

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week Commencing: 10<sup>th</sup> August– Trinity 8**

This Sunday at 10am we have a service of Parish Communion with an activity for children, followed by coffee. All welcome.

## **The Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both  
here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your  
praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of  
your love shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed  
with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

## **First Reading**

1Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised.

12Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

13All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16*

## Gospel Reading

Jesus said to his disciples, 32'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

*Luke 12. 32-40*

## Sunday's Hymns:

P: 587 Amazing Grace  
G: 747 O God you search me and know me  
O: 683 Jerusalem the golden  
HC: 735 My soul, there is a country  
R: 595 Be thou my vision

## Thought for the week:

We live in an impatient society. We expect same-day delivery of purchases. We want ever-faster broadband, and immediate email replies. God's way is not instant gratification. In God's good time, all will be made well. Until then, we keep going in faith, alert to all that reassures us that God is on the way. Why does God expect this? Perhaps it's to remind us that despite our efforts to bring the world under control, we are not masters of the universe. God holds all things and requires us to keep trusting the promise that we shall be given the kingdom, and served in honour by its master, as those who have watched and waited and kept the faith.

'Are we nearly there yet?' Thanks to satnav, most parents can answer that question. The Bible, however, is full of journeys where no one knew where they were going, let alone whether they were nearly there. Alongside the story of Abraham, Moses and the people wandered in the desert; the wise men followed the star; the apostles took the good news far and wide. How many of us know where our next steps will take us? God calls people to open-ended, trusting journeying. The requirement to keep going in faith is closer to everyday experience than the satnav-controlled, goal-oriented attempt to grasp a future known only to God.



*From Roots on the Web*

**Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming vacancy.
- For Revd. Sally as she prepares to move home and explore new ways of living.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For our ministry as an inclusive church.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, and Iran, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For our sisters and brothers of all faiths in town.
- For all those who live and work in Old College Gardens
- For Martha, Ayanna and Riley, and Rico, all baptised recently.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in August: Lily Weber, Archie Marosi, Miles Levy, Romain Levy, Margot Wooley, Mabel Wooley, Rocco Tagg, Sonny Tagg, Haylee Tagg.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Ralph Hinchliffe, Paul Bader, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Robert Tillin
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in August: Betty Hunt, Rita Buckland, Margaret Moulton, Janet Seaman, Alix Burnage, Patricia Nuth, Phyllis Sigsworth, Rosemary Schlarb

**Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025:**

Sunday	Psalm 115	1 Kings 10. 1-13	Mark 10. 1-31
Monday	Psalm 30	Ezekiel 28. 1-19	James 2. 1-13
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Ezekiel 33. 1-20	James 2. 14-end
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Ezekiel 33. 21-end	James 3
Thursday	Psalm 37	Ezekiel 34. 1-16	James 4. 1-12
Friday	Psalm 98	Isaiah 7. 10-15	Luke 11. 27-28
Saturday	Psalm 42	Ezekiel 36. 16-36	James 5. 7-end

**Rotas for next week****Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August Nineth after Trinity : Parish Communion**

Read: Sue Hinchliffe    Intercede: Shula Tajima    Chalice: Ben    Sound: Duty Warden  
 Welcomers: Michael, Ben, Isobel    Coffee: Sally and Gill    Children: none

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

The church floodlighting has not been sponsored this week.

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.



### What's on.... This week:

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 1.30 pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion

**Sundays at Six:** All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

**Sundays at Six will resume in September:**

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Iona Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Songs of Praise, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
19 <sup>th</sup> October	International Taize service, at St. Luke's
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Memorial services, in church,
NB: 4 pm:	at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov. at 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Choral Evensong, at St. Luke's
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.)
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

**Messy Church.** Resumes in the autumn: 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November

**A note from Revd. Sally:** I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your very kind gifts, messages and cards on my retirement from stipendiary ministry.

I shall think of you all as I wrap myself in the stunning inclusive blanket (it gets chilly on the Dengie peninsula in winter) and raise a glass to happy memories as I imbibe the liquid gifts!

Your very generous tokens will be well used in my new home and garden.

I will treasure memories of two lovely last services, and many happy memories of our shared time and ministry.

Be assured of my prayers for the next stage in the life of St. Luke's. With love and thanks, Sally

### 2025 Christmas Tree Festival—An appeal from the Produce Stall Organisers

As soft fruits are now in season and autumn fruits soon will be, we are again appealing for donations of fruit to make jams and chutneys for the 2025 Christmas Tree Festival. A basket will be placed at the back of church from 3<sup>rd</sup> August for donations of fruit (soft fruit, apples plums damsons). Donations sugar, vinegar, dried fruit, and nuts are also very welcome. We will be grateful for any Bonne Maman and Frank Cooper marmalade jars you have. These can be placed in the basket.

In 2024 Christmas bags of homemade biscuits sold out immediately. Later in the year we will post the recipe on the pew sheet for those cooks willing to help. Christmas bags and ribbon will be supplied. As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals if you are making jams or chutneys, we can supply later in the year St Luke's Spire labels for the jars or you can use your own (please make the writing is nice and clear).

The Festival has increased in popularity over the years and the Produce Stall now makes a real contribution to its success. We would like this to continue and so your help is needed to ensure we have enough produce. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (07743 323635) Isobel M. Davies (07586 785563).

### **Morning Prayer**

Is said on Zoom, Tuesday – Friday (not on Saturday during the vacancy). Why not join in? We use the Daily Prayer App (<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>), or ask to borrow a book from church.

### **Our Regular activities:**

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

**Midweek Holy Communion** is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee

**Baby and Toddler group** meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am **term time only**. We meet in church.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm.

[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) to book a place. Resumes in the autumn.

**Keeping Company** is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

**Thursday Lunches** meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on [Jeant-d2@outlook.com](mailto:Jeant-d2@outlook.com) for further details.

**Gaynor's Gift** is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly.

**Please note that for Zoom services the links below are being used:**

#### **Sunday Morning Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400                      Passcode: 526076

**Zoom Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday (no Saturday during the vacancy)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925                      Passcode: 180609

**For event posters see over page**

# WAMCF INTERFAITH CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2025

**24<sup>TH</sup> AUG 2025  
10AM - 5PM**



**Mark our 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Year  
with us!**



**WAMCF KINDLY INVITE YOU TO OUR 20<sup>TH</sup>  
INTERFAITH CRICKET TOURNAMENT.  
COME AND GET INVOLVED, MEET NEW  
FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN!**

CHILDREN MIXED (GIRLS AND BOYS) GAME  
BEGINS = 10.00AM

ADULT (20 OVER GAME) BEGINS = 12.30PM


AWARDS AND CIVIC DIGNITIES = 4.30PM

**Boyne Hill Cricket Club  
Bath Road, Maidenhead  
SL6 5AE**

**FREE SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED  
BAR OPEN**




## DIALOGUE EVENING



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US TO EXPLORE OUR TOPIC:**

### “WHAT CAN I DO FOR WORLD PEACE?”

**LOCATION:**  
MAIDENHEAD SYNAGOGUE  
GRENELL LODGE, RAY PARK ROAD,  
MAIDENHEAD, SL6 8QX



**The Interfaith Group in the  
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead**

“Strengthening friendship and  
trust among the different faiths  
within the Royal Borough and  
within the wider community”

**THURSDAY  
4TH SEPTEMBER 2025  
7 - 8.30PM**

