



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 27<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 6

### Revd. Sally's final service of Holy Communion is this Sunday at 10 am.

We look forward to welcoming as many of the church family who are able to be with us at 10 am. Children will have their usual activities too. We will have coffee after the service and we are then invited to the vicarage garden from 1.00 pm for a bring and share lunch. There is no sign-up sheet – just bring some food to share with others and we will have a relaxing afternoon together. You may like to focus on savoury food as we have a LOT of cake from last weekend!! You may also like to bring your own fold up chair or blanket, though there will be some available.

**If anyone is able to help put up a couple of gazebos (just in case) please do come to the vicarage for 11 am on Saturday. Thank you.**

### 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.

### Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

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.

*Colossians 2. 6-15*

## Gospel Reading

1Jesus 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:

P: 584 All my hope on God is founded  
G: 806 There is a wideness in God's mercy  
O: 728 Meekness and majesty  
HC: 629 (i) Father, hear the prayer we offer  
R: 818 To God be the glory

## Thought for the week:

The gospel for Sunday is all about prayer.

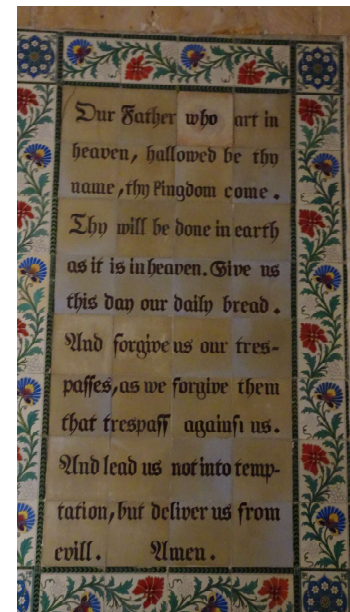
Prayer – at the root and heart of our Christian lives.

Following teaching that we now call The Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches that persistence in prayer is important. In that time people lived in one room with two levels and they all slept together. It was cosy and tight – one moved and all moved. Each family baked sufficient bread for one day at a time. So if you had a late-night visitor – wisely travelling in the cool of the day – who asked for bread and you have run out – you'd go and try to knock up a friend so that you could offer hospitality, that was culturally important. In Jesus's parable the friend not willing to disturb the whole family – but Jesus' hearers would understand the need for persistence – you must offer hospitality.

So, Jesus teaches, prayer must also be persistent. Not badgering away at God so that God gives in, but the idea of not giving up with prayer.

Prayer is not coming to God once and then forgetting and leaving God to work 'magic'. It is about working with God and waiting on God. God doesn't NEED our prayer – God knows all and is all. But God LOVES our prayer as it is part of our relationship with God.

And, says Jesus, as we relate with God in prayer we need to trust also for the answer. God WILL answer prayer and in a way that is good and right for each individual. In the last part of the gospel



reading Jesus makes that clear. 'Ask seek knock' are also in the continuous tense – keep doing this and God will respond as a loving parent does with a child. Not just giving all they want and spoiling the child but caring deeply for the good of the child.

Too often I think we underestimate God and our prayer. We ask for little, it's as if we don't believe that God can or will honour God's promise to provide for our needs. And we use that as an excuse for not asking for enough. Of course, it is right not to be greedy – but God wants to bless people and we should allow God to shower on us the blessings God has and stop being so 'English' about it, as if to say: 'no, no, God, that's fine, this little bit of blessing is enough'.

So, in the coming weeks (that will turn into months) keep praying – God wants to bless this church – pray that you will each let God do so.

***Prayer suggestions for this week:***

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming vacancy.
- For Revd. Sally as she prepares to move home and explore new ways of living.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For our ministry as an inclusive church.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, and Iran, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For our sisters and brothers of all faiths in town.
- For all those who live and work in North Town Moor
- For Martha, Ayanna and Riley, and Rico, all baptised recently.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Bella Edmonds, Clara Crampin, Casper, Payton and Paisely Brudenall, Freddie Bate
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Ralph Hinchliffe, Paul Bader, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Janet Cheek, Roy Pond, John Rodwell, Robert Roberts, Edward Richardson, Raymond Pullin, Zarina Rowlands, Reginald Robinson

***Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025:***

Sunday	Psalm 95	2 Samuel 1	Mark 7. 24-8. 10
Monday	Psalm 126	Ezekiel 10. 1-19	2 Corinthians. 6.1- 7.1
Tuesday	Psalm 132	Ezekiel 11. 14 -end	2 Corinthians. 7.2-end
Wednesday	Ps 119. 153-end	Ezekiel 12. 1-16	2 Corinthians 8.1 -15
Thursday	Psalm 143	Ezekiel 12. 17 -end	2 Corinthians 8. 16 -9.5
Friday	Psalm 144	Ezekiel 13. 1-16	2 Corinthians 9.6 -end
Saturday	Psalm 147	Ezekiel 14. 1-11	2 Corinthians 10

**Rotas for next week**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August Seventh after Trinity : All Age Holy Communion**

Read: *Gospel* only      Intercede: Preacher to arrange      Chalice: Ralph      Sound: Simon  
Welcomers: Clare, Ben, Emma, Noah      Coffee: Fiona and Kim      Children: n/a

## Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the church floodlighting has been sponsored by:  
Joan Harnby

*In loving memory of my dear friend Phyllis*



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)

It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.

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

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am, Parish Communion 1.00 pm, Picnic in the vicarage garden
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion

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

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Iona Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Songs of Praise, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
19 <sup>th</sup> October	International Taize service, at St. Luke's
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Memorial services, in church,
NB: 4 pm:	at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov. at 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Choral Evensong, at St. Luke's
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.)
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

**Messy Church.** Resumes in the autumn: 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November

## Safety online:

**Get Safe online** has partnered with Cifas, the UK's leading fraud prevention service to launch 'Check a Website'. Check a website is a new, easy-to-use online tool which helps determine whether a website is likely to be legitimate or a scam... before you visit it. To use, simply type the address of the website you want to check [www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite](http://www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite)

## 2025 Christmas Tree Festival—An appeal from the Produce Stall Organisers

As soft fruits are now in season and autumn fruits soon will be, we are again appealing for donations of fruit to make jams and chutneys for the 2025 Christmas Tree Festival. A basket will be placed at the back of church from 3<sup>rd</sup> August for donations of fruit (soft fruit, apples plums damsons). Donations sugar, vinegar, dried fruit, and nuts are also very welcome. We will be grateful

for any Bonne Maman and Frank Cooper marmalade jars you have. These can be placed in the basket.

In 2024 Christmas bags of homemade biscuits sold out immediately. Later in the year we will post the recipe on the pew sheet for those cooks willing to help. Christmas bags and ribbon will be supplied. As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals if you are making jams or chutneys, we can supply later in the year St Luke's Spire labels for the jars or you can use your own (please make the writing is nice and clear).

The Festival has increased in popularity over the years and the Produce Stall now makes a real contribution to its success. We would like this to continue and so your help is needed to ensure we have enough produce. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (07743 323635) Isobel M. Davies (07586 785563).

### **Our charities for this Year:**

**Christians Against Poverty's** latest drive looks at the link between disability and poverty, highlighting how 1 in 3 of those served by CAP has a disability. CAP are helping people in poverty with disabilities by visiting at home, meeting any additional access needs, and providing information in an accessible format. More information can be found at <https://capuk.org/appeals/disability-campaign-2025>

### **Morning Prayer**

Is said on Zoom, Tuesday – Friday (not on Saturday during the vacancy). Why not join in? We use the Daily Prayer App (<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>), or ask to borrow a book from church.

### **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.

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**Keeping Company** is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

**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.

**Please note that for Zoom services the links below are being used:**

#### **Sunday Morning Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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Passcode: 526076

**Zoom Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday (no Saturday during the vacancy)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

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