



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 27<sup>th</sup> August, Trinity 12

Our 10 am service this week will be a Parish Communion service. All are warmly invited to join us for worship. There will be an activity for any children present.

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to  
pray and to give more than either we desire or  
deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of  
your mercy, forgiving us those things of which  
our conscience is afraid and giving us those  
good things which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Romans 12.1-8*

### Gospel Reading

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup>And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup>He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not

prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. *Matthew 16.13-20*

### Sunday's Hymn's:

421	All for Jesus
729	My God, how wonderful thou art
812	Through all the changing scenes of life
787 (ii)	Take my life
594	Be still, my soul

### Thought for the week:

I love the east window in our church, the colour of the angels wings is stunning, and most particularly the image of Christ seated in glory. For more than one reason this beautiful window speaks to me and helps me to reflect on who Jesus is, and what he means to me.

While this may not be everyone's cup of tea, I find images, artefacts and places (in particular) helpful in deepening my faith and causing me to ask deeper questions of God.

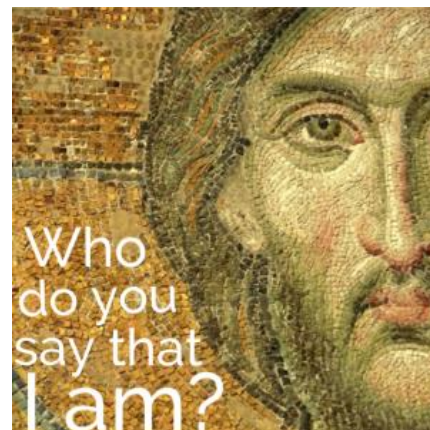
Some years ago I found myself on the Calvary Chapel of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. There is a mosaic of Jesus being nailed to the cross which is close enough to the ground to

enable a person to touch Jesus' right hand. I found it powerful and moving to be able to place my hand in his hand and reflect on who Jesus was and what he did for me and all humankind.

In this week's Gospel reading Jesus asks his friends who they think he is.

How would you answer that question, and what might help you explore the answer further?

*Revd. Sally*



### Prayer suggestions for these weeks:

- For all school staff and learners as they prepare to return to school and those starting school, or a new school.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For our growth in faith as individuals and as a church.
- For a new Director of Music / organist
- For those who fear the onset of Autumn and the darker nights.
- That we may each play our part in the ministry of our church and care for its building.
- For our care for creation, giving thanks that we have achieved the Bronze Eco Church Award.
- For Casper, Paisley and Payton Brudenall, Clara Crampin, Freddie Bate, Haylee, Sonny and Rocco Tagg baptised recently and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Rosie Ribton, Austin Brooks, Rosie Turner, Katty King, Daisy Trillow, Max Fiordelisi, Chloe Rendle
- For all those who live and work in Willow Court.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Bridget Morris, Nicholas, Rosemary Alexander, Jacqueline Lewis, Sue Brett, Lissa-Jane Waugh, Anne Child, Angela Gaskin, Wendy and Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Ruth Sheppard, Gemma Payne, Jill Butler.

- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Rennie Jones, Edna Franklin, Joan Richardson, Malcolm Gavin, Mary Dawson, Alice Webb, Vera Velvick, Bessie Molin, Molly Lewis, Royston Woodruff, Joyce Wilkins, Ivy Sparks, June Wells, Vera Wheeler, Geoffrey Knight, Frederick Williamson, Albert Harris, Betty Ackland-Snow, Violet Ferguson, Lisa Plummer, Derek Wilkins, Mac Macaulay Brown, Margaret Burrows, Joan Went, Roy Dalton, Frederick Hearman, Betty Himmonds, Elwyn Jackson, Peter Windass, Arthur Little,

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 27th August 2023:*

Sunday	P 104.1-25	Jonah 2	Revelation 1
Monday	Psalm 98	Micah 7.1-7	Mark 6.45-end
Tuesday	Psalm 106	Micah 7.8-end	Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 111	Habakkuk 1.1-11	Mark 7.14-23
Thursday	Psalm 115	Habakkuk 1.12-2.5	Mark 7.24-30
Friday	Psalm 139	Habakkuk 2.6-end	Mark 7.31-end
Saturday	Psalm 121	Habakkuk 3.2-19a	Mark 8.1-10

**Rotas for next week:**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom**

Read: Gospel only

Intercede: Preacher

Welcomers: Clare, Helen and Carl

Coffee: Paul and Marc

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

**Colette Baxter**

In fond memory of David Sexton



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) The 2023 form is now available.

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.

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

**NB: There will be no evening prayer in August**

Sunday 27th	10.00am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 29th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 30th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 31st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler team toy cleaning session 11.00 am, Holy Communion Swift House 4.00 pm, Messy Church
Saturday 2nd	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 1.00pm, Wedding of Jordan and Pilar 4.00 pm, Sandwich making / Gazebo set up – do come and help
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion 3.00 pm, Garden Party 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, St Luke's vicarage garden

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

3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Evening Prayer in the vicarage garden led by St. Luke's
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom at St. Luke's
5 <sup>th</sup> November <b>NB: 4 pm:</b>	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
5 <sup>th</sup> November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Service of Wholeness and Healing At All Saints
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christ Child Market at All Saints 12.00 – 3pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> December)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

And on the 4th Sunday monthly, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

## Coming up..

**Garden Party: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.** Tickets at £15 each include a glass of prosecco or soft fizz on arrival and a full tea. Tickets must be bought in advance – last chance Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. If you are able and willing to make cakes for this event please let Jacqueline Lewis know asap. We are also seeking good quality raffle prizes in advance of the day – please also speak to Jacqueline. Working parties needed 4pm on Saturday to help make sandwiches / put up gazebos.

**Messy Church** our next Messy church is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 4pm. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) to book places (so we know how many to cater for). Dates for following Messy Church sessions are, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Baptism Anniversary party:** will be taking place from **3.00pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.** Afterwards there will be tea in the vicarage garden, weather permitting. Please do let us know if you would like to come by e-mailing the Parish office on [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

## WAMCF News (Inter Faith)

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September this church is hosting the next interfaith Dialogue. From 7 – 8.30 pm. all are warmly invited. If anyone could offer to help serve refreshments please speak to Revd. Sally.

## Looking Ahead...

There is lots coming up, do note in your diaries, and come along to what draws you.

**Growing in Faith:** our journey exploring Matthew's gospel continues – an informal time of looking at the gospel together and wondering how it might speak to us today / **Going Deeper** – a small group reflecting on using the Bible imaginatively.

First and third Wednesdays, 8pm, starting 6<sup>th</sup> September, in church.

**5th Sept**      **Contactors meeting**, 7.30 pm, church

**9th Sept**      **Ride and Stride** see Peter Goford for details of cycling / walking around local churches to raise money to charity – and ourselves.

**23rd Sept**      **Care day** come along to church from 9.30 am to help maintain the church building and churchyard – do offer as much or as little time as you can.

**30th Sept**      **Harvest Supper** in church from 6.30pm. Ticket price and menu TBC. Available next week.

**1st Oct Harvest Festival All Age Holy Communion service – 10 am**

**7th Oct**      **Church Breakfast** 8.45 – 10 am, Phyl, Jeanette and Ben will talk about their work at the vaccination clinic during the pandemic, yummy breakfast. Tickets £5 each, available next week.

**8th Oct**      **The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital:** Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm. Free entry and donations invited for a cream tea to follow.

**18th Oct**      **St Luke's School Patronal and celebration service**, 9.30 am. All welcome – and to see an exhibition of the school in church.

**21st Oct**      **Quiet Day** 10 am – 3pm, location TBC. Led by Revd. Terrie.

**22nd Oct**      **Patronal / back to church day**

**5th Nov**      **Memorial service** 4pm in church to remember all those whom we have loved and lost.

**2nd Dec**      **Quiet morning**, 9.30 – 12.30 in church, led by Revd. Sally

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December (set up day Weds 6<sup>th</sup>)**

### Produce Stall

Reminder: Fruit and vegetables are now ripening so if you have access to any of these and are not able to make jams and chutneys, please let us know. Donations of sugar and vinegar would be welcome and can be placed in the cupboard at the back of church (behind back pew, centre aisle). Labels for produce are in a small plastic box in the cupboard.

Ann Darracott 01628 620280 07761 221937

Dorothy Strack Hankey 01628 311153 07743 32363

## Recycling at St Luke's

As one of the ways to demonstrate our commitment to living more sustainably and caring for creation, we have set up an area at the back of church by the servery, where things that can be difficult to recycle at home can be brought and members of the 'eco-team' will ensure they are taken to be recycled correctly.

There are two boxes:

- One for used pill packets
- One for dead batteries and empty make up containers.

There is a larger 'hamper' for packaging that can be recycled in supermarkets. This rubbish has this label



### Recycle with bags at large supermarkets | Don't recycle at home

You can see this label on plastic wrapping such as bread bags, fruit and veg bags, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. You can recycle this type of packaging at recycling points in selected supermarkets.

Please do bring any of these items of rubbish and place them in the appropriate container. Many people making small changes in the end makes a big difference.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> September e-mail [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 21st September

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 14th September

**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 28<sup>th</sup> September

#### 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