



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 16th July 2023, Trinity 6

Our 10 am service this week will be a Parish Communion service with, as last week, a short activity for any children present. All are warmly invited to join us for worship.

Many congratulations and huge thanks to our Eco Team, led by Revd, Phyl, who put together our bid to gain the Bronze **Eco Church award** – this was achieved this week. We should receive our certificate soon. Thanks to everyone who is contributing both in church and at home and work to our overall aim to become more environmentally friendly and to 'tend' God's creation. You can read more about this later in this weekly news sheet. Please do all keep going – we look now to the silver award.

There is lots of news here this week... read on....

The Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things
and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus

from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. *Romans 8.1-11*

Gospel Reading

¹Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Hymns for Sunday

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| 690 | Jesus is Lord |
| screen | I am a new creation |
| 537(i) | For the beauty of the earth |
| 285 | God whose farm is all creation |
| 539 | Let all creation dance |

Thought for the week

All of the photos in this week's sheet were taken in May 2009 as I walked down the Mount of Beatitudes towards the Sea of Galilee. It was a hot and breezy late morning (yes, a foolish time to be walking in the heat!) and the winding path down the steep slope took me through 'fields' of crops almost ripe and ready for harvest on the hillside. They looked to be oats and wheat, alongside bananas at the top of the slope.

As I made my slow descent, I couldn't help feeling that I was walking right through Jesus' parable of the sower.





The path that I walked on was rough and pebbly, compacted and harsh. Some seed had clearly been spilt there last autumn and gobbled up by the birds that even now were circling overhead. There were indeed thistles growing in places and weeds that choked the crops and although beautiful in themselves would not please the farmer. It was so hot any crops not in sufficient depth of soil would wither.

And there were patches of good ripe crops that would keep the farms safely in livelihood for the coming year.

So little had changed in 2000 years.

And that is true too of people – whose hearts have changed little in 2000 years too.

This parable is one of very few for which Jesus explains the meaning. He speaks about commitment to faith and to growth

through nurture and good deep roots that drink in Bible teaching and which are nourished by the warmth of God's love, avoiding distractions and pressures from the world.

We all live under huge pressures today but by going deeper into our faith and resting in God, we can truly flourish and live life to the full, as God desires for each of us.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For the staff, children, governors and families of the Study Prep School in Wimbledon, as they come to terms with their losses.
- For Amanda Butler, as she leaves our school for pastures new, and for Deputy Head Claire Spankie as she leads the school next term; for the Governing Body, chaired by Rhidian Jones. For all staff and learners as they come to the end of term and the school year.
- 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, giving thanks that we have achieved the Bronze Award.
- For Casper, Paisley and Payton Brudenall, and for Clara Crampin baptised recently, and for the forthcoming baptism of Freddie Bate and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Harry Raymond, William Sharma, Theo Sharma, Florence Priestley and Bella Edmonds.
- For all those who live and work in Kingfisher Drive.
- 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, Rosemary Alexander, Jacqueline Lewis, Sue Brett, Lissa-Jane Waugh, Anne Child, Angela Gaskin, Wendy and Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Ruth Sheppard.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Zareena Rowlands
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Kathleen Woodworth, Raymond Palmer, Frederick Hayward, Kenneth Wheeler, Sidney Allen, Donald Theobald, Gillian Dawson, Jean Stevens, Edward (Ted) 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, Janet Cheek, Andrew Ross, Joyce Mary 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 16th July 2023:

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| Sunday | Psalm 64 | Deuteronomy 28.1-14 | Acts 28.17-end |
| Monday | Psalm 126 | Esther 4 | 2 Corinthians 6.1-7.1 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 132 | Esther 5 | 2 Corinthians 7.2-end |
| Wednesday | P 119.153 | Esther 6.1-13 | 2 Corinthians 8.1-15 |
| Thursday | Psalm 143 | Esther 6.14-end of 7 | 2 Corinthians 8.16-9.5 |
| Friday | Psalm 144 | Esther 8 | 2 Corinthians 9.6-end |
| Saturday | Psalm 30 | 1 Samuel 16.14-end | Luke 8.1-3 |

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 23rd July: in church and on zoom

Read: Rachel Beaumont

Intercede: Dorothy Strack Hankey

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Lisa

Coffee: Jeanette and Jenny

Our church is floodlit at night.

The lighting 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 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:

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| Sunday 16th | 10.00am, Parish Communion, in church |
| Tuesday 18th | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, St. Luke's School, Leavers service |
| Wednesday 19th | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 8.00 pm, Bible study group, in church |
| Thursday 20th | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 3.00pm, Keeping company, in church |
| Friday 21st | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer, zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice |
| Saturday 22nd | 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom |
| Sunday 23 rd | 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church 12.00 – 3.00 pm, WAMCF picnic, Boyne Hill Cricket Club |

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

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| 3 rd September | Evening Prayer in the vicarage garden led by St. Luke's |
| 17 th September | Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints |
| 1 st October | Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green |
| 22 nd October | Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom at St. Luke's |

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| 5 th November NB: 4 pm: | Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green |
| 5 th November At 6pm | All Souls Eucharist at All Saints |
| 19 th November | Service of Wholeness and Healing At All Saints |
| 26 th November | Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green |
| 3 rd December | Christ Child Market at All Saints 12.00 – 3pm |
| 10 th December | Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 8 th – 10 th December) |
| 17 th December | Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm |

And on the 4th Sunday monthly, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on Friday 1st September 4pm. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book places (so we know how many to cater for). Dates for following Messy Church sessions are, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

An extra Messy Church / Baby and Toddler Summer session: these groups will not run during the school holidays but we are offering a special session for all ages on Thursday 17th August, from 10 am - midday in the church and churchyard. This will, have an eco - theme and will include games, crafts, activities snacks and songs, with the local Wildlife Trust working with us on this. There is no charge, but donations are invited. Sign up via the parish office – do tell families about this activity.

Baptism Anniversary party: Some years ago, we used to hold an annual get-together for those who had been christened at church over the previous year. We fell out of that pattern just before the pandemic and are now keen to reinstate it. It entails a simple church service and craft activity for children and will be taking place from **3.00pm Sunday 10th September**. Afterwards there will be tea in the vicarage garden, weather permitting! If you have had your child/ren christened at St Luke's and have not yet had a personal invitation, then you are warmly invited to attend. Please do let us know if you would like to come by e-mailing the Parish office on admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Recycling at St Luke's

As one of the ways to demonstrate our commitment to living more sustainably and caring for creation, we have set up an area at the back of church by the servery, where things that can be difficult to recycle at home can be brought and members of the 'eco-team' will ensure they are taken to be recycled correctly.

There are two boxes:

- One for used pill packets
- One for dead batteries and empty make up containers.

There is a larger 'hamper' for packaging that can be recycled in supermarkets. This rubbish has this label



Recycle with bags at large supermarkets | Don't recycle at home

You can see this label on plastic wrapping such as bread bags, fruit and veg bags, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. You can recycle this type of packaging at recycling points in selected supermarkets.

Please do bring any of these items of rubbish and place them in the appropriate container. Many people making small changes in the end makes a big difference.

Fellowship and Fundraising opportunities

Not the Summer Fair: with limited capacity a summer fair is not possible but on Sunday 23rd July we will have an opportunity for fellowship and donations in lieu of the fair. We will have coffee and cake after the service, and all are invited to make a donation of the amount you might have spent at the fair – without all the work! There will be envelopes available on the day for cash donations, and the card readers will be available, or you may wish to make an online donation – in which case please reference it: Summer fair. Thank you.

Garden Party: a late summer afternoon garden party in the vicarage garden. Sunday 3rd September. Tickets at £15 each include a glass of prosecco or soft fizz on arrival and a full tea. Available very soon. Do bring along friends and family.

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

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

Many thanks to those in the congregation who have already started making produce, jams, chutneys etc and donating ingredients such as sugar. We have also had donations of fruit. If you want to get involved, dry goods and any jars of produce can be put in the cupboard at the back of church, and they will be collected and stored. If you have fruit or vegetables to donate, phone one of us (numbers below) to arrange collection. There will be *Spire* brand labels in a box in the cupboard for those making produce. Do not worry about putting decorated covers on the jars, this will be done nearer Christmas. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (phone 07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (phone 07743 323635)

From the PCC

Key points discussed at the recent PCC meeting:

- The bench in memory of John Cox is now in place in the churchyard
- An independent energy consultancy firm is to be engaged to undertake an audit of our future heat and light needs in order to inform planning for a new boiler and lighting system
- It is hoped to employ someone to clean the church (basic) fortnightly, alongside volunteer

cleaners

- £200 had been received for the flower fund from a funeral donation
- Permission has been given for a defibrillator outside the church, Thames Valley Heart Beat will supply it and we will seek funding from W&MCT towards the cabinet, we are responsible for upkeep
- To ensure safety and safeguarding, the dates for the Tree Festival will now be: Wednesday 6th December - set up day, Thursday 7th: Schools day (no public) Friday 8th – Sunday 10th open to the public.
- Our financial situation is much as it was this time last year, EXCEPT that fuel bills are almost three times increased. We need address this by increased giving and other means.
- It was agreed that we should change our inspecting architect for one who is conservation accredited.
- The bronze Eco Church award has been applied for (thanks for Phyl and the Eco team)
- The key priorities on our current Mission Action Plan have been identified as:
 - Nurture of existing and new members/welcome and support (inclusive church/contactors)
 - Sustainability: churchyard/lights and boiler/teaching and encouragement.
- Four working parties have been set up. each member of the PCC is on one and members of the congregation will be invited to join too:
 - Heat and Light-led by Clare
 - Churchyard-led by Simon
 - Nurture and Invitation-led by Revd. Sally
 - Eco-Church-led by Revd. Phyl
- The Complaints and Recruitment policies were reviewed
- A new headteacher has been appointed for St. Luke's school for January.

Church finances

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:

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

Green Christians:

Embrace:

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

Commissioning Service Thursday 20 July 7.30pm High Street Methodist Church

MAIDENHEAD CARE/FOODSHARE Parishioners who are interested in hearing more about Foodshare are invited to attend the Maidenhead Care annual commissioning service when Nigel Cohen of Foodshare will be giving a talk about their work. The service will take place at 7:30pm, on 20th July in the High Street Methodist Church. Everyone welcome.

The Charles Davies Trust

This charitable trust donates supermarket vouchers to residents of the borough who are aged 70 and over and have savings not exceeding £23,250. There is a poster on the brown board at the back of

church with more details. Do ask one of the clergy for an application form for yourself or to pass to someone you know who qualifies.

WAMCF News (Inter Faith)

All events are open to anyone...

WAMCF SUMMER PICNIC

Bring and share

Sunday 23rd 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 16th 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 07413588524 for more information

Diocesan Festival of Prayer

Saturday 22 July at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, in Oxfordshire, OX44 9EX

BRF author David Runcorn is the keynote speaker at our 11th Festival of Prayer, organised in collaboration with the Diocese of Oxford. In addition to David's opening talk, delegates have a choice of attending three further workshops and can also enjoy the peaceful college grounds. There are over 20 workshops to choose from, ranging from creative prayer ideas with Martyn Payne to the poetry and prayer of R.S. Thomas with Sarah Brush. This year's programme also includes Celtic prayer, Carmelite spirituality, the English spiritual tradition and experiencing God in nature.

The Festival of Prayer provides space to reenergise your prayer life and learn new ways to pray and draw closer to God. Book your place at the Festival of Prayer 2023

<https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/events/products/the-festival-of-prayer-2023-prayer-as-a-way-of-life> for more details speak to Jeanette Lock

And... as part of the library's week of celebrations for it's 50th birthday...

Maidenhead Library: An Architectural Landmark. Talk with Dr Clare Price



Tuesday 18 July 2023, 7:30pm. Free event. [Book via Eventbrite.](#)

Discover the story behind the innovative design of Grade II listed Maidenhead Library in this talk by architectural historian Dr Clare Price. Clare is a Chartered Surveyor, has an MSc in Conservation of the Historic Environment and has recently completed a PhD in Architectural History at Oxford University. Clare is also a Maidenhead resident and an avid library user. Paid bar available (!!)

World Cafes in Belmont, (Oldfield and Datchet)

A special active travel World Cafe is being held in Belmont ward on Thursday 20 July, specifically for residents living in Norfolk Road, Cordwallis Road and the St Luke's Road area.

This also includes Australia Avenue, Bailey Close, Denmark Street, Fairford Road, Norfolk Park Cottages, Risborough Road, Russell Court, and Vicarage Road.

The event is being led by our highways team and is a chance for you to tell us your ideas to help encourage walking and cycling. We've plans to improve your neighbourhood streets but want to make sure they're right for you.

Pop along to St Joseph's Church, in Cookham Road, between 2pm and 4pm. To make sure we've enough free refreshments, please RSVP to the highways section [on RBWM Together](#).

In addition to hearing your ideas on how to combat your local cost of living issues, it's also a chance to talk to community organisations. There'll be free refreshments and goodies as always. And there's no need to book for this one.

For more details about our World Cafes, including what we and communities have achieved following other borough cafes, visit the [World Café section on RBWM Together](#).

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 1st September e-mail 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 20th July

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10th August

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. Next is 27th July.

Please note that for all 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, 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=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZ09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468 Passcode: 132142