

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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Week commencing: 25th July 2021

The Feast of St. James, Parish Communion

This Sunday we have a parish Communion service at 10 am in church and on zoom.

National covid restrictions were lifted last Monday and we now have guidance from the national church and diocese which enables local churches to make their own decisions (incumbent and PCC) about their own local situations, but encourages caution and protection of the most vulnerable. It is very clear that this is an opportunity for Christians to model a way of living within our restored freedoms in a way that 'puts the needs of others before ourselves', as Paul writes in Philippians 2. We will certainly proceed with caution.

To that end, the churchwardens and I have agreed that this Sunday there will be no changes – we will adhere to social distancing and request that the congregation wear face coverings inside the building. We will not sing yet – the choir will sing for us. We look at the rising statistics of positive cases with deep concern. We have kept everyone safe so far, we want to continue to do so!

Next week, assuming the weather is kind, our 10 am All Age Communion service will be outside in the churchyard. We will provide chairs and face coverings will be optional. We will be able to sing. Some folk may well wish to remain more distanced and we will allow for that. If you wish to bring your own, more comfy, chair, that is fine. After that we will be guided by the stats.

Morning Prayer continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am (now also Wednesday is back to 9 am); **Evening Prayer**, Fridays at 5pm. All Saints church also offers **Night Prayer** now on MONDAYS at 8pm.

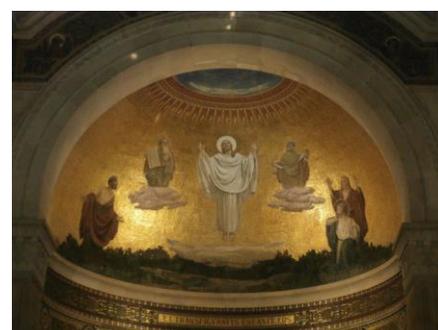
Sundays at Six has now concluded for the summer break and will start again in September.

Thought for the week:

Two weeks ago our gospel was the gory story of the beheading of John the Baptist. As we celebrate the feast of St James (the Great) today, we also note that he was executed by Herod (a little later) and that the Armenian Orthodox church in Jerusalem claims to be the keeper of his head – hence the tapestry picture above, found in that church.

James didn't always keep a level head when it was attached to his body! He and his brother John were two of the disciples closest to Jesus (with him at his transfiguration, see right) but they angered their comrades by asking of him special places in heaven.

James' ignominious death might be seen as 'comeuppance', but perhaps also serves as a lesson in humility for us all. There are no special places in Jesus' heart – he loves and cares for all – equally.



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 25th July:

Sunday	Psalm 117	Luke 9. 46-56	
Monday	Psalm 30	Ezekiel 28.1-19	James 2. 1-13
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Ezekiel 33.1-20	James 2. 14-end
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Ezekiel 33. 21-end	James 3
Thursday	Psalm 37	Ezekiel 34.1-16	James 4. 1-12
Friday	Psalm 31	Ezekiel 34.17-end	James 4.13-5.6
Saturday	Psalm 42	Ezekiel 36. 16-36	James 5. 7 -end

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For Emma and James being married in church on 24th
- For our school staff and families during the holidays
- For caution as restrictions are lifted
- For rest and re-creation over the summer
- For our mission as church
- For the people of Myanmar, Yemen, Ethiopia, Syria, Armenia and other places of conflict
- For those preparing for christenings and weddings in the next few months
- For those affected by flooding in Europe and the heatwave in North America
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Mason Whittle, George Pankhurst, Noah Cameron, Jack Kirk, Olivia Turner, Harry Raymond, William and Theo Sharma, Florence Priestley
- For all those who live and work in Mapledurum Walk
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela and Kenneth Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Eunice Lewis
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Christopher Griffiths, Raymond Palmer, Sidney Allen, Frederick Hayward, Beryl Dandridge, Peter Emmons, John Draper, Donald Theobald, Diana Bradfield, Siew Kee Bentley, Gillian Dawson, Anne Ringer, Cyril Vizard, Shirley Sattler, Dorothy Barnard, Ada Rolls, Barbara Ward, Jean Stevens. Edward (Ted) Stevens, Kathleen Woodworth, Kenneth Wheeler, Janet Cheek, Andrew Ross, Joyce Newman, Ronald Young, Nellie Edwards, Roy Pond, John Rodwell.

Rotas for next week: 1st August, All Age Holy Communion in church and on zoom

Read: Charlie Sloan Intercede: Jeanette Lock

Welcomers: John, Nikola, Natasha and Charlie Antibac: not necc

Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored
by Claire Mundy and family*

*..in memory of Chris Sawyers on what would have been her 80th birthday,
and also her friends Enid and Johanna who both recently passed away.*

To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally.



What's on...

This week:

Friday 23rd	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	5 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 24 th	9.00 am Morning Prayer, on Zoom	
	1.00 pm Wedding of James and Emma	
Sunday 25 th	10 am, Parish Communion	

Tuesday 27 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	
Wednesday 28 th	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	
	9.40 am Holy Communion (NB time)	
Thursday 29 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	
Friday 30 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	5 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 31 st	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom	
Sunday 1 st August	10 am, All Age Holy Communion	

Please note that, having had a very challenging year or so, the Ministry Team will all be taking some time in August to rest and recuperate ready for the autumn. There will be few activities in church, which will also allow us to stay safe and see how things progress.

The 8.00 Holy Communion service has already started and will be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

Midweek Holy Communion will be fortnightly on Wednesdays at 10 am, 2nd and 4th.

The Charles Davies Trust: applications are open for the annual grants from the Charles Davies Trust of supermarket vouchers. Applicants must:

- Be resident within the old borough of Maidenhead
- Be over the age of 70
- Have savings of less than £23,250

Applications must be made in writing before 1st September. Forms can be obtained from the Library or Revd. Sally. Please do pass this information on.

Barbara Stevens 100th birthday: Many of you will remember Barbara, who was brought to church with her carer before we locked down. She will reach an amazing 100 years of age on 2nd August. She is not up to coming to church, but I have been invited to represent us (and offer a blessing) at a small family gathering. I have a general card from church but if anyone would like to add their own card do let me have it in the next couple of weeks. On Sunday 25th July I will record a few messages for her on video that I can then give her – if you'd like to join that recording please let me know.
Sally

Thursday Lunches We are planning to start our monthly lunches again at the Toby Inn at Stafferton Lodge on Thursday, 29th July, and it would be lovely to see as many as possible. Please let Jean (626671) or Phyllis (778656) know if you would like to come and we can give you further details. Tables are booked for 12 midday, but as numbers are fairly critical at the moment, it would be particularly helpful to know who is coming. As always, if you need transport, just let us know."

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

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing *6 (star six)

Zoom Morning Prayer at 9 am Tuesday - Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810

Passcode: 171263

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, every other Thursday **NB New link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81223493600?pwd=YUJvMDdGOHR6cGdGSVIMYi92ZVNPZz09>

Meeting ID: 812 2349 3600

Passcode: 453383

Night Prayer from All Saints: Mondays at 8pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011600714?pwd=Y0x2VWpMQ3JFUStsQ0plbEFLOEQrQT09> Meeting

ID: 850 1160 0714 Passcode: 553120

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033