



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 26<sup>th</sup> May, Trinity Sunday

This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion. All are warmly invited to worship. There will be an activity available for children during the service.

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty  
to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended  
from all adversities;  
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

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself  
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

### First Reading

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' *Isaiah 6.1-8*

### Gospel Reading

<sup>1</sup>There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can

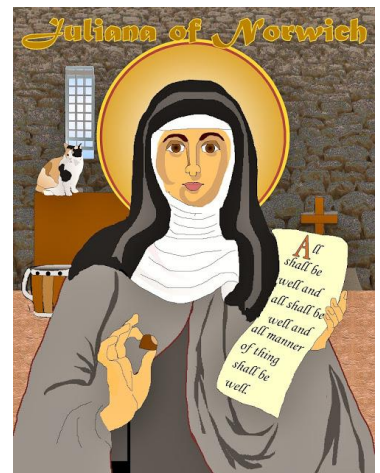
see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

John 3.1-17

### Sunday’s Hymns:

276	Holy holy holy
589	Angel voices ever singing
663	How shall I sing that majesty?
721	Love Divine
277	I bind unto myself this day



### Thought for the week

Sunday is Trinity Sunday – when we think about all three ‘persons’ of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It can be complex trying to understand how God can be three persons at once. We can assign each ‘person’ a role to help, but even so we get stuck.

Bluntly, we just cannot fathom the godhead. The idea of Trinity begins to get there but nothing can help us grasp the amazing nature of the God we love, worship and serve. God is beyond us and within us.

The medieval mystic Dame Julian of Norwich had a vision and describes it like this:

*“And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, ‘What may this be?’ And it was answered generally thus, ‘It is all that is made.’ I marvelled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.*

*In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it.”*

Ultimately, however we try to describe God, God’s very nature is love.

And that love is both with us and deep within us.

Maybe that can help each of us grasp a little of God and the deep love that God has for each one of us.

**Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- For a renewed commitment to the ministry and mission of all church members, and to prayer for the church, the world, and all people.
- For those who are living on the breadline and on our streets, for shelter and support.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there and for strength for all those who are suffering loss and fear.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For the King and the Princess of Wales as they are treated for cancer
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For our ministry with children and families.
- For a new church music leader.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in May: Elise Rutland, Harry Portsmouth, Daisy Stevens, Travis Romero, Tajus Ramanauskas, Amanda Simana, Jaxson Williams.
- For all those who live and work in the Derek Road.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Iris Brown, Lorraine, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Albert Murray, Lucy Young, Pat Brooks, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Beryl Eaton, Ken Young, Alan Brown
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: John Wells, Kathleen Heskith, Bernard (Vic) Kellerman, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, Helen Bailey, Michael Poynter, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Priscilla Evans, Edwina Richardson, David Trinkwon, Ivy Trillow, Brian Webb, Michael Curley, Joyce Turpie.

**Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 26th May 2024:**

Sunday	Psalm 33.1-12	Isaiah 6.1-8	Mark 1.1-11
Monday	Psalm 1	Joshua 7.1-15	Luke 10.25-37
Tuesday	Psalm 5	Joshua 7.16-end	Luke 10.38-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119.1-32	Joshua 8.1-29	Luke 11.1-13
Thursday	Psalm 15	Joshua 8.30-end	Luke 11.14-28
Friday	Psalm 144	1 Samuel 9.26-10.16	James 4
Saturday	Psalm 23	Joshua 10.1-15	Luke 11.37-end

**Rotas for next week Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Trinity 1, All Age Holy Communion**

Read: Gospel only  
Welcomers: Clare Lisa and Kim  
Coffee: Jeanette and Kim

Intercede: preacher  
Chalice: James

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by

**Andrea, Anthony and Oliver's family**

*In loving memory of Oliver and in celebration of the marriage of Andrea and Anthony*



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15. There are lots of weeks available.

## What's on.... This week:

Sunday 26th	10.00am, Parish Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Colby Mark Roberts
Tuesday 28th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 29th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 30th	8.30am, Morning prayer, on zoom
Friday 31st	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
Saturday 1st	9.00am, Morning prayer, on zoom
Sunday 2nd	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Isla Ray Staniford 6.00pm, Eucharist of wholeness and healing, All Saints

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

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Eucharist of wholeness and healing, at All Saints
16 <sup>th</sup> June	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by St. Luke's

## Coming up...

**Corpus Christi.** On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm, All Saints, Boyn Hill and the Benefice of New Windsor are teaming up to celebrate Corpus Christi at St. Stephen and St. Agnes Church, Windsor. Please see poster below for further details.

### Confirmation

There will be a Deanery confirmation on the evening of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested in being confirmed (or would like to know more about confirmation – making our baptismal promises for ourselves) please speak to Revd. Sally.

**Messy Church** our Messy church dates are as follows: 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Bible study:** our journey exploring together Matthew's gospel continues again soon. All warmly invited from 8-9pm, in church. 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> July.

## Looking further ahead:

### Save the dates....

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Not the Summer Fair day (donations and possibly shared lunch)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Andrew Gallacher student recital, in church (time TBC)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Garden Party

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>/ Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September: Heritage weekend

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm, A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance, Dance production, here

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October afternoon: the Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture.

And...

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August: Summer Holiday Arts project for all ages.

**Diocesan Synod elections** From the Area Dean: The next triennium of Oxford Diocesan Synod begins on 1 August 2024. Maidenhead and Windsor is entitled to elect four lay members and I am acting as Returning Officer for the House of Laity. I am inviting anyone who would like to stand to complete the attached Nomination Form and return it to me at [ainsley.swift@gmail.com](mailto:ainsley.swift@gmail.com) by 4 June at the latest. Those elected will serve until 2027. Candidates will require a proposer and seconder who are existing members of the Deanery Synod. If you need a list of members' names one can be obtained by emailing [maidenhead.windsor.deanery@gmail.com](mailto:maidenhead.windsor.deanery@gmail.com) . Membership is not restricted to members of the Deanery Synod, although it is they who are the electorate. PCC secretaries are requested to circulate this email to PCC members and other members of their electoral roll. A lay person is qualified for election by the House of Laity of a Deanery Synod as a member of the Diocesan Synod if the person is an actual communicant aged 16 or over. In the event of more nominations than places, an election will be held, with the result to be announced by 9 July.

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**Recruiting now!**

**Corpus Christi**

Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion  
 Thursday 30 May  
 Sung Eucharist  
 7.30pm  
 St Stephen & St Agnes Church  
 Vansittart Road, Windsor SL4 5EA  
 All welcome  
 The Church of England  
 in  
 Central Windsor  
 windsorchurches.org.uk

**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 term time only. We meet in church.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> June

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Thursday Lunches** meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on [jeant-d2@outlook.com](mailto: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. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. Next is 27<sup>th</sup> June

**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/85378796960?pwd=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHlYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID:

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