



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 17th July Trinity 5

Our service this Sunday is a Parish Communion service at 10 am, in church and on zoom.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer
for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Reading from 1 Colossians

15 Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – 23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1. 15-28

The Gospel reading

38 Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' 41 But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Luke 10. 38-end

Sunday's Hymns:

6 New every morning is the love
393 Brother, sister let me serve you
507 Lord of all hopefulness



Thought for the week:

Poor Martha! I wonder if, like me, you sometimes feel that she was treated a little harshly by Jesus? She simply wanted all to be perfect for her guest – a tidy home, good food, welcome hospitality. On the one level she was right, of course. And help from her sister would have been good – then they could both have sat down and listened to Jesus.

But Jesus' response to her plea for her sister's help is also, of course, right. It is so easy to get caught up in the busy-ness of life that we can forget the really important stuff – and not make time for God. The collect for last week reminded us of this, asking God that as we, 'we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not our hold on things eternal'. I am so often guilty of that. I need to listen to Jesus, as Mary did, and make more time to simply rest in him and learn from him.

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 confirmed this week: 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 17th July 2022:

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| Sunday | Psalm 100 | 1 Peter 3. 8-18 | |
| Monday | Psalm 98 | 1 Samuel 1.1-20 | Luke 19.28-40 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 106* | 1 Samuel 1.21-2.11 | Luke 19.41-end |
| Wednesday | Psalm 111 | 1 Samuel 2.12-26 | Luke 20.1-8 |
| Thursday | Psalm 115 | 1 Samuel 2.27 - end | Luke 20.9-19 |
| Friday (St Mary Magdalene) | Psalm 30 | 1 Samuel 16.14-end | Luke 8. 1-3 |
| Saturday, | Psalm 121 | 1 Samuel 4. 1b-end | Luke 20. 27-40 |

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 24th July, Trinity 6, Parish Communion in church and on zoom

Read: Faith Powley Intercede: Dorothy Strack Hankey

Welcomers: Aaron, Laura and Kim Coffee: Jacqueline and Simon

Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by
Claire Mundy and family ...
..in memory of Chris Sawyers near her birthday.*



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

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 are 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 needs to be able bodied and reliable., and will need to have a DBS check. For more information or to apply, please speak to Revd. Sally.

Church Flowers

Rita has decided that it is time to hang up her secateurs and enjoy the flowers – that someone else has arranged! We give her heartfelt thanks for all of her hard work and the beautiful arrangements that she has created over the years. We are now looking for someone (or more than one person) to take over the organisation of church flowers... please pray about this – could God be calling you to take this lovely ministry on?

The Charles Davis 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.

Parish Giving Scheme

At the recent PCC meeting we were all encouraged to consider moving our giving to the Parish Giving Scheme. The Parish Giving Scheme offers significant benefits compared to other forms of giving:

- Givers can choose to automatically increase their giving by the rate of inflation every year. This tackles the problem of 'static giving', where people's giving ordinarily remains the same year on year, while the costs of the church rise continually, due to inflation.
- Gift aid is automatically processed every month, reducing admin for church volunteers and improving cash flow.

You can find out more about the scheme here: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/parish-support/parish-finance/giving-and-fundraising/parish-giving-scheme/parish-giving-scheme.php>

There are also leaflets to take away at the back of church.

Please do consider using this scheme for your own giving to the whole, work of this church.

What's on...

This week:

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| Thursday 14 th | 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 |
| Friday 15 th | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer on zoom |
| Saturday 16 th | Quiet day at Goosebury Hall |
| Sunday 17 th | 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom |
| Tuesday 19 th | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom |
| Wednesday 20 th | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion |
| Thursday 21 st | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 3.00 pm, Keeping Company, in church |
| Friday 22 nd | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer on zoom |
| Saturday 23 rd | 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom |
| Sunday 24 th | 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom |

Looking ahead...

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. Tickets are now available at £12.50 per adult (and £5 under 14s). Includes a glass of prosecco on arrival. Full tea, raffle and produce stall.

Eco Church: anyone interested in making a start at looking at how we can become more of an eco friendly church is warmly invited to an initial meeting in church on Thursday 18th August at 12.30 pm - light (eco friendly!) lunch provided. It would help with catering if you could let Revd. Sally know if you plan to be there.

Quiet evening: space for quiet and to think, reflect or read... Thursday 18th August, from 7-9pm in the vicarage garden if dry (if wet, church). Short introduction at 7pm (come later if you need to) and Night Prayer at 9pm. All welcome.

The Big Question: the first of a series of discussion groups exploring topical issues from a standpoint of faith. Thursday 25th August, 7.30 pm, in church. Open to all. Why not bring a friend!

The Season of Creation: 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

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| 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. Starts again on 8th September after the summer break.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is actually the second Friday - 12th August. Email Revd. Sally 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 21st July.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 11th August.

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:

<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=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