

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 10th July 2022 Trinity 4

Our service this Sunday is Parish Communion with a said service of Holy Communion at 8.00 am. Our final Sundays at Six will be a prayer walk on Ray Mill Island – meet at 5.45pm on the bridge to the island.

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Reading from 1 Colossians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. 3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, 6 the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Gospel reading

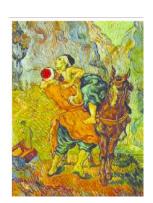
25 A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' 27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' 28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' 30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' 37 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise'. Luke 10. 25-37

Sunday's Hymns:

444 God is working his purpose out275(JP) When I needed a neighbour475 Immortal love, forever full

Thought for the week: who is my neighbour? We know this parable so well that we have perhaps become anaesthetised to its punch. At the time, Jesus' hearers would have been scandalised that he could portray a Samaritan (the 'enemy') in a good light, particularly as contrasted with the devout priest and Levite. I wonder who we would each cast in the role of the Samaritan, the unlikely helper? I wonder whom each of us would walk past, metaphorically,



and not help? It is so easy to be blasé about others in need. Perhaps we need to hear this story with fresh ears – and see the people around us with fresh eyes.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For our government.
- For schools coming to the end of term.
- For those preparing for confirmation: Katty and John, Becky, Ruth, and candidates from other churches.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For the international refugees currently living in Maidenhead and the people who are supporting them
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Jack Kirk, Olivia Turner, Harry Raymond, William and Theo Sharma, Florence Priestley.
- For Declan Pyrke and Bella Edmunds, baptised here recently.
- For all those who live and work in Tatchbrook close
- For Emma and Hamish, and for Richard and Rebecca, married here recently.
- The sick and their carers: Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Andrew, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Iris Brown, Louise, Rupert, Charles Goodman.

- For all those currently suffering with covid.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Edward (Steve) Stevens, Beryl Dandridge,
 Christopher Griffiths, Peter Emmons, Ada Rolls, Barbara Ward, Shirley Sattler, Dorothy
 Barnard, John Draper, Cyril Vizard, Ann Ringer, Diana Bradfield, Siew Kee Bentley, Andrew
 Ross, Janet Cheek, Joyce Newman, Ronald Young, Nellie Edwards, Roy Pond, John Rodwell,
 Irene Daniells, Robert Roberts, Edward Richardson, Raymond Pullin.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 10th July 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 76		Acts 28.17-end	
Monday	Psalm 80	Judges	1324	Luke 17.20-end
Tuesday	Psalm 89.1-18	Judges	14	Luke 18.1-14
Wednesday	Psalm 119.105	-128	Judges 15.1-16.3	Luke 18.15-30
Thursday	Psalm 92	Judges	16.4-end	Luke 18.31-end
Friday	Psalm 88	Judges	17	Luke 19.1-10
Saturday,	Psalm 97	Judges	18.1-20, 27-end	Luke 19.11-27

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 17th July, Trinity 5, Parish Communion in church and on zoom

Read: Bridget Morris Intercede: Revd. Sally

Welcomers: Rachel, Rita and Jeanette Coffee: Lisa, Kim

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by Mr T Autos

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email the parish office: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk



Joining in...

At our planning session in May we thought about setting up teams of people to get more involved in the various roles and tasks in church – both as leaders and participants. Some are very practical and others are more about nurture and spiritualty.

There is now a sign-up sheet in church for everyone to get involved... please do prayerfully consider what you might get stuck into as part of church life. There are teams for...

Leading worship - reading or leading intercessions

Setting up for worship – on Sundays or special services

Welcoming people – at the door or by delivering new home cards

Supporting Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals – with admin or befriending

Baby and Toddler group – on the coffee rota / setting up for it

Messy Church – helping with crafts, activities or food

Taize services – reading, singing or playing / helping set up / refreshments

Coffee and catering – helping serve after church coffee / helping cater at events

Nurture – hosting or leading small groups or Bible studies

Finance – sharing expertise on the finance team

Cleaning – being in the rota to help keep our church looking beautiful

Gardening - as above

Eco church – passionate about climate and creation care – being an ambassador for this Outreach and service – being involved in care for the wider community in a raft of ways

What might YOU join in with?



ORGAN: Our organ, built in 1901 at a cost of £1150! Now at the ripe old age of 121 years of age, it is in need of some major work and restoration. The organ builders / professionals who have visited the organ in recent months have all commented that this is such a fine instrument – and is within the top five organs within Berkshire – therefore, it is worth restoring.

At the current time, the organ works on a tubular pneumatic action system with miles of fine lead piping. Our organ advisors suggest that we need to consider an electro action system. This not only restores it for the next 50 years, but also allows us a greater sense of flexibility to make future additions should we wish to do so. Whilst I am waiting for final quotations, it is likely to cost circa £260,000. Therefore, we our looking for some volunteers to form an Organ Restoration Committee – to search and apply for the various grants available to us, and to allow for this work to take place.

If you are able to volunteer some time to support us with this, please do let me know either in Church on Sunday or via email: adwent@hotmail.com or on 07764 197490.

From the PCC... a summary of the business at the recent PCC meeting:

- Aaron Wilson will chair the Fabric committee
- We await the installation in the early autumn of a pillar mounted projector and screen, along with a fixed camera for streaming services (etc) and free standing large screen monitor. We have all the DAC permissions in place. Total project cost around £32K, funded by legacies.
- Organ see above
- The finance team is working on a whole church finance policy
- We are to encourage more people to take part in the parish giving scheme.
- Thanks were given to the garden and fabric teams the smell from the survey drain is now under full investigation.
- It had been agreed that the three main charities we would support this year would support Ukraine (International) Climate awareness (national) and fuel poverty (local). Specific faith – based charities now sought.
- It was agreed that we would like to appoint a half time paid Children and Families Leader for up to three years with funding from a legacy to come and to apply to the Diocesan Development Grant for half the funding.
- Two policies were reviewed: Safer Recruitment, Complaints and Whistleblowing.
- The Parish Safeguarding Officer reported that there are still members who have not renewed their DBS or undertaken training, as requested.
- The Mission Action Plan was updated in the light of the planning morning held in May. A copy is attached to this week's email and there are a few hard copies in church.

Verger advert

We are seeking someone to fill the role of verger for church. Verging involves setting up for and supporting weddings and funerals – this is paid at the current rate of £40 per service. It would also be really helpful to have verger to set up for large services such a school services, during Holy week, confirmations etc, this aspect of voluntary. The verger clearly need to be able bodied and reliable. For more information or to apply, please speak to Revd. Sally.

What's on...

This week:

Thursday 7th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 2.00 pm, St. Luke's School Leavers service in church

Friday 8th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer on zoom

Saturday 9th 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

Sunday 10th 8.00 am, Holy Communion

10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

5.45 pm, Sundays at Six: Prayer Walk - meet on Ray Mill Island Bridge

Tuesday 12th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom Wednesday 13th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

10.00 am, Holy Communion7.00 pm, Confirmation service

Thursday 14th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church

2.00 pm, Teas, in the community hall 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

5.00 pm, Evening Prayer on zoom

Saturday 16th Quiet day at Goosebury Hall

Sunday 17th 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Looking ahead...

Friday 15th

Confirmation: re-arranged for Wednesday 13th July at 7pm. Please do come if you can to support our candidates.

Quiet day, Saturday 16th July. We have again booked to spend a quiet day at Goosebury Hall in Epping. We will share transport and leave around 9 am, returning here for around 5pm. Please sign up on church to join us (or email Revd Sally). Cost £10 pp.

Garden party, Sunday 4th September, 3pm. Join us in the vicarage garden for a fund raising Garden party to draw the summer to a close. Details and tickets to come, but book the date now.

Supporting Asylum seekers: Nigel Cohen (Maiden head synagogue) writes: Maidenhead currently hosts between 300-400 asylum seekers, of which around 80 are children. They have landed in Maidenhead after journeys for many of several thousand miles. Almost without exception, they have fled their country in fear of their lives. Generally, they have come with little more than the clothes on their back. And seeking asylum means they are not permitted to work and face a very uncertain future not knowing if they will be sent back to their country of origin.

A number of charities, supported strongly by our Churches, are trying to help. We are arranging a traditional English Tea in July. It will give the refugees a chance to get out, enjoy our hospitality and sample the best of our home made sandwiches and cakes. Perhaps more importantly, it will allow the asylum seekers to meet local people who care about them, their families and their suffering.

The Tea is on Saturday 16 July at 4pm, at the Cox Green Community Centre which is within walking distance of the asylum seekers. We would love you to come to meet the asylum seekers, to share with them our human warmth and to give them hope. Anyone who wants to help by making cakes or

sandwiches is also especially welcome. If you would like to come or to help with food, please email Nigel Cohen on snc@softwaredesign.co.uk with your name and the number of people you will bring with you. Please let them know if you are planning to make or bring along any food so we can make sure we have enough.

As we look into the autumn, we move into the Season of Creation.

We have received this invitation

The Parish Community of St Joseph and St Elizabeth, Maidenhead, would like to invite the Parishioners and Communities of Churches Together In Maidenhead (CTIM) to attend an Ecumenical Service, at St Joseph's Church on Thursday 1st September 2022, to mark the start of this year's Season of Creation. The Service will begin at 2:00 pm and will be followed by a reception in Parish Centre. It is hoped that other Members of CTIM will join in the Readings and Reflection as we "Listen to the Voice of Creation.

Sundays at Six, this Autumn, All Services are at 6.00pm

Zoom link:

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Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076

4 th September	Compline, on zoom, led by St. Luke's
18 th September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
2 nd October	Harvest Service, in church and on zoom (TBC)
	led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
16 th October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom, at St. Luke's
30 th October	Memorial services, in church,
NB: 4 pm:	at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
6 th November	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
20 th November	Interfaith walk and tea
	Starts 2pm from St. Luke's, ending around 3pm back at St. Luke's.
4 th December	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
11 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's
18 th December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

And on the 4th Sunday monthly: (except December)

3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints 4pm, Café church, at St. Luke's

Our Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

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

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

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is 1st July. Email Revd. Sally to book a place. Please note that the August MC will take place on Friday 12th.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 21st July.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 14th July.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 28th July. Then in September.

Sundays at Six A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, mix of zoom and in-church services. Starts again in September.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

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Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

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Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925 Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468 Passcode: 132142

Sundays at Six:

Use the Sunday morning link

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4th Thursday, monthly

Link for 19th May:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88627244304?pwd=q-AMP0lnkyLAIA vgbwenjXHzCxyxo.1

Meeting ID: 886 2724 4304 Passcode: 042474