



## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 14th May 2017**

### 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: Christian Aid Service at URC**

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](mailto: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 Fifth Sunday of Easter are:**

### **A Reading from the Book of Acts**

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

*Acts 7.55-end*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of John**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. I believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

*John 14.1-14*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten  
Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened  
to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going  
before us  
you put into our minds good de-  
sires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,  
the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and  
for ever.



## The floodlighting has not been sponsored this week

*It costs £10 to sponsor the floodlighting. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office*



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

### **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7.00 pm, 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

**Task Groups:** Meet on Tuesday 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.

Sundays at Six  
Social Gospel themed service on  
**Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery**

St Luke's Church, Maidenhead

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017, 6:00 pm

Prayers, Scripture Readings, Hymns and Witness Stories

## 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'**  
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.

**Tonight Sunday 14th May 2017 6:00 pm**– Christian Aid Service at United Reformed Church, Maidenhead.

**Boyne Hill Tuesday Club** invite past members of St Luke's Thursday Group to the annual Deanery Festival to be held at All Saints church on Tuesday 6th June 2017, service at 7.30pm. I have contacted Linda Vandenberghe and thanked her, and hope that some of our past members may be able to go along. Further information from Sonya on 632626.

## **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 :

**Wed 17th 7.15pm** Meet at the Flower Pot Aston (GR784843) found by turning right off the Henley Road just past Remenham Hill and following the lane for about a mile. Walk length 3 miles with one short climb, otherwise downhill and flat along the river. Leader: Roger Clarke (Tel: 632626)

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

**Children's Society candles:** Please can you return your candles to me or Ben Darracott so that I can get the money into the charity in May. Thanks  
Kristina

## **WIDER COMMUNITY**

**Maidenhead Food Bank:** The food bank is in need of some extra help at the in moment. Particularly rice, sauces i.e. Pasta/curry, tinned veg, tinned fruit, spreads, Long life milk. (they have lots of pasta & tinned fish). You can donate directly to the Foodbank at the New Market King St, Sat 9-11am, or via supermarket drop boxes or here in in church. Please contact Katie Hierons, Foodbank Manager [khierons@gmail.com](mailto:khierons@gmail.com) for further information or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

**St Luke's Nursery:** St Luke's Nursery is opening at St Luke's School in September this year. This will be for 3-4pm year olds (inc' rising 3s) For more information see poster at back of church or to apply or arrange a visit please contact the school office 01628 621600 or [www.st-lukesprimary.com](http://www.st-lukesprimary.com)

**Saying Goodbye Service** : Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford is holding a Saying Goodbye service on 20th May at 7pm. The service is for anyone who has lost a baby at anytime, and for anyone who is unable to have children. For more information please see [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

**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, Rose Dolan, Janet Cheek
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Peter Seaman
- 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





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

Acts 7.22-31 John 14. 15-21

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

**Readers:** Acts: James Ellins

**Intercessor:** Roger Clarke

**Elements:** Julienne Gobler and Ann Hockham

**Coffee:** John and Rita Salter

**Welcomers:** **8.00 am:** Richard Hannam

**10.00 am:** Emma Shenton, Anne Darracott, Sue Hinchliffe,  
Ralph Hinchliffe, Janet Trinkwon

Monday 15th

Office 9.30-11

Tuesday 16th

Office 9.30-11

8.30am

Morning Prayer

7.15pm

Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th

Office 9.30-11

8.30am

Morning Prayer

10.00 am

Holy Communion

8.00 pm

Pools of Stillness

9.00pm

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Thursday 18th

Office closed

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.00pm

Evening Prayer

Friday 19th

Office closed

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Saturday 20th

9.00am

Morning Prayer

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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