



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 20th August, Trinity 11

Our 10 am service this week will be a Parish Communion service **at 9.30 am** to allow time to get home to watch the Ladies Football World Cup Final!. All are warmly invited to join us for worship.

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people
have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. *Rom. 11.1-2a, 29-32*

Gospel Reading

²¹Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. *Matthew 15.21-28*

Sunday's Hymn's:

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| 679 | In Christ there is no east or west |
| 806 | There's a wideness in God's mercy |
| 423 | And now, O Father, mindful of the love |
| 694 | Jesus, Lord, we look to thee |
| 563 | Jesus Christ is waiting |

Thought for the week:

Today's gospel offers an insight that proved initially unpopular with his followers. Jesus was in non - Jewish territory (perhaps travelling between places). But his reputation of course had spread and a local woman – a non- Jew – followed him calling out for help for her daughter. What people then thought of a demon possession was probably what we today call epilepsy.

She really wound the disciples up by her calling out and they asked Jesus to get rid of her. We don't know whether Jesus' answer is designed for her to hear or not – but she does – and she responds. Jesus said that he had come only to the Jews, and even when she knelt at his feet and pleaded what he told her suggested that he had limited resources, he could only help his own – 'it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs' (that's quite a rebuff and pretty rude – dogs was the slang term then for Gentiles). But the woman's persistence led to a revelation for both Jesus and his followers and to the start of a more open community of faith. She answered, 'yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table'. Even those on the edges, those excluded, she said, could hear and believe. Her faith led Jesus to heal her daughter. And it surely contributed to a wider membership of the embryonic church – a revelation and concept which was hard for some people to grasp at first.



Today the church is open to all people – all races and backgrounds. We pride ourselves at St. Luke's on being an inclusive church. But I wonder just how true that really is. We are so used to being in church and part of the church that I think we forget how difficult it is for those outside to come in and become a full part. Yet that does not mean that there is not a spiritual desire to be a part: 'even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table'.

Prayer suggestions for these weeks:

- For all school staff and learners, for rest and re-creation over the summer.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For the people of Hawaii
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For a new Director of Music / organist
- For our care for creation, giving thanks that we have achieved the Bronze Eco Church Award.
- For Casper, Paisley and Payton Brudenall, Clara Crampin, Freddie Bate and Haylee Tagg baptised recently. For the forthcoming baptism of Rocco and Sonny Tagg and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in August: Harley Perry, Remy Perry- Bridger, Logan Hing, Kevin Obwianu, Lily Webber, Archie Marosi, Myles Levy, Romain Levy, Mateusz Malinowski, Margot Wooley, Mabel Wooley.
- For all those who live and work in Swallowfield Court.
- 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, Gemma Payne, Jill Butler.

- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in August: James Schofield, Reginald Blewitt, Paul Duncombe, Betty Hunt, Joan Fusco, Jessica Nicholls, Dorcas Bennett, Neville Searle, Kenneth Lewis, Patricia Walker, Wendy Logie, Robert Dymond, Terence Greene, Elizabeth Pearce, Rita Buckland, James Harry, Dorothy Webster, Betty Ann Lambourne, Margaret Grove, John Brant, John Coupe, , May Reeve, Margaret Moulton, 'Colin' Duncan, Vivienne King, Janet Seaman, Alix Burnage, Patricia Nuth.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 20th August 2023:

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| Sunday | Psalm 92 | Jonah 1 | 2 Peter 3.14-end |
| Monday | Psalm 80 | Micah 1.1-9 | Mark 5.1-20 |
| Tuesday | P 89.1-18 | Micah 2 | Mark 5.21-34 |
| Wednesday | P119.105-128 | Micah 3 | Mark 5.35-end |
| Thursday | Psalm 86 | Genesis 28.10-17 | John 1.43-end |
| Friday | Psalm 88 | Micah 5.2-end | Mark 6.14-29 |
| Saturday | Psalm 97 | Micah 6 | Mark 6.30-44 |

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 27th August: Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Kate Taylor

Intercede: Edgar Hakobyan

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Anne

Coffee: Helen and Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

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:

NB: There will be no evening prayer in August

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| Sunday 20th | 9.30 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptism of Sonny and Rocco Tagg |
| Tuesday 22nd | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom <i>Parish office closed</i> |
| Wednesday 23rd | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion |
| Thursday 24th | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.30 am, Funeral of Zarina Rowlands 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gifts |
| Friday 25th | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Parenting Course, in church |
| Saturday 26th | 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom |
| Sunday 27th | 10.00 am, Parish Communion |

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 |
| 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.

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

WAMCF News (Inter Faith)

On Thursday 14th September this church is hosting the next interfaith Dialogue. From 7 – 8.30 pm. all are warmly invited. If anyone could offer to help serve refreshments please speak to Revd. Sally.

Ockwells Manor house in Cox Green

If you have ever wondered about this mid C15th house with famous armorial glass in the great hall, you may be interested to see a new book *Ockwells Manor- A history of the house and its occupants*

written by Ann Darracott and published by Maidenhead Civic Society in May of this year. Ann, a member of the congregation of St Lukes, will bring a copy along on Sunday 6th August for you to have a look. There is also a copy in the Local History section of Maidenhead Library.

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

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 NOW. Do bring along friends and family.

If you are able and willing to make cakes for this event please let Jacqueline Lewis know asap. We are also seeking good quality raffle prizes in advance of the day – please also speak to Jacqueline. Thank you.

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

Church Working parties

The PCC notes above state that we have set up four working parties to explore areas of our church life that we need to develop. Every PCC member has joined one and ALL members of the congregation are warmly invited to join in too – please do contact the group leader in each case and offer to join in. The groups are time limited and will ensure that we can be the very best in our mission and ministry – both practically and spiritually.

Nurture group, led by Revd. Sally
Heating and Lighting, led by Clare Price

Eco group, led by Revd. Phyl
Churchyard, led by Simon Bader

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 21st September

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 14th September

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 24th August

NB: there will be no Evening Prayer during August

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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