

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 29th May 2022 Sunday after Ascension Day

Our 10 am service this week is a Parish Communion service when we will think about Ascension Day and Jesus' return to heaven in glory.

The following Sunday the church keeps the Feast of Pentecost, as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is also this year the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. As it is the first Sunday of the month, we will have an All Age Holy Communion service at 10 am - to which all are warmly invited, especially families. Our street party will follow from 1-3pm. Do let us know of you are planning to come along, so we will have enough food for everyone! Food and soft drinks are provided bring your own alcoholic drinks if you wish. Norfolk road will be closed between St Luke's road and the vicarage between midday and 4pm.

Everyone is also welcome at a **service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee** of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, in church at 6pm on Thursday 2nd June.

Morning Prayer continues on Zoom, Tuesday through Saturday.

The Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs 21 that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison

and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' 31 They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Acts 16. 16-34

The Gospel Reading

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, 20 I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

John 17. 20-end

Sunday's Hymns:

380 At the name of Jesus - T Camberwell (omit *verses)

Sht O God you search me and you know me

166 Crown him with many crowns

Thought for the week:

In Holy Week we thought about Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane on the night before he died - a short, from the heart, plea to his Father for help. The gospel reading today is part of a much longer prayer that Jesus prayed, probably just a few days



before that. This prayer is sometimes called Jesus' 'high priestly prayer'. In it, he prays for all believers, starting with those whom he knew face to face, who would need God's strength to continue his work after he had left them, and ending with us. Yes, us! Jesus prays: I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word. That is us - and all Christian disciples who have gone before us and will come after us. Jesus prays for unity for his future followers, and also for love - deep love dwelling within them - us.

As we negotiate the rocky road of life, it is good to know that Jesus has already prayed for us, and of course continues to watch over us from his heavenly vantage point, whist the Holy Spirit is wholly with us at all times.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our new PCC and church officers
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For young people sitting examinations.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For the Queen, and the celebration of her Platinum Jubilee.
- For a joyful and safe street party.
- For the international refugees currently living in Maidenhead and the people who are supporting them
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Demi-Lea Brudenall, Summer-Lea Brudenall, Emily Reay.
- For all those who live and work in Simpson close.
- The sick and their carers: Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Andrew, Iris Brown, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Maama Agnes (Uganda), Valerie Bosley, Gerry Knight.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Christine Collins, Philip Snelgrove, Robert Clark, Paul Luxton, Christa Blight, John Avenell, Ronald Bennett, Jocelyne Wyman, Hazel Birch, Doreen Shields, Scott Keen, Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 29th May 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 99	Acts 1.1-8	
Monday	Psalm 93	Numbers 27.15-end	1 Corinthians 3
Tuesday	Psalm 85	1 Samuel 2.1-10	Mark 3. 31-end
Wednesday	Psalm 29	1 Kings 19.1-18	Matthew 3.13-end
Thursday	Psalm 24	Ezekiel 11. 14-20	Matthew 9.35-10.20
Friday	Psalm 28	Ezekiel 36.22-38	Matthew 12.22-32
Saturday	Psalm 43	Micah 3.1-8	Ephesians 6.10-20

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 5th June, the Feast of Pentecost, in church and on zoom

Read: Charlie Sloan Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis

Welcomers: Aaron, Shula, Kim Coffee: None - street party prep

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored
By Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake and Julienne Grobler, in memory of Richard and Caroline
on their joint birthday;
and also by Tony Barber, in memory of Enid



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

What's on...

This week:

Thursday 26th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

Ascension Day 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church

3.00 pm, Keeping Company 8.00 pm, Holy Communion

Friday 27th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom,

5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom

Saturday 28th 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

Sunday 29th 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Monday 30th 7.30 pm, WAMCF Ladies meeting, Cookham Rise, Methodist church

Tuesday 31st 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom Wednesday 1st 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

June 10.00 am, Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

NO Baby and Toddler group - half term, but meeting for B&T team, 9.30 am

6.00 pm, Thanksgiving service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee

Friday 3rd 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom,

5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom

Saturday 4th 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

3.00 - 5.00 pm, church open for cakes to dropped off for party

4.00 pm, sandwich making for party - in church

Sunday 5th 8.30 am, bunting etc up

10.00 am, All Age Communion, in church and on zoom

11.30 am, party laid out 1.00 - 3.00 pm Street Party

WAMCF Ladies meet on Monday 30th May at 7.30 pm, at Cookham Rise Methodist church. Our theme is Faith and Food, do come prepared to talk about food associated with your own faith and even better bring recipes and food samples to share!

The last few **Sundays at Six** services for this term are:

12th June, at All Saints, Evensong & Benediction

26th June, St. Luke's, Night Prayer (zoom only)

10th July, ChoGS, Prayer Walk – time and location to be notified

Advance notice that all three of our clergy are attending the diocesan clergy conference in June so there will be no Morning Prayer from 6th - 9th June (incl). Nor will there be a Wednesday communion service or Baby and Toddler group that week.

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.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is 10th June. 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 16th June

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 9th June.

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, 4^{th} Thursdays monthly. The next is 23^{rd} June.

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.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09

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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmlldU5Hdz09

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:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852 Passcode: 936128

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