



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week commencing: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023, St. Barnabas

This Sunday we will be remembering Saint Barnabas, whose feast day falls on 11<sup>th</sup> June. It is also the day on which the church keeps Music Sunday and this will be reflected in our hymns and at Sundays at Six.

We have an 8 am service of Holy Communion – do come along if you'd like a quiet and thoughtful service. There is the usual 10 am Parish Communion in person and on zoom. Sundays at Six this week is at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green, when 'our own' Barbara Essam will be talking about her favourite hymns and readings in *Desert Island Hymns and Readings*. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to hear Barbara and also Tony Perry from ChoGS.

### The Collect

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,  
who poured your Spirit upon your servant  
Barnabas  
and gave him grace to encourage others:  
help us, by his example,  
to be generous in our judgements  
and unselfish in our service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of  
flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach  
the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

### Reading

<sup>1</sup>After fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. <sup>2</sup>I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain. <sup>3</sup>But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. <sup>4</sup>But because of false believers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us – <sup>5</sup>we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you. <sup>6</sup>And from those who were supposed to be acknowledged leaders (what they actually were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality) – those leaders contributed nothing to me. <sup>7</sup>On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised <sup>8</sup>(for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), <sup>9</sup>and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to

me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. <sup>10</sup>They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do. *Galatians 2.1-10*

### **The Gospel reading**

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>12</sup>'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

*John 15, 12-17*

### **Hymns for Sunday**

9	When morning guilds the skies
636	For the music of creation
733	My life flows on in endless song
774	Safe in the shadow of the Lord
357	All people that on earth do dwell

### **Thought for the week**

St. Augustine is reputed to have said: he who sings prays twice.

This week the church keeps Music Sunday.

Music in its rich variety lifts humans to a higher plane and it is a gift from God our creator – that we might be creative in response to God to bring God glory and to enrich our own lives – lift us out of the everyday and into something ephemeral and special.

It seems that God has designed music to lift the soul and to change the heart as it reaches deep inside people, drawing out strengths and enabling spirits to soar. Dame Janet Baker has said: at the inner core of music, is the possibility that performing it can touch and change the human heart'.

It is deeply rooted in nature and our very being.

But what if we feel we cannot sing, play, are tone deaf, all mumbles ... let's not let that worry us, for music can lift us above our human limitations and speak to our souls – and allow our souls to speak back to God.

Let's thank God for music, let's enjoy and revel in his gift and let's offer back to God himself our offering of music in worship, whether it be in church, in the car or the shower.

### **Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- That we may be empowered by God's Spirit to serve Him in the world.
- For our mission as a church and for our new PCC and officers.
- For schools returning after half term.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan. For all world leaders.



- For all who are worried and struggling with the cost of living, for those who are hungry, or who eat alone every day.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For a new Director of Music / organist and a Children and Family leader.
- For our care for creation for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- For the process of seeking a new Headteacher for St. Luke's School, and the interim arrangements.
- For Jaxon Williams who was baptised last week.
- For Miriam and Andy, following their wedding blessing and for John and Katty as they prepare for their marriage in two weeks time.
- For all those who live and work in Brambling way.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Bridget Morris, Nicholas.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Joyce Turpie, Jill Norman, Sheila Livingstone
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Christine Collins, Philip Snelgrove, Robert Clark, Paul Luxton, Christa Blight, John Avenell, Ronald Bennett, Joycelne Wyman, Hazel Birch, Doreen Mavis Shields, Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan, Gerry Knight.
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*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023:*

Sunday	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 9.23-24	Acts 4.32-end
Monday	Psalm 30	2 Chronicles 33.1-13	Romans 7.1-6
Tuesday	Psalm 36	2 Chronicles 34.1-18	Romans 7.7-end
Wednesday	Psalm 34	2 Chronicles 34.19-end	Romans 8.1-11
Thursday	Psalm 37	2 Chronicles 35.1-19	Romans 8.12-17
Friday	Psalm 31	2 Chronicles 35.20-36.10	Romans 8.18-30
Saturday	Psalm 42	2 Chronicles 36.11-end	Romans 8.31-end

**Rotas for next week:**

**Sunday 18th June: in church and on zoom**

Read: Sue Turner

Intercede: Simon Bader

Welcomers: Rachel, Kim and Ben

Coffee: Lisa and Jeanette

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Maidenhead Street Angels for their AGM on 11th June.

*"Loving the person in front of you".*



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) The 2023 form is now available.

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.

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

Sunday 11th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Parish Communion 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
Tuesday 13th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 14th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 15th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 3.00pm, Keeping Company
Friday 16th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 17th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 2.00pm, Wedding of John and Katty

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

11 <sup>th</sup> June	Desert Island hymns and readings, in church, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
25 <sup>th</sup> June	International Taizé service, in church and on zoom at St. Luke's Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

And on the 4th Sunday monthly: 3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

## Coming up..

**Messy Church** our next Messy church is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus heals a lame man. 4pm. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) to book places (so we know how many to cater for). Dates for following Messy Church sessions are; 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Growing in faith:** we have started offering some nurture activities in church on alternate Wednesday evenings, at 8pm: next 21<sup>st</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July. There will be the option of a Bible study on Matthew's gospel and also a small group exploring Ignatian spirituality using Paula Gooder's book, 'Women of Holy week'. Do put this in your diaries. These will be in person and not zoomed.

**Quiet Day:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 10 am until 3pm. All are warmly invited to this time for space, rest and refreshment at the Soltau Centre, Stubbings. There will be brief reflections and time to wander the grounds, read, pray and be still. Cost £5pp, bring your own lunch. please sign up in church so that we can have an idea of numbers.

**Reading Phoenix Choir:** will be performing a 'Hope For Tomorrow' concert at the High Street Methodist Church, Maidenhead on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 (£3 under 16) and can be booked online via [www.methodistmaidenhead.org.uk/concert](http://www.methodistmaidenhead.org.uk/concert)  
They are raising funds for Ukraine and church refurbishment.

## Fellowship and Fundraising opportunities

**Summer lunchtime recitals:** in church on Fridays. Lunches available to buy from 12.30 pm, recital at 1pm. free entry, donations invited.

14<sup>th</sup> July: Christina Brugger, flute recital. More dates to come!

**Not the Summer Fair:** with limited capacity a summer fair is not possible but on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July we will have an opportunity for fellowship and donations in lieu of the fair. Watch this space.

**Garden Party:** a late summer afternoon garden party in the vicarage garden. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Save the date, details to come.

**The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital:** Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Save the date.

### 2023 Christmas Tree Festival—An appeal from the Produce Stall Organisers

Yes, we know this is a long way off, but as the growing season is upon us, we are making an appeal now. We need your help to increase the amount of produce on this stall, eg jams, chutneys etc, Dorothy and I struggled in 2022 to keep it stocked.

We would like to make the following request: if you are offered free fruit and vegetables of whatever sort, accept it and either process if yourself or, if necessary, put it in your freezer and then let us know. Later in the year we will be asking for donations of sugar etc plus jam jars, especially the Frank Cooper marmalade ones. As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals we can supply the Spire label for fixing onto produce in due course. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (phone 07761 221937)  
Dorothy Strack-Hankey

**Inspire** Thank you to all who contributed to the last edition and to Miriam our new editor. The next edition of Inspire will be published in late June so please do let Miriam have your articles, photos, etc now. Email to: [miamii.mansour3@gmail.com](mailto:miamii.mansour3@gmail.com)

### Church finances

One of the simplest ways to raise funds for St Luke's at no cost to you when you shop online is to sign up to easyfundraising: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)  
Frequently used sites such as M&S, Argos, Booking.com, John Lewis, all the major supermarkets, Ebay, some airlines and travel companies donate a percentage of your purchase or a fixed amount. They may be small amounts each time, but if many of us nominate St Luke's those amounts will grow. If you add the site to your toolbar you will get automatic reminders to donate.

We have been chosen by the CoOp as a recipient of their **Community Fund** for the coming year. By shopping in the CoOp and using your blue card, you can support this church.  
St. Luke's Church is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here : <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/68757>

## Our Chosen Charities for 2023

**Foodshare:**

Foodshare is our local charity and Katty King is the champion.

John the Baptist told the Jews who came to him, **“Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same”** (Luke 3:11)

FoodShare is a charity that assists people who are unable to feed themselves and their families irrespective of their circumstances. It runs many projects in the local community that reach as many people as possible such as the good neighbour project, and meal programs for the homeless & isolated.

If you wish to kindly donate food, there is a basket to donate to near the entrance of the church on go on their website at:

<https://www.foodshare.charity/donate>

**Green Christians:**

Green Christians is our chosen national charity. Kim Rumble will be the champion. Green Christian exists to share Green insights with Christians and to offer Christian insights to the wider Green movement. We walk alongside those of faith and no faith.

**Embrace:**

Embrace is our chosen international charity. Barbara Essam will be the champion

Embrace is a Christian development charity, we support our [Christian partners](#) in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities.

**WAMCF News (Inter Faith)**

All events are open to anyone...

**WAMCF SUMMER PICNIC**

Bring and share

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 12 noon to 3pm

WAMCF members and friends are all very welcome

Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Bath Road, SL6 5AE

**WAMCF Golf Tournament**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 NB changed date

*Bird's Hill Golf Course Centre Drift Road, Maidenhead SL6 3ST*

Team and Individual Prizes

If you are interested in playing in an Interfaith Golf Tournament, please contact Trip Pannu

[trip.pannu@sky.com](mailto:trip.pannu@sky.com) 07413588524 for more information

**Taplow Teas** When: Sunday 18 June 2023 - from 2:30pm

Location: Taplow Court, Cliveden Road, Taplow, SL6 0ER

The Maidenhead Fundraising Group for Thames Hospice invite you to join them for cream teas and delicious homemade cakes at Taplow Court to in support of Thames Hospice.

There will be a plant stall, tombola stall and much more! Listen to the Thames Hospice Choir, enjoy a pop-up shop and explore the grounds of this historic Gothic mansion.

## From the Diocesan Enews

### Mindful walks

All Saints Church in Marlow has launched a new mobile site that can turn a normal walk into a spiritual experience.

Drawing on centuries of Christian experience of prayer and meditation, they have produced some guided walks that are designed for people of all faiths or none. There are suggested routes starting from Marlow, but the app can be used anywhere.

"As the weather gets warmer and we can enjoy our beautiful surroundings, we are hoping to encourage people to use their walking time as a time of spiritual engagement." – Revd Canon Dave Bull.

There are currently four walks - by water, in the woods, to a hilltop and to a bench - with more in the pipeline. [Well worth a look!](#)

### 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. Next is 7<sup>th</sup> July e-mail [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) to book a place.

**Keeping Company** is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 13<sup>th</sup> July

**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. Next is 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

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

### Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

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

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

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