



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter /Easter 5**

This week our 10 am service is a Parish Communion service for Rogation Sunday, when the church thinks about the world of nature and creation. We are now almost 40 days after Easter Day and so Thursday is Ascension Day, when we remember Jesus' return to heaven in glory. There will be a service of Holy Communion in church (and, on Zoom - use the usual Sunday morning link) to which all are warmly invited. Morning Prayer continues on Zoom, Tuesday through Saturday.

## **The Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

## **Post Communion**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water  
of eternal life: may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever. Amen

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.  
*Acts 16. 9-15*

## **The Gospel Reading**

1 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. 3 In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralysed. 5 One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' 7 The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' 8 Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' 9 At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.  
Now that day was a sabbath.  
*John 5. 1-19*

### Sunday's Hymns:

383 Be still for the presence of the Lord  
Sht Love is his word, love is his way  
538 O Jesus I have promised



### Thought for the week:

The location of the Pool of Bethesda, where today's Gospel reading occurred, is believed to be just inside the current city old walls, by what is known as the Sheep Gate. From the picture here it is clear that it is not easy to make out the pool itself, although there are hints of its porticos. Much today is concealed by layers of stone and 'stuff'. The story of the man whom Jesus healed at this place is also full of layers of 'stuff' that had got in the way of him being healed sooner. As Jesus asks the man if indeed he really wants to be healed, it is as though he is finding reasons not to be, and 'blaming' others for not helping him. Over 38 years things had clogged up his ability to see clearly enough and to allow himself to be healed. I wonder what we have each allowed to clog up our spiritual sight, preventing us from seeing Jesus clearly, from allowing him to minister to each of us?

### Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our new PCC and church officers
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For young people sitting examinations.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For the Queen, and the celebration of her Platinum Jubilee.
- For the international refugees currently living in Maidenhead and the people who are supporting them
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in May: Travis Romero.
- For all those who live and work in Simpson close.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Andrew, Iris Brown, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Maama Agnes (Uganda), Valerie Bosley, Gerry Knight.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: Glyn Jackson, Alicia Teare, Geoffrey Hutson, Terence Comley, Ronald Birch, Gerald Gunner, John Wells, Kathleen Heskith, Bernard (Vic) Kellerman, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, John Crampin, Michael Poynter, Helen Bailey, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Edwina Richardson, Priscilla Evans, David Trinkwon, Ivy Trillow, Brian Webb, Michael Curley.

### Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 40-1-9	Colossians 3.1-11	
Monday	Psalm 65	Numbers 16.1-35	Luke 6.27-38
Tuesday	Psalm 126	Numbers 16.36-end	Luke 6. 39-end
Wednesday	Psalm 132	Numbers 17.1-11	Luke 7. 1-10
Thursday <i>Ascension Day</i>	Psalm 110, 150	Isaiah 52. 7-end	Hebrews 7. 26-end
Friday	Psalm 81	Exodus 35. 30-36.1	Galatians 5.13-end
Saturday	Psalm 47	Numbers 11.16-17, 24-29	1 Corinthians 2

## Rotas for next week:

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Ascension day, in church only

Read: Don Luff      Intercede: Revd. Sally

Welcomers: John, Don, Jeanette

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, Sunday after Ascension day, in church and on zoom

Read: Bridget Morris      Intercede: Simon Bader

Welcomers: John, Ann and Ben      Coffee:

## Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored  
By Jean Jackson, 'in memory of my beloved husband Glyn'  
and  
by Lauren Cathro in loving memory of Oliver*



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

## What's on...

### This week:

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift, prayer Shawl knitting (in church and on zoom) Code below
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom, 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am Planning Morning - open to all, in church
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 7.00 pm, Street Party meeting (all welcome)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> <b>Ascension Day</b>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 3.00 pm, Keeping Company 8.00 pm, Holy Communion
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom, 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Thank you to those who have offered help with our **Jubilee Street Party** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June (party 1-3pm). Do RSVP if you have not already done so.

Everyone is also welcome at a **service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee** of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, in church at 6pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**WAMCF Ladies** meet on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm, at Cookham Rise Methodist church. Our theme is Faith and Food, do come prepared to talk about food associated with your own faith and even better bring recipes and food samples to share!

**The WAMCF Joy of movement** sessions will run again from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Free and online. See [www.wamcf.org.uk](http://www.wamcf.org.uk) to register.

The last few **Sundays at Six** services for this term are:

22<sup>nd</sup> May, at All Saints, Evensong & Benediction

12<sup>th</sup> June, at All Saints, Evensong & Benediction

26<sup>th</sup> June, St. Luke's, Night Prayer (zoom only)

10<sup>th</sup> July, ChoGS, Prayer Walk – time and location to be notified

**Chair covering:** you may have noticed that the old upholstered chairs in the fellowship area are slowly being re-covered, thanks to Sally Somerville. It would be wonderful to have a few helpers – either at home or with a drink together in church. Please speak to Sally or Revd Sally if you think you could help – thank you.

### **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. We meet in church.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is 6<sup>th</sup> May. 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 26<sup>th</sup> May (NB fourth week not third).

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. The next is 19<sup>th</sup> May (NB swapped week).

**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.

### **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

**Sundays at Six:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852

Passcode: 936128

**Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry** 3pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, monthly

Link for 19<sup>th</sup> May:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88627244304?pwd=q-AMP0InkyLAIA\\_vgbwenjXHzCxyxo.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88627244304?pwd=q-AMP0InkyLAIA_vgbwenjXHzCxyxo.1)

Meeting ID: 886 2724 4304

Passcode: 042474