



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 4th June 2023, Trinity Sunday

This week the 10.00am service is an All Age Holy Communion to which all are warmly invited.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities;
through 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

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of
love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Readings

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? ¹³Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? ¹⁴Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? ¹⁵Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. ¹⁶Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. ¹⁷All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

The Gospel reading

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Matthew 28.16-end

Hymns for Sunday

sht	Our God is a great big God
276	Holy, holy, holy
sht	Father, we love you
719	Lord, the light of your love is shining

Father, we love you

Father we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name, Glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you...
Spirit, we love you...

Thought for the week

I rather like the, now old film, ‘Nuns on the run’ in which Robbie Coltrane and Eric Idle are two gangsters on the run who hide out as nuns in a convent. Mother Superior tells Idle to take a lesson for teenage girls on the Trinity and Idle asks Coltrane (with his Irish Catholic background) to explain it to him first. He tells him it is very simple:

So, God is his son and his son is God but his son was manifest as the Holy Spirit which is also a ghost and a dove and they all sent each other even though they are all the same thing. Does that make any sense?

No, says Idle

Coltrane replies: it makes no sense to anyone which is why you have to believe it. You just have to have faith.



This Sunday we remember ever aspect of God – the Trinity in whom we have faith

This idea may be so complex that we just need faith to grasp it, but the crucial thing is that it is dynamic, it is lively, it is exciting, it is rooted in experience and it is about the relationship between the persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is like a game of football or a dance or a scene from nature in which players and dancers and creatures weave together to achieve a goal, a pattern. It is both gentle and exhilarating.

We may not understand the depth that there is to the Trinity and it's persons, just as we don't understand the intricacies of the people with whom we meet to worship each week, but I don't think that matters. What does matter is that we learn to recognise that, like God the holy Trinity, we are bound together in relationship, with a common aim – to share the love of God.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That we may be empowered by God' Spirit to serve Him in the world.
- For our mission as a church and for our new PCC and officers.
- For schools returning after half term.
- 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 the process of seeking a new Headteacher for St. Luke's School, and the interim arrangements.
- For Jaxon Williams who was baptised last week.
- For Miriam and Andy, following their wedding blessing and for John and Katty as they prepare for their marriage in two weeks time.
- For all those who live and work in Boulters Lane.
- 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.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Joyce Turpie
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Christine Collins, Philip Snelgrove, Robert Clark, Paul Luxton, Christa Blight, John Avenell, Ronald Bennett, Joycelne Wyman, Hazel Birch, Doreen Mavis Shields, Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan, Gerry Knight.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 4th June 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 8	Exodus 3.1-6	John 17.1-11
Monday	Psalm 1	Chronicles 26.1-21	Romans 4.1-12
Tuesday	Psalm 5	Chronicles 28	Romans 4.13-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119	Chronicles 29.1-19	Romans 5.1-11
Thursday	Psalm 147	Deuteronomy 8.2-16	Corinthians 10.1-17
Friday	Psalm 19	Chronicles 30	Romans 6.1-14
Saturday	Psalm 23	Chronicles 32.1-22	Romans 6.15-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 11th June: Parish Communion in church and on zoom

Read: Ian Gilchrist

Intercede: Terrie Robinson

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Helen and Carl

Coffee: Sally and Jenny

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Mr T Autos

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

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 4th	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion
Tuesday 6th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 7th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
	10.00am, Holy Communion
	8.00pm, Bible study, in church
Thursday 8th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
	9.30am, Baby and Toddler group
	2.00pm, Thursday Teas (Community hall)



Friday 9th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 5.00pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
 Saturday 10th 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

11 th June	Desert Island hymns and readings, in church, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
25 th June	International Taizé service, in church and on zoom at St. Luke's Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076
9 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

And on the 4th Sunday monthly: 3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on Friday 7th 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 to book places (so we know how many to cater for). Dates for following Messy Church sessions are; 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

Growing in faith: we have started offering some nurture activities in church on alternate Wednesday evenings, at 8pm: next 7th June and 21st June, 5th and 19th 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 15th 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 so that we can have an idea of numbers.

Reading Phoenix Choir: will be performing a 'Hope For Tomorrow' concert at the High Street Methodist Church, Maidenhead on the 10th June 2023 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 (£3 under 16) and can be booked online via www.methodistmaidenhead.org.uk/concert
 They are raising funds for Ukraine and church refurbishment.

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.

14th July: Christina Brugger, flute recital. More dates to come!

Not the Summer Fair: with limited capacity a summer fair is not possible but on Sunday 23rd July we will have an opportunity for fellowship and donations in lieu of the fair. Watch this space.

Garden Party: a late summer afternoon garden party in the vicarage garden. Sunday 3rd September. Save the date, details to come.

The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital: Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm on Sunday 8th 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

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 in late June so please do let Miriam have your articles, photos, etc now. Email to: 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

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.

WAMCF News (Inter Faith)

All events are open to anyone...

WAMCF SUMMER PICNIC

Bring and share

Sunday 23rd 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 16th 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 07413588524 for more information

Taplow Teas When: Sunday 18 June 2023 - from 2:30pm

Location: Taplow Court, Cliveden Road, Taplow, SL6 0ER

The Maidenhead Fundraising Group for Thames Hospice invite you to join them for cream teas and delicious homemade cakes at Taplow Court to in support of Thames Hospice.

There will be a plant stall, tombola stall and much more! Listen to the Thames Hospice Choir, enjoy a pop-up shop and explore the grounds of this historic Gothic mansion.

From the Diocesan Enews

Mindful walks

All Saints Church in Marlow has launched a new mobile site that can turn a normal walk into a spiritual experience.

Drawing on centuries of Christian experience of prayer and meditation, they have produced some guided walks that are designed for people of all faiths or none. There are suggested routes starting from Marlow, but the app can be used anywhere.

"As the weather gets warmer and we can enjoy our beautiful surroundings, we are hoping to encourage people to use their walking time as a time of spiritual engagement." – Revd Canon Dave Bull.

There are currently four walks - by water, in the woods, to a hilltop and to a bench - with more in the in the pipeline. [Well worth a look!](#)

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 term time only. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 7th July e-mail 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 15th June

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 8th June

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. 4th Thursdays monthly.

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