



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 24th and 31st July Trinity 6 and 7

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

24th July

The Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things
and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Post Communion Prayer

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters, 6as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

16Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. 17These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. 18Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, 19and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Colossians 2. 6-19

The Gospel reading

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3Give us each day our daily bread.

4And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

5And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' *Luke 11. 1-13*

Sunday's Hymns:

492 Jesus, wher'er thy people meet

98 Lord teach us how to pray aright

421 Father of heaven, whose love profound

31st July

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

The Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source
of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his
love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

1If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all. *Colossians 3. 1-11*

The Gospel reading

13Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ 14But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ 15And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ 16Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” 18Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” 20But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Luke 12. 13-21

Sunday's Hymns:

368 All my hope on God is founded
482 Jerusalem the golden
390 Blessed assurance



Thought for the weeks:

Our gospel reading on 24th July is Luke's account of Jesus teaching about prayer, including the prayer that we now call, 'The Lord's Prayer'. Probably the most well known Christian prayer in the world, I don't think that Jesus intended it to be used quite as we do today, as a 'stock';

prayer, but he gave his disciples a summary of how they might pray. All prayer should include praise to God, usually first, not to 'butter God up', but as a reminder that all things come from God and that praise and gratitude should never be forgotten. If they are, we become less human. Prayer should also include confession – coming to God in recognition of our human frailty and asking for help in living as God would have us live – learning how to genuinely love others. And prayer should include intercession (asking) for our basic needs and those of others. Of course, God knows what we need before we ask, but often prayer can clarify our own thoughts and remind us of our reliance on our loving, generous God.

Perhaps we might spend some time this summer reflecting on our own patterns of prayer, and maybe using this model as a guide.

Prayer suggestions for these weeks:

- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For our government.
- For safety for children over the school holidays
- For all on holiday, for rest and re-creation.
- For those confirmed recently: Katty and John, Becky, Ruth.

Our church is floodlit at night.

24th July 2022

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by
Joan Lynch
“My dear Len you are still in my heart”*



31st July 2022

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by
Eunice Goodman
in memory of Alison Bryant, a relative in Australia*

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

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:

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
Monday 25 th	7.30 pm, WAMCF Ladies meeting, here
Tuesday 26 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 27 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 28 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift, in church
Friday 29 th) No
Saturday 30 th) services
Sunday 31 st	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
Tuesday 2 nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 3 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 4 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Friday 5 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer on zoom
Saturday 6 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Baptism prep in church
Sunday 7 th	10.00 am, All Age Holy 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 lunch provided. It would help with catering if you could let Revd. Sally know if you hope to come.

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

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=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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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