



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 13th July -Trinity 4

This Sunday we have a service of Holy Communion service at 8am, with Parish Communion (and children's activities) at 10am. All are warmly invited to join us. At 6pm, our final Sundays at Six is our usual Prayer Walk on Ray Mill Island. Do join us – meet on the bridge at 5.50 pm.

Next Sunday, 20th July, we will need to set out gazebos and tables/chairs from 7. 30 am (yes, really!) ready for the afternoon service. Please do come along to help if you are able to do so (and able bodied!). The more helpers, the quicker we can do it – and then have coffee and croissants.

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...

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.

First Reading

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, ⁶the 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. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For 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, ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹May 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 ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Colossians 1. 1-14*

Gospel Reading

²⁵A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He 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.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰Jesus 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. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He 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. ³⁵The 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." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Luke 10. 25-37

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 828 Ye that know the Lord is gracious
G: 675 Immortal love, for ever full
O: 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
HC: 657 Help us to help each other, Lord
R: 818 To God be the glory

Thought for the week:

The gospel reading for Sunday has to be one of the most well known of Jesus' parables – known as the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is a story – Jesus made it up to convey a message. But it also holds deep truths – about the reality of life in that part of the world, and about the nature of human beings and our relationship with our faith.

There is a danger that we can become so pious that, like the Priest and Levite, we forget that faith is not about religious behaviours but about care for God's people – whoever they are.

The Samaritan is clearly the 'hero' of this story and a model of loving and inclusive faith.

But let's also spare a thought for the innkeeper in the story.

Without demur, he takes in a man who has clearly been in some sort of punch-up, and who is left to the care of the innkeeper, as the Samaritan goes off on his business. Ok, so he is paid, and promised more of need be, but he has no idea whether the man is dangerous, and he will clearly need to offer him care.

He too, models the sort of lifestyle that Jesus asks of his disciples – open, inclusive, compassionate, caring, courageous. Like the later medieval hostels, he offers a place of sanctuary and healing.

How willing are we to 'do likewise'?



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming vacancy.
- For a joyful thanksgiving service next weekend.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For our ministry as an inclusive church.
- For the people of Texas, clearing after the floods and all those who have lost loved ones and homes.
- 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 North Town Close
- For Martha, Ayanna and Riley, baptised recently, and for Rico, to be baptised on 20th July.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Bella Edmonds, Clara Crampin, Casper, Payton and Paisely Brudenall, Freddie Bate
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Mandy Salter, Tina Botting, Ralph Hinchliffe, Paul Bader, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam, Beryl.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Janet Cheek, Roy Pond, John Rodwell, Robert Roberts, Edward Richardson, Raymond Pullin, Zarina Rowlands, Reginald Robinson

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 13th July 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 76	Deuteronomy 28. 1-14	Acts 28. 17-end
Monday	Psalm 80	Job 33	Romans 14. 13-end
Tuesday	Psalm 89. 1-18	Job 38	Romans 15. 1-13
Wednesday	Ps 119. 105-128	Job 39	Romans 15. 14-21
Thursday	Psalm 92	Job 40	Romans 15. 22-end
Friday	Psalm 88	Job 41	Romans 16. 1-16
Saturday	Psalm 97	Job 42	Romans 16. 17 -end

Rotas for next week

Sunday 20th July Fifth after Trinity : Parish Communion

Read: Ian Gilchrist Intercede: Ruth Sheppard Chalice: Bev Sound:
Welcomers: Michael, Fiona, Isobel Coffee: NONE Children: pew based activities

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

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



What's on.... This week:

Sunday 13 th July	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Prayer Walk on Ray Mill Island
Tuesday 15 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 16 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 17 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group (Last one this term) 3.00 pm, Keeping Company
Friday 18 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Saturday 19 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer on zoom 4.00 pm, sandwich making in church
Sunday 20 th	7.30 am, Set up for afternoon service 10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion 12.00 pm, Baptism 3.00 pm, Thanksgiving Service

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

Messy Church. Resumes in the autumn: 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Rev. Sally's final services..

Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20th July at 3pm

Please note that there will be **no coffee after church that day** to enable us to set up.

We will need several welcomers and stewards that day. If you are able to help, please speak to Jacqueline or Clare asap. Thank you.

The church will **be open to take seats from 2.40 pm.**

Parking will be limited (no parking in the churchyard) so please walk if at all possible or use town centre car parks. It will also be possible to park at St. Piran's School, and walk down the hill.

The service will be zoomed using the usual Sunday morning link.

Sunday 27th July, Rev. Sally's final service of Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming as many of the church family who are able to be with us, and all are then invited to the vicarage garden from 1.00 pm for a bring and share lunch. There is no sign up

sheet – just bring some food to share with others and we will have a relaxing afternoon together. You may like to bring your own fold up chair!

Our charities for this Year:

Christians Against Poverty's latest drive looks at the link between disability and poverty, highlighting how 1 in 3 of those served by CAP has a disability. CAP are helping people in poverty with disabilities by visiting at home, meeting any additional access needs, and providing information in an accessible format. More information can be found at <https://capuk.org/appeals/disability-campaign-2025>

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 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 term time only. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 4th July 2025 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.

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 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. 4th Thursdays monthly.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925 Passcode: 180609

The Cookhams Fundraising Group for Thames Hospice invite you to

Cake and Conviviality



A chance to Chat, Catch up,
Cake Taste and Celebrate

Thursday 7th August at

Cookham Dean WI hall

Join us for tea and homemade cakes from
2.30pm until 4.30pm and enjoy lively
conversation with friends.

Raffle and Homemade Products for sale.

Any excuse for a great afternoon together

Tickets are £8 each in advance

**To purchase tickets please call Nicholas Usher
on 01628 482015**

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