



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week Commencing: 3<sup>rd</sup> August– Trinity 7**

This Sunday we have a service of All Age Holy Communion, followed by coffee. All welcome.

## The Collect

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine  
and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory  
and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Gospel Reading

13Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 16Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 18Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" 20But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

*Luke 12. 13-2*

## Sunday's Hymns:

P: Thank you Lord for this fine day  
O: Love is his word, love is his way  
HC: Taize music (adoramus te O Christe)  
R: You shall go out with joy

## Thought for the week:

If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money? The landowner in Jesus' parable is in that position, and he chooses to hoard everything, looking for long-term security through his possessions. Where do people typically look for security in your local community? How close is this to the pattern Jesus describes in the parable? Is this also characteristic of church people locally?

Jesus offers us a new focus on the true source of security – being ‘rich towards God’. How might this shape our use of resources, as individuals and as a church community, in a world where much poverty is driven by climate change and global instability?

The Passport Index ranks the passports of different nationalities by their ‘power’ – the higher the number of countries for which the holder needs a visa, the lower the power of the passport. In light of this, how do we engage with Paul’s description of a renewed community where ethnic or economic identity is secondary to our being in Christ? New life through baptism is at the centre of Christian identity. What impact does this have on our relationships with other Christians locally and globally? What is there to celebrate about this new focus?

*From Roots on the Web*

**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 Northfield Road
- For Martha, Ayanna and Riley, and Rico, all baptised recently.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in August: Lily Weber, Archie Marosi, Miles Levy, Romain Levy, Margot Wooley, Mabel Wooley, Rocco Tagg, Sonny Tagg, Haylee Tagg.
- 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: Robert Tillin
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in August: Betty Hunt, Rita Buckland, Margaret Moulton, Janet Seaman, Alix Burnage, Patricia Nuth, Phyllis Sigsworth, Rosemary Schlarb

**Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025:**

Sunday	Psalm 106. 1-0	2 Samuel 18	Mark 9. 2-32
Monday	Psalm 1	Ezekiel 14. 12-end	2 Corinthians. 11. 1-15
Tuesday	Psalm 5	Ezekiel 18. 1-20	2 Corinthians. 11. 16-end
Wednesday	Psalm 27, 150	Ecclesiasticus 48. 1-10	1 John 3. 1-3
Thursday	Psalm 15	Ezekiel 20. 1-20	2 Corinthians 13
Friday	Psalm 19	Ezekiel 20. 21 -38	James 1. 1-11
Saturday	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 24. 15 -end	James 1. 12 -end

**Rotas for next week**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August Eighth after Trinity : Parish Communion**

Read: Ben Darracott    Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis    Chalice: Sue H    Sound: Simon  
Welcomers: Jacqueline, Don, Lucy    Coffee: Beryl and Margaret    Children: Ruth H

## Our church is floodlit at night.

The church floodlighting has not been sponsored this week.

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 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish 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

**A note from Revd. Sally:** I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your very kind gifts, messages and cards on my retirement from stipendiary ministry.

I shall think of you all as I wrap myself in the stunning inclusive blanket (it gets chilly on the Dengie peninsula in winter) and raise a glass to happy memories as I imbibe the liquid gifts!

Your very generous tokens will be well used in my new home and garden.

I will treasure memories of two lovely last services, and many happy memories of our shared time and ministry.

Be assured of my prayers for the next stage in the life of St. Luke's. With love and thanks, Sally

## 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).

## 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=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609



