



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 19<sup>th</sup> May, the Feast of Pentecost

This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion. All are warmly invited to worship. There will be an activity available for children during service. The Sundays at Six is a Sung Compline, hosted by St Lukes. Do come along to this short, beautiful quiet service.

**The churchyard work will NOT now happen this Sunday.**

### The Collect

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light  
of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*Acts 2.1-21*

### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>4</sup>I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

*John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15*

### **Sunday’s Hymns:**

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| 234 | All together in one place |
| 263 | Spirit of the living God  |
| 259 | She sits like a bird      |
| 238 | Come down, O love divine  |

### **Thought for the week**

This is one of my favourite photos. It sums up the colour, noise and vibrancy of an Indian by the Sea of Galilee a few years ago. That place by the sea is supposed to be silent – but you couldn’t silence those Christians – there was an excitement to be there. As I watched (and listened!) it felt to me like Pentecost. That is what the Holy Spirit does – she enlivens and excites people.

If we are honest, what have we done to the Holy Spirit? Have we allowed that exuberance to flourish? That excitement? That colour?



Even allowing for the fact that we are Anglicans, I wonder sometimes whether we have tried to tame, to control the Spirit rather than allowing her to control and refresh and inspire and lead us. Through the power of the Spirit the early new Christians 'heard the message in their own language'. They expressed it in their way. How often do we expect enquirers, new Christians today to conform to our ways rather than allow ourselves to be enriched by what they bring – literally to the table? How often do we hear the call of the Spirit above the noise of our own desires, and allow her to stir us up – to action in a whole variety of ways?

I am not accusing us of these things – but it is always good to stop and check ourselves, to check that we do allow the Spirit room in our lives – to fire us up with love and spur us on to action.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people. Happy Pentecost!

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

- For our new PCC, that members may lead well.
- For a renewed commitment to the ministry and mission of all church members, and to prayer for the church, the world, and all people.
- For those who are living on the breadline and on our streets, for shelter and support.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there and for strength for all those who are suffering loss and fear.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For the King and the Princess of Wales as they are treated for cancer
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For our ministry with children and families.
- For a new church music leader.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in May: Elise Rutland, Harry Portsmouth, Daisy Stevens, Travis Romero, Tajus Ramanauskas, Amanda Simana, Jaxson Williams.
- For all those who live and work in the Derek Road.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Iris Brown, Lorraine, Ken Young, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Albert Murray, Lucy Young, Pat Brooks, Emily Buckwell.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Beryl Eaton
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: John Wells, Kathleen Heskith, Bernard (Vic) Kellerman, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, Helen Bailey, Michael Poynter, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Priscilla Evans, Edwina Richardson, David Trinkwon, Ivy Trillow, Brian Webb, Michael Curley, Joyce Turpie.

***Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 19th May 2024:***

|           |                   |                |               |
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| Sunday    | Psalm 145         | Joel 2.28-end  | Romans 8.1-17 |
| Monday    | Psalm 126         | Joshua 1       | Luke 9.18-27  |
| Tuesday   | Psalm 132         | Joshua 2       | Luke 9.28-36  |
| Wednesday | Psalm 119.153-end | Joshua 3       | Luke 9.37-50  |
| Thursday  | Psalm 143         | Joshua 4.1-5.1 | Luke 9.51-end |
| Friday    | Psalm 144         | Joshua 5.2-end | Luke 10.1-16  |
| Saturday  | Psalm 147         | Joshua 6.1-20  | Luke 10.17-24 |

**Rotas for next week Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Parish Communion**

Read: Nicola Buckland

Intercede: Simon Bader

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Jeanette

Chalice: Shula

Coffee: Lisa and Beryl

## Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by  
**Jean Jackson**  
*In loving memory of my beloved husband and son, Glyn and Elwyn*

and  
**Lewis Woodley**  
*In memory of his mother Barbara*



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)

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.  
There are lots of weeks available.

We are just coming to the end of **Christian Aid week**.  
Although the annual street collections have ceased Christian Aid continues to minister around the world. You can read about the work, and, if you wish, make an online donation, here: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>



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

Sunday 19th      10.00am, Parish Communion  
*Pentecost*      11.30 am, Fabric cttee meeting  
                         6.00pm, Sung Compline, in Church at St Luke's

Tuesday 21st      8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom  
                         7.30pm, WAMCF, St Edmund Campion Church Hall, Altwood Road

Wednesday 22nd      8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom  
                         10.00am, Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd      8.30am, Morning prayer, on zoom  
                         9.30am, Baby and Toddler group  
                         3.00pm, Gaynor's Gifts

Friday 24th      8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom  
                         1.00pm, Wedding of Andrea and Anthony in church  
                         5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom

Saturday 25th      9.00am, Morning prayer, on zoom

Sunday 26th      10.00am, Parish Communion  
                         12.00pm, Baptism of Colby Mark Roberts

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

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| 19th May              | Sung Compline, at St. Luke's                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June  | Eucharist of wholeness and healing, at All Saints |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> June | International Taizé service, at St. Luke's        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> July  | Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints           |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July | Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by St. Luke's |

**Coming up...**

**WAMCF women meeting, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.** 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm at St, Edmund Campion church.  
See details below.

**Corpus Christi.** On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm, All Saints, Boyn Hill and the Benefice of New Windsor are teaming up to celebrate Corpus Christi at St. Stephen and St. Agnes Church, Windsor. Please see poster below for further details.

### **Confirmation**

There will be a Deanery confirmation on the evening of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested in being confirmed (or would like to know more about confirmation – making our baptismal promises for ourselves) please speak to Revd. Sally.

**Holy Communion Before Confirmation:** our church has a policy for the admission of children to communion before confirmation, with preparation. We have not put this into practice for some time and are keen to do so. The initial plan is to have two short sessions after the All Age Holy Communion services in June and July and a party in the summer with a view to admission on 1<sup>st</sup> September (AAHC). If you know of children who might be interested please speak to Revd. Sally.

**Messy Church** our Messy church dates are as follows: 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Bible study:** our journey exploring together Matthew's gospel continues again soon. All warmly invited from 8-9pm, in church. 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Looking further ahead:**

#### **Save the dates....**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Not the Summer Fair day (donations and possibly shared lunch)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Garden Party

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>/ Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September: Heritage weekend

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm, A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance, Dance production, here

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October afternoon: the Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture.

20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August: Summer Holiday Arts project for all ages.

### **PCC News**

Key discussions and decisions from the PCC meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May:

- New officers: Vice Chair - Clare Price, Chair of Fabric / Health & Safety – Ralph Hinchliffe
- Standing committee: Vicar, Wardens, secretary, treasurer, plus Anne Child and Barbara Essam
- The Alpha course had gone well
- We have been awarded a grant of £15,000 from the Diocesan Demonstrator Project towards fees associated with a new boiler
- Eleanor Kershaw has joined the crucifer rota
- Under finance, whilst we have Fabric reserve and a legacy (set aside for projects) day to day expenditure is still exceeding income. PCC needs to explore giving, fundraising, lettings and grants – the whole church needs to play a part in this.
- Under fabric, work is needed to address a growing damp patch in the south chancel wall, and the poor chancel lighting was raised.
- The various events were highlighted (see dates above)

- The ministry team would be meeting with PSO Babara to explore the concept of 'social graces' in safeguarding.
- The Health and Safety policy was reviewed and updated.
- St. Luke's School is to appoint a new Deputy Headteacher as Claire Spankie leaves this summer after 17 years at the school.


**Windsor and Maidenhead  
Community Forum  
Women's Group**

Ladies of all beliefs and none  
are warmly invited to our next meeting  
from 7.30 - 9.00 pm  
on  
Tuesday 21st May 2024  
at  
St. Edmund Campion Church Hall  
Altwood Road, Maidenhead, SL6 4PY

Talk and discussion groups:

**The Dignity and worth of women**

Further details from:  
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www.wamcf.org



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**Corpus Christi**



**Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion**  
*Thursday 30 May*  
Sung Eucharist  
7.30pm  
St Stephen & St Agnes Church  
Vansittart Road, Windsor SL4 5EA  
*All welcome*



**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> June 2024  
[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 20<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> June

**Thursday Lunches** meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on [Jeant-d2@outlook.com](mailto: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. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. Next is 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Please note that for all 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, 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/85378796960?pwd=dUNTtnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID: 853 7879

6960 Passcode: 386635