



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Weeks commencing: 6th August 2023, Trinity 9, and 13<sup>th</sup> August, Trinity 10**

## 6<sup>th</sup> August

Our 10 am service this week is an All Age Holy Communion service, to which all are warmly invited.

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table  
of your Son to share this meal  
with the whole household of God:  
in that new world  
where you reveal the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel Reading

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' <sup>17</sup>They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Matthew 14.12 -21*

### Sunday's Hymn's:

719	Shine, Jesus Shine
42	Longing for light
164	You are the King of Glory
699	King of Kings

## 13<sup>th</sup> August

This week there is an 8.00am Holy Communion Service followed by a 10.00am Parish Communion. All are warmly invited. There will be a craft activity for children.

### The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

<sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

*Romans 10.5-15*

### Gospel Reading

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, <sup>22</sup>Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' <sup>29</sup>He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

*Matthew 14.22-33*

## Sunday's Hymn's:

546	O Lord my God
714	Lord of all power
621	Dear Lord and father of mankind
330	Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you
4	New every morning is the love

## Thought for the weeks:

Jesus, with great love in his heart, has been teaching the crowds all day. His disciples come to him and tell Jesus he needs to send the crowd away to get food. Many in the crowd would have been the lowest paid in society – the workers not chosen by the landowner to work in the vineyard for the day, with time on their hands. They would be people who knew what it was to be hungry. Jesus says to the disciples, 'You feed them.' They say, 'Don't be ridiculous. There's not enough. It will never work. We can't do it' – toxic negative emotions that sap our energy.



Do you recognise the state of mind that says, 'There's not enough ...time ...resources ...energy – I'm exhausted ...stuck ...at the end of my tether ...everything depends on me, and I have given my all'? If you look at John Reilly's painting, *Feeding the five thousand*, you can see an artistic portrayal of this state of mind. On the right-hand side, the disciples are in a dark, cramped huddle, standing on each other's toes, hands waving in despair – a sort of wailing and gnashing of teeth; a taste of hell. You might call this the human economy of scarcity: a feeling of limited resources; the end of human resource with not enough to go round; the limits of what human control can do.

In the painting, Jesus uses this as a teachable moment for his disciples. He turns this mood and the situation around. Calmly – and we might imagine with much love, compassion and understanding – he asks them what resources they already have. Five loaves and two fish is the answer, of course. Jesus – portrayed as 'the light of the world' – offers up the limited resources they have to God, the one who makes the crops and the fish grow, and gives thanks. It is as if Jesus channels, through his very being, the abundant feast promised by his heavenly Father. And 5000 men and women, and children besides, are fed – with basketfuls left over. This is a teachable moment: gratefully and trustfully offering what we have to God, because through us God may make ample provision to feed bodies and souls.

In the Eucharist, we offer with grateful thanks food (bread and wine) nurtured by human hands, to the God who is its source, and we discover the 'more than enough-ness' of God's providential provision for us – God's food and fellowship, shared abundantly, feeding our bodies and souls, taken into our bodies and becoming part of us, with human ego pushed right out of the way.

Now look at the Reilly painting on the left side. Do you recognise that state of mind that unexpectedly discovers that 'there is more than enough' to go round? You took a risk, you offered a bit of your aliveness to a situation ...your soul ...something important to you – and somehow God has used you to bring in a bumper harvest, and you and those around you are fed and nurtured, body and soul.

*From: Roots on the Web*

### **Prayer suggestions for these weeks:**

- For all school staff and learners, for rest and re-creation over the summer.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- 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, giving thanks that we have achieved the Bronze Eco Church Award.
- For Casper, Paisley and Payton Brudenall, Clara Crampin and Freddie Bate baptised recently.  
For the forthcoming baptism of Haylee, Rocco and Sonny Tagg and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in August: Harley Perry, Remy Perry- Bridger, Logan Hing, Kevin Obwianu, Lily Webber, Archie Marosi, Myles Levy, Romain Levy, Mateusz Malinowski, Margot Wooley, Mabel Wooley.
- For Lauren and Sean, as they are married her on 5<sup>th</sup> August.
- For all those who live and work in Regatta Place.
- 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, Anne Child, Angela Gaskin, Wendy and Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Ruth Sheppard, Gemma Payne, Jill Butler.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in August: James Schofield, Reginald Blewitt, Paul Duncombe, Betty Hunt, Joan Fusco, Jessica Nicholls, Dorcas Bennett, Neville Searle, Kenneth Lewis, Patricia Walker, Wendy Logie, Robert Dymond, Terence Greene, Elizabeth Pearce, Rita Buckland, James Harry, Dorothy Webster, Betty Ann Lambourne, Margaret Grove, John Brant, John Coupe, , May Reeve, Margaret Moulton, 'Colin' Duncan, Vivienne King, Janet Seaman, Alix Burnage, Patricia Nuth.

### *Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023:*

Sunday	Psalm 27	Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10	1 John 3.1-3
Monday	Psalm 44	Jeremiah 36.19-end	Mark 1.1-13
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Jeremiah 37	Mark 1.14-20
Wednesday	P 119.57-80	Jeremiah 38.1-13	Mark 1.21-28
Thursday	Psalm 57	Jeremiah 38.14-end	Mark 1.29-end
Friday	Psalm 51	Jeremiah 39	Mark 2.1-12
Saturday	Psalm 68	Jeremiah 40	Mark 2.13-22

### *Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023:*

Sunday	Psalm 88	Song of Solomon 8.5-7	2 Peter 3.8-13
Monday	Psalm 71	Jeremiah 41	Mark 2.23-3.6
Tuesday	Psalm 98	Isaiah 7.10-15	Luke 11.27-28
Wednesday	Psalm 77	Jeremiah 43	Mark 3.19b-end
Thursday	P 78.1-39	Jeremiah 44.1-14	Mark 4.1-20
Friday	Psalm 55	Jeremiah 44.15-end	Mark 4.21-34
Saturday	Psalm 76	Jeremiah 45	Mark 4.35-end

### **Rotas for the next two weeks:**

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August: Parish Communion, in church and on zoom**

Read: Isobel Davies

Intercede: Simon Bader

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Ben

Coffee: Paul and Marc

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August: Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Jeanette Lock

Intercede: Terrie Robinson

Welcomers: Rachel, Don and Kim

Coffee: Lisa and Jeanette

### Our church is floodlit at night.

6<sup>th</sup> August

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

**Malcolm Moulton**

**In loving memory of Margaret Moulton**

**'Our PEARL of great price'**

13<sup>th</sup> August

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

**Gill Boaks**

**Tony, always in my thoughts**



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:

**NB: There will be no evening prayer in August**

Sunday 6th	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church
Tuesday 8th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 9th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 10th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
<i>Parish Office closed</i>	2.00 pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 11th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
<i>Parish office closed</i>	
Saturday 12th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 13th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 15th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 16th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 17th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10 am, Baby and Toddler / Messy Church Summer Special/Eco session 3.00 pm, Keeping Company
Friday 18th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 19th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptism of Rocco and Sonny Tagg

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

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 1<sup>st</sup> September 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;, 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 17<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, with the local Wildlife Trust working with us on this. There is no charge, but donations are invited. Sign up via the parish office – do tell families about this activity.

**Baptism Anniversary party:** Some years ago, we used to hold an annual get-together for those who had been christened at church over the previous year. We fell out of that pattern just before the pandemic and are now keen to reinstate it. It entails a simple church service and craft activity for children and will be taking place from **3.00pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Afterwards there will be tea in the vicarage garden, weather permitting! If you have had your child/ren christened at St Luke's and have not yet had a personal invitation, then you are warmly invited to attend. Please do let us know if you would like to come by e-mailing the Parish office on [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

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

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September this church is hosting the next interfaith Dialogue. From 7 – 8.30 pm. all are warmly invited. If anyone could offer to help serve refreshments please speak to Revd. Sally.

### **Ockwells Manor house in Cox Green**

If you have ever wondered about this mid C15th house with famous armorial glass in the great hall, you may be interested to see a new book *Ockwells Manor- A history of the house and its occupants* written by Ann Darracott and published by Maidenhead Civic Society in May of this year. Ann, a member of the congregation of St Lukes, will bring a copy along on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August for you to have a look. There is also a copy in the Local History section of Maidenhead Library.

### **Recycling at St Luke's**

As one of the ways to demonstrate our commitment to living more sustainably and caring for creation, we have set up an area at the back of church by the servery, where things that can be difficult to recycle at home can be brought and members of the 'eco-team' will ensure they are taken to be recycled correctly.

There are two boxes:

- One for used pill packets
- One for dead batteries and empty make up containers.

There is a larger 'hamper' for packaging that can be recycled in supermarkets. This rubbish has this label



### **Recycle with bags at large supermarkets | Don't recycle at home**

You can see this label on plastic wrapping such as bread bags, fruit and veg bags, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. You can recycle this type of packaging at recycling points in selected supermarkets.

Please do bring any of these items of rubbish and place them in the appropriate container. Many people making small changes in the end makes a big difference.

### **Fellowship and Fundraising opportunities**

**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 NOW. 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.

### **Church Working parties**

The PCC notes above state that we have set up four working parties to explore areas of our church life that we need to develop. Every PCC member has joined one and ALL members of the congregation

are warmly invited to join in too – please do contact the group leader in each case and offer to join in. The groups are time limited and will ensure that we can be the very best in our mission and ministry – both practically and spiritually.

Nurture group, led by Revd. Sally  
Heating and Lighting, led by Clare Price

Eco group, led by Revd. Phyl  
Churchyard, led by Simon Bader

## Church finances

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 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 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 17 August

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10<sup>th</sup> August

**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 24<sup>th</sup> August

NB: there will be no Evening Prayer during August

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

### Sunday Morning Worship:

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

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=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZ09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468                      Passcode: 132142