



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week commencing: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023, Trinity 4

This Sunday it is an All Age Holy Communion to which all are warmly invited.

### The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted  
and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel Reading

Jesus said; <sup>40</sup>Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.' *Matthew 10.40-end*

### Hymns for Sunday

365	Let us build a house/ All are welcome Taize Gloria
575	When I needed a neighbour
604	Brother, sister, let me serve you
screen	Come, live in the light / We are called

## Thought for the week

Herman is a 'friendship cake' where the mixture used to make it is alive with yeast. As a result, when looked after and fed with flour, the mixture grows to four or five times the amount needed to make one cake.

People are encouraged to use one portion to bake one cake, one portion to grow the next week but give the remaining portions as a 'starter' to four friends or family members who can then make their own cake – and share some of the mixture with their friends. It is easy to give Herman away to others as the mixture quickly multiplies, so there will always be more to use and more to share.

At one church, the problem became that eventually everyone had a Herman and was struggling to find new people to share him with.

This is quite a contrast to what can happen if we are asked to share something that doesn't multiply; we can be reluctant to give to others, worried that we might leave ourselves short (e.g. of time or money). But perhaps there's another way of looking at this. Jesus sends out his disciples clear in his expectation that people will give those disciples all that they need. He has told them that, ultimately, everything they need comes from our heavenly father.

We are his disciples today; the task is ours to continue. What we give doesn't need to be something huge; 'even a cup of cold water', Jesus says. We are not called to meet every need of every person we meet, but we are called to show them they are welcome. And we do this knowing that God has promised to sustain us and give us all that we need as we replicate with others his generosity to us. The more we give away, the more we are demonstrating our trust in God to replenish us.

And it is this trust in God leading to generosity in service that has historically marked the Christian community. Imagine being part of a community where everyone is so generous that you struggle to find anyone new to share with?

*From Roots on the Web*

We have attached a Herman cake recipe to this week's email...will anyone try it out??



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

- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan. For all world leaders.
- For all who are worried and struggling with the cost of living, for those who are hungry, or who eat alone every day.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For a new Director of Music / organist and a Children and Family leader.
- For our care for creation for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- For Amanda Butler, as she leaves our school for pastures new, and for Deputy Head Claire Spankie as she leads the school next term; for the Governing Body, chaired by Rhidian Jones.
- For Clara Crampin, to be baptised this Sunday and for the forthcoming baptism of Freddie Bate and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Harry Raymond, William Sharma, Theo Sharma, Florence Priestley and Bella Edmonds
- For John and Katty, married here recently
- For all those who live and work in Heron Road.
- 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.

- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Kathleen Woodworth, Raymond Palmer, Frederick Hayward, Kenneth Wheeler, Sidney Allen, Donald Theobald, Gillian Dawson, Jean Stevens, Edward (Ted) Stevens, Beryl Dandridge, Christopher Griffiths, Peter Emmons, Ada Rolls, Barbara Ward, Shirley Sattler, Dorothy Barnard, John Draper, Cyril Vizard, Ann Ringer, Diana Bradfield, Siew Kee Bentley, Janet Cheek, Andrew Ross, Joyce Mary Newman, Ronald Young, Nellie Edwards, Roy Pond, John Rodwell, Irene Daniells, Robert Roberts, Edward Richardson, Raymond Pullin.

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023:*

Sunday	Psalm 52	Deuteronomy 15.1-11	Acts 27.(13-32) 33-end
Monday	Psalm 92	2 Samuel 15.17-21	John 11.1-16
Tuesday	Psalm 89.1-18	Nehemiah 5	Romans 15.1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 119	Nehemiah 6.1-7.4	Romans 15.14-21
Thursday	Psalm 92	Nehemiah 7.73b-end of 8	Romans 15.22-end
Friday	Psalm 88	Nehemiah 9.1-23	Romans 16.1-16
Saturday	Psalm 97	Nehemiah 9.24-end	Romans 16.17-end

**Rotas for next week:**

**Sunday 9th July: in church and on zoom**

Read: Sue Hinchliffe

Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Don

Coffee: Jeanette and Kate

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

*Joan Lynch*

*For a beloved son Stephen's birthday*



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:**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Clara Crampin
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible study group, in church
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4.00pm, Messy Church
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

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

9 <sup>th</sup> July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
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..

**Messy Church** our next Messy church is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus heals a lame man. 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; 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**An extra Messy Church / Baby and Toddler Summer session:** these groups will not run during the school holidays but we are offering a special session for all ages on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, from 10 am - midday in the church and churchyard. This will, have an eco - theme and will include games, crafts, activities snacks and songs. There is no charge but donations are invited. Sign up via the parish office – do tell families about this activity.

**Growing in faith:** we have started offering some nurture activities in church on alternate Wednesday evenings, at 8pm: next 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July. There will be the option of a Bible study on Matthew's gospel and also a small group exploring Ignatian spirituality using Paula Gooder's book, 'Women of Holy week'. Do put this in your diaries. These will be in person and not zoomed.

**Quiet Day:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 10 am until 3pm. All are warmly invited to this time for space, rest and refreshment at the Soltau Centre, Stubbings. There will be brief reflections and time to wander the grounds, read, pray and be still. Cost £5pp, bring your own lunch. please sign up in church.

## **Fellowship and Fundraising opportunities**

**Summer lunchtime recitals:** in church on Fridays. Lunches available to buy from 12.30 pm, recital at 1pm. free entry, donations invited.

14<sup>th</sup> July: Christina Brugger, flute recital.

### **THIS Saturday Recital**

**1<sup>st</sup> July: Andrew Gallacher** student's recital. 1-3pm. Free entry, all welcome.

This concert will consist of solo piano performances by students of Andrew Gallacher Piano Studio, followed by a narrated performance of Peter and the Wolf given by those same students and Andrew Gallacher playing the orchestral reduction at the piano. This piano reduction is by the composer of Peter and the Wolf himself, Sergei Prokofiev. It is a virtuoso piano arrangement, not often heard in concert halls due to the popularity of the orchestral version. A rare opportunity, therefore, to hear this and highly recommended for all the family!

**Not the Summer Fair:** with limited capacity a summer fair is not possible but on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July we will have an opportunity for fellowship and donations in lieu of the fair. We will have coffee and cake after the service, and all are invited to make a donation of the amount you might have spent at the fair – without all the work! There will be envelopes available on the day for cash donations, and the card readers will be available, or you may wish to make an online donation – in which case please reference it: Summer fair. Thank you.

**Garden Party:** a late summer afternoon garden party in the vicarage garden. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Tickets at £15 each include a glass of prosecco or soft fizz on arrival and a full tea. Available very soon. Do bring along friends and family.

**The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital:** Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Save the date.

### **2023 Christmas Tree Festival—An appeal from the Produce Stall Organisers**

Yes, we know this is a long way off, but as the growing season is upon us, we are making an appeal now. We need your help to increase the amount of produce on this stall, eg jams, chutneys etc, Dorothy and I struggled in 2022 to keep it stocked.

We would like to make the following request: if you are offered free fruit and vegetables of whatever sort, accept it and either process if yourself or, if necessary, put it in your freezer and then let us know. Later in the year we will be asking for donations of sugar etc plus jam jars, especially the Frank Cooper marmalade ones. As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals we can supply the Spire label for fixing onto produce in due course. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (phone 07761 221937)

Dorothy Strack-Hankey (phone 07743 323635)

**Inspire** Thank you to all who contributed to the last edition and to Miriam our new editor. The next edition of Inspire will be published very soon so please do let Miriam have your articles, photos, etc now. Email to: [miamii.mansour3@gmail.com](mailto:miamii.mansour3@gmail.com)

## Church finances

One of the simplest ways to raise funds for St Luke's at no cost to you when you shop online is to sign up to easyfundraising: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Frequently used sites such as M&S, Argos, Booking.com, John Lewis, all the major supermarkets, Ebay, some airlines and travel companies donate a percentage of your purchase or a fixed amount. They may be small amounts each time, but if many of us nominate St Luke's those amounts will grow. If you add the site to your toolbar you will get automatic reminders to donate.

We have been chosen by the CoOp as a recipient of their **Community Fund** for the coming year. By shopping in the CoOp and using your blue card, you can support this church.

St. Luke's Church is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here : <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/68757>

## Our Chosen Charities for 2023

### Foodshare:

Foodshare is our local charity and Katty King is the champion.

John the Baptist told the Jews who came to him, **“Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same”** (Luke 3:11)

FoodShare is a charity that assists people who are unable to feed themselves and their families irrespective of their circumstances. It runs many projects in the local community that reach as many people as possible such as the good neighbour project, and meal programs for the homeless & isolated.

If you wish to kindly donate food, there is a basket to donate to near the entrance of the church on go on their website at:

<https://www.foodshare.charity/donate>

### Green Christians:

Green Christians is our chosen national charity. Kim Rumble will be the champion. Green Christian exists to share Green insights with Christians and to offer Christian insights to the wider Green movement. We walk alongside those of faith and no faith.

### Embrace:

Embrace is our chosen international charity. Barbara Essam will be the champion

Embrace is a Christian development charity, we support our [Christian partners](#) in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities.

### Flooding in Ukraine – from Christian Aid

We will all be praying for those affected by the devastating flooding in Ukraine. Thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes after the Nova Kakhovka dam was destroyed. The full impact of rising water along both sides of the frontline Dnipro river has yet to be seen but the UN fears it could be an environmental disaster. Christian Aid and Blythswood Care's local partner Heritage Ukraine got to work immediately by supplying food, water and shelter.

Over the coming days Heritage Ukraine, plus Christian Aid's other partners, Alliance for Public Health and World Jewish Relief, will be providing humanitarian supplies to people who have had to leave the affected areas of southern Ukraine.

Please join us in praying for those impacted by the flooding, our partners and staff responding to this emergency. You will find our prayer resources on this page [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - Christian Aid](#), along with a link that can be shared with those who would like to donate.

### **Vocations Drop In Hour**

Come and chat with people from the Diocesan Vocations Team about any aspect of calling. Open to anyone whatever your calling, or stage. Register for a Zoom link.

7.30 - 8.30 pm Tuesday 4th July

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vocations-drop-in-hour-tickets-443196591937?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Commissioning Service** Thursday 20 July 7.30pm High Street Methodist Church

**MAIDENHEAD CARE/FOODSHARE** Parishioners who are interested in hearing more about Foodshare are invited to attend the Maidenhead Care annual commissioning service when Nigel Cohen of Foodshare will be giving a talk about their work. The service will take place at 7:30pm, on 20th July in the High Street Methodist Church. Everyone welcome.

### **WAMCF News (Inter Faith)**

All events are open to anyone...

#### **WAMCF SUMMER PICNIC**

Bring and share

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 12 noon to 3pm

WAMCF members and friends are all very welcome

Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Bath Road, SL6 5AE

#### **WAMCF Golf Tournament**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 NB changed date

*Bird's Hill Golf Course Centre Drift Road, Maidenhead SL6 3ST*

Team and Individual Prizes

If you are interested in playing in an Interfaith Golf Tournament, please contact Trip Pannu [trip.pannu@sky.com](mailto:trip.pannu@sky.com) 07413588524 for more information

### **Diocesan Festival of Prayer**

Saturday 22 July at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, in Oxfordshire, OX44 9EX

BRF author David Runcorn is the keynote speaker at our 11th Festival of Prayer, organised in collaboration with the Diocese of Oxford.

In addition to David's opening talk, delegates have a choice of attending three further workshops and can also enjoy the peaceful college grounds. There are over 20 workshops to choose from, ranging from creative prayer ideas with Martyn Payne to the poetry and prayer of R.S. Thomas with Sarah Brush. This year's programme also includes Celtic prayer, Carmelite spirituality, the English spiritual tradition and experiencing God in nature.

The Festival of Prayer provides space to reenergise your prayer life and learn new ways to pray and draw closer to God.

Book your place at the Festival of Prayer 2023

<https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/events/products/the-festival-of-prayer-2023-prayer-as-a-way-of-life>

for more details speak to Jeanette Lock

## And... as part of the library's week of celebrations for it's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday...

Maidenhead Library: An Architectural Landmark. Talk with Dr Clare Price

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Tuesday 18 July 2023, 7:30pm. Free event. [Book via Eventbrite.](#)

Discover the story behind the innovative design of Grade II listed Maidenhead Library in this talk by architectural historian Dr Clare Price. Clare is a Chartered Surveyor, has an MSc in Conservation of the Historic Environment and has recently completed a PhD in Architectural History at Oxford University. Clare is also a Maidenhead resident and an avid library user. Paid bar available (!!)

### 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> July 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 20<sup>th</sup> July

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

**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> July.

**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