



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 22nd June -Trinity I

This Sunday we have a service of Parish Communion service at 10am, with activities for children, all are welcome.

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those
who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness
of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

²³Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.
²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.
²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3. 23-end

Gospel Reading

²⁶Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. *Luke 8. 26-39*

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 223 All hail the power of Jesus' name
G: 639 Give thanks with a grateful heart
O: 563 Jesus Christ is waiting
R: 679 In Christ here is no east or west

Thought for the week:

Paul's words in the letter to the Galatians that we read this coming Sunday (see right) are poignant and reflect where we as a church choose to 'come from' as Christians and people of faith. We believe that God came to earth in the person of Jesus to show all people that the matter – whoever they are, whatever they are, wherever they are. That is a really powerful concept in an age of choice and privilege. Jesus, and those who followed him, did away with the traditional norms of cliques and the 'ins and outs'. The gospel reading for Sunday shows him healing a man who was not of Jewish origin – a 'foreigner' – who spread the word about him in that area too.

The first followers of Jesus lived in an age of identity. There was strict and clear separation between people, especially religious groups such as Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, lay people and so on. And beyond Judaism, Jew and Gentile were clearly defined. Yet in the Gospel story Jesus crosses to other side of lake, a Gentile area, where the Romans were keeping and eating pigs – anathema to Jews.

And gender was also clearly defined – women had little public say, children were possessions and treated as inferior – and so of course were servants and slaves – and there was a difference between those two groups.

In Galatians, Paul who cuts deep into the old teaching, belief and modus operandi:

He makes the point that in Christ ALL people are the same – clearly people look different, they have different gifts and backgrounds but the basic identity of all people is IN Jesus - that is the bottom line – in Jesus all are one and the same. All human. All loved. All special.

And that impacts in self confidence too.

At St. Luke's our rainbow mugs remind us of this every time we drink tea or coffee. Let us celebrate our unity in diversity!

There is neither Jew
nor Greek,
there is neither slave
nor free,
there is no male
and female,
for you are all one
in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That we may celebrate our inclusive church, and live it out in our daily 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 Hamas, and Iran, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For the work of our Hospices.
- For all those who live and work in Norfolk Dean
- For Leo and Madeleine, and Alfie, Tia, Layla-Marie, Nathan, Isla, Levi, Holly, Lisa, Lewis and Sarah, all baptised recently.
- 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 Keon, 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
- 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 22nd June 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 55. 1-16, 18-21	Joshua 1	Mark 2. 1-22
Monday	Psalm 30	Job 13	Romans 7. 1-6
Tuesday	Psalm 50	Malachi 3. 1-6	Luke 3. 1-17
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Job 15	Romans 8. 1-11
Thursday	Psalm 37	Job 16. 1-17.2	Romans 8. 12-17
Friday	Psalm 31	Job 17. 3 -end	Romans 8. 18-30
Saturday	Psalm 42	Job 18	Romans 8. 31-end

Rotas for next week

Sunday 29th June St Peter : Parish Communion

Read: Nicola Buckland Intercede: Shula Tajima Chalice: Ruth S Sound: warden
Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon, Ben Coffee: Helen and Carl Children: Ruth H

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the church floodlighting has been sponsored by Rita and John Salter

To celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary



What's on.... This week:

Sunday 22 nd June	10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 24 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 25 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 1.00 pm, Funeral of Stella Tudge 8.00pm, Bible Study
Thursday 26 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift
Friday 27 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom 6.00 pm gazebo working party – vicarage garden
Saturday 28 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer on zoom 9.30 am, sandwich making in church 3.00 pm, Garden Party
Sunday 29 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptism

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

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. Last one, 2nd July.

Garden Party: Saturday 28th June, 3pm in the vicarage garden. Tickets now all sold.

Help setting up... any willing helpers please do come along.. to the vicarage garden on Friday 27th from 6pm to erect gazebos and set out chairs and tables, and come to church from 9.30 am on Saturday 28th to help make sandwiches. 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 our 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 <https://capuk.org/>

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

The soft fruit season has now begun (see <https://www.thefruitfields.co.uk/> 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). 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!

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
Monday 30th June 2025
at

Grenfell Lodge (synagogue)

Ray Park Road, Maidenhead SL6 8QX

Speaker: Bishop Mary Gregory,
Bishop of Reading

Working together for reconciliation

Further details from:

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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 11th July
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 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. 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=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

