

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 15th June -Trinity Sunday

This Sunday we have a service of Holy Communion at 8 am and then Parish Communion service at 10am, all are welcome. The Sundays at Six service is an International Taize service here, do come along to this gentle evening service.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you...

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5. 1-5

Gospel Reading

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹²'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

John 16. 12-15

Sunday's Hymns:

- P: 279 Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God almighty
- G: 805 There is a redeemer
- O: 810 Thou, whose mighty word
- R: 663 How shall I sing that majesty

Thought for the week:

What is God like? I imagine that all of us have different ideas of God, in different ways, at different times of our life – or even in one day!

If God is God, then God must be all of them, and

more. In fact, we need all of them and more to enlarge our vision of God.

And that is why the doctrine, concept, of the Trinity helps us. We can narrow this down and simplify it to three roles: God as Father (creator) God as Son (redeemer), God as Spirit (helper, advocate, sustainer).

We can use images of three: my favourite is that of water – for washing, tea for drinking and ice for my G&T – the same yet different!

We can look at Matisse's beautiful painting Danse (above) and see in the intertwined moving figures there the *perichoresis* – the constantly-moving dance of love between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But even that is too simple. We just cannot fathom the godhead. The idea of Trinity begins to get there but nothing can help us grasp the amazing nature of the God we love, worship and serve. God is beyond us and within us.

The medieval mystic Dame Julian of Norwich had a vision of God, and describes it like this: "And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand, as



it seemed. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, 'What may this be?' And it was answered generally thus, 'It is all that is made.' I marvelled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God. In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it."

Ultimately, however we try to describe God, God's very nature is love. And that, is the very best thing.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That we may be open to the work of God's Spirit in our lives
- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming vacancy.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For our ministry as an inclusive church.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hammas, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For the work of our Hospices.
- For all those who live and work in Norfolk Road
- For Leo and Madeleine who were baptised recently and for Alfie, Tia, Layla-Marie, Nathan, Isla, Levi, Holly, Lisa, Lewis and Sarah to be baptised on Sunday
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Declan Pyrke, Jesse Linley-Barker, Isla Staniford



- 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, Colette Baxter, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Emilia
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Stella Tudge, Chris Seward
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan, Gerry Knight

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 15th June 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 29	Isaiah 6. 1-8
Monday	Psalm 1	Job 7
Tuesday	Psalm 5	Job 8
Wednesday	Psalm 119	Job 9
Thursday	Psalm 147	Deuteronomy 8. 2-16
Friday	Psalm 19	Job 11
Saturday	Psalm 147	Job 6

Mark 1. 1-11 Romans 4. 1-12 Romans 4. 13 -end Romans 5. 1-11 1 Corinthians 10. 1-17 Romans 3.1-20 Romans 3.21-end

Rotas for next week

Sunday 22nd June Trinity 1 : Parish Communion

Read: Richard BurdettIntercede: Ruth SheppardWelcomers: Ralph, Sue, IsobelCoffee: Lucy and Gill

Chalice: Ian G Sound: warden Children: Bev

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the church floodlighting has been sponsored by Lucy Young

In loving memory of Ken on his birthday

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 15 th June	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptisms
	6.00 pm, Taize service, here
Tuesday 17 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 18 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
	10.00am, Holy Communion
	8.00pm, Bible Study
Thursday 19 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
	9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group
	3.00 pm, Keeping Company
Friday 20 th	Church office closed all day
	8.30am Morning prayer on zoom
	5.00 pm, Evening Prayer on zoom
Saturday 21 st	9.00 am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 22 nd	10.00 am, Parish Communion



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

15 th Jun	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
6 th July	Evensong and Benediction, at St. Luke's – NB changed venue
13 th July	NB changed date Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 4th July, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Bible Study: a study of the book of Genesis, Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church.

Garden Party: Saturday 28th June, 3pm in the vicarage garden. Tickets £15 pp, available now. If you are able to make cakes or scones please sign up on the list in church, thank you.

Church keys

In order to enter the forthcoming vacancy well the churchwardens need to know exactly who has keys for any part of the church. If you have ANY keys for any part of church, please would you email / contact Jacqueline asap so that they can match this against the current key register. Thank you for your help.

Revd. Sally's final services..

Do remember to sign up for the **Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20th July at 3pm in church.** This will be a simple service of Evening Prayer and will be followed by afternoon tea. A number of other guests will also be invited, recognising those wider links that Sally has developed during her time here. To assist with catering and places please book your place by signing up on the list in church.

Our Charities for this year ... Christians against Poverty:

James Ellins is out national charity champion, and he writes:

Christians Against Poverty is a debt counselling charity that provides free help, advice, and support to anyone who needs it.

- They offer a variety of practical services including negotiating with creditors, advising on bankruptcy and debt relief, as well as helping people to create workable household budgets.

- They carry out their mission in collaboration with churches throughout the United Kingdom. Find out more about their incredible work at <u>https://capuk.org/</u>

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

The soft fruit season has now begun (see <u>https://www.thefruitfields.co.uk/</u> for local pick your own details). We would be grateful for any produce you are able to contribute using these fruits for the 2025 Festival. Alternatively freeze the fruit and let us know how to collect it.

Later in the year we will have a basket at the back of church for donations of sugar, vinegar, dried fruit, nuts. We will then be appealing for fruits such as apples, plums and damsons. Also please keep any Bonne Maman and Frank Cooper marmalade jars for us.

As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals we can supply the Spire label for fixing onto produce in due course, 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 (especially chutneys!).

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

We have a new carpet in the chapel...

With thanks to Jill Bevitt for a generous donation in memory of Roger:





Calling cooks and Coffee makers...

Thanks to everyone who makes our after service tea and coffee on Sundays. With some people currently out of

action we are getting low on volunteers. If you think you could join the rota please speak to Sally Somerville.

We are also looking for one or two people who might be able to cook the meal for Messy Church once Revd. Sally (our current cook!) leaves (next will be October...). Meals are simple – e.g. fish fingers, sausage bites, baked potatoes, pizza, and jam sponge or jelly. Please speak to Revd. Sally if you think you could help feed some very grateful children!

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.

Pram Service is a monthly simple service of songs and story for ages 0-4 and their carers. Followed by coffee for adults, snack and crafts for little ones. Second Friday, 9.30am- 10.30am. Next one 13th June **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 <u>Jeant-d2@outlook.com</u> 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=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400Passcode: 526076Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturdayhttps://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmlldU5Hdz09Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925Passcode: 180609



GARDEN PARTY with raffle

Saturday 28th June 2025 3.00 pm, in the Vicarage Garden

Tickets £15.00 From the Parish office: 01628 622733 admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk Or after services in church



