pubs to base them on, or would like to lead one, please let Roger & Jilly Bevitt T.633464 know.

**Social Networks:** We are now regularly updating our Twitter and Facebook pages and would like to grow our network of friends! If you are a Facebook user then you can find us by searching for 'St Luke's Maidenhead' on Facebook. Please like our page and share it to your own timeline to let your friends and family know about us. For the Tweeters, our Twitter account is @stlukesmaid; do come and find us for daily updates!

**St Luke's Relatively Young People:** This group meets every 6 weeks or so for informal fellowship in a Maidenhead pub. If you are at least 18 years of age and interested please e-mail jamesandlouisa.ellins@googlemail.com or talk to James or Louisa Ellins after a service.

**Ladies Breakfast:** note that the Ladies breakfast has been moved to Saturday 30th July, when Clare Price will speak about her work with the Twentieth Century Society. Door open 8.45 am and we end around 10.30 am. Tickets are £5 and will be available next week.



## WIDER COMMUNITY

**Community Meals:** Our Muslim brothers and sisters are marking the month of Ramadan and as in previous years, they will be providing a weekly meal in our Parish Centre as part of their observance of this time. The first of these will be on Tuesday 14th June. All are very welcome.

**Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service:** Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service is currently undertaking a public consultation on how they deliver their services and we have been invited to take part. More information on the proposed changes, and an opportunity to provide online feedback can be found at [www.rbfrs.co.uk](http://www.rbfrs.co.uk)

**Deanery Festival:** St Peter's Thursday Club warmly invite previous members of St Luke's Thursday Group to the Deanery Festival on 30th June at St Peter's Church. In order to help with catering, please let Sonya (Tel 632626) know if you think you may attend.

**Space For God:** All are welcome at a Taize-style service to be held at All Saints this Thursday, 16th June at 7pm. This will be the final act of worship in the 'Space for God' series before the summer break.

**Maidenhead Care:** Maidenhead Care is currently seeking additional volunteers for its 'Good Neighbour' scheme. If have a few hours to spare, then perhaps you may like to consider joining us. For further information please visit [www.maidenheadcare.org.uk](http://www.maidenheadcare.org.uk) and then click on the 'Volunteer' link. Thank you. Ann Hockham

### For your prayers



- Our growth in faith in this Trinity Season
- The ministry and mission of this church and our offering of ourselves
- Those caught up in the European refugee crisis
- Our nation as we prepare to vote in the EU referendum
- All those seeking to combat terrorism
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding and wisdom in the plans and practical work
- Those married here recently and those to be married this year, especially Ronnie and Kayleigh to be married here next week
- Coby, Jayden and Cameron, baptised here last week
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Lexi Teeder, Robert Lambert, Seth Molony, Chloe Whiting, Zara Webb, Cameron Bradley, James Summers, John Manders, Charlie Manders, Sophia Stevens
- Those who live and/or work in Sperling Road
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Katharine Morris, Ben Francis, Steven Sands, Tim Williams, Chris Sawyers, John Francis, Sheila Tallert, Marian Brooks
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: John Wells, William Mayers, Joanna Dugdale, Geoffrey Thrift



## Next Sunday, 19th June

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.00 am Parish Communion**

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

**6.00 pm Sundays at Six: 'Time for God' at All Saints**

### Next week's readings at 10am:

*Galatians 3. 23-29*

*Luke 8. 26-39*

**Next week's rotas under Duty Warden:** Johanna Raffan

**Elements:** Phyl & Dave Sopp

**Chalice:** Sue Harbour, Roger Bevitt

**Readers:** Sue Turner

**Intercessor:** Jean Jackson

**Coffee:** Jan & Ian Gilchrist

**Welcomers: 8.00 am:** Richard Hannam

**10.00 am:** Emma Shenton, John Cox, Shula Tajima

Sue Hinchliffe, Janet Trinkwon

### This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 13th

Tuesday 14th

*Office 9.30-11*

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

5.30 pm

Community Meal

7.15 pm

Holy Communion

Wednesday 15th

*Office 9.30-11*

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

10.00 am

Holy Communion

8.00 pm

John Gospel Course

Thursday 16th

*Office 9.30-11*

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

11.00 am

Friendship Project

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Friday 17th

*Office 9.30-11*

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

8.00 pm

Choir Practice

Saturday 18th

9.00 am

Morning Prayer

7.00 pm

Memorial Concert

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

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

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