

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 7th September -Trinity 12

This Sunday at 10am we have All Age Holy Communion followed by coffee. All welcome. This evening at 6pm there is Iona Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

The Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading

25Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 26'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." 31Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

Luke 14. 25-33

Sunday's Hymns: all on the screen

P: Come live in the light (we are called)

O: 489 From heaven you came

HC: 604 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Taize music

R: Oh when the saints go marching in

Thought for the week:

As Jesus walks towards Jerusalem, he questions the crowd: Are they serious about following him? Are they prepared to go the whole way with him? Taken seriously, Jesus warns, being a disciple has consequences. If it meant risking our jobs, ridicule, family, would we still follow? Recently, two

Christians were concerned by the way that their different companies worked. Each was uncomfortable and prayed to know what to do. One decided to leave. God's call was clear. The other decided to stay but to call out and change the bad practice. Neither decision was easy, but both were choosing God's way. Are we that serious?

From Roots on the Web

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those covering the vacancy.
- For Revd. Sally as she explore news 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 Hammas, and Iran, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all children, parents, carers and teachers as they prepare to start a new term. And particularly for those starting nursery, school, college or university for the first time.
- For our sisters and brothers of all faiths in town.
- For all those who live and work in Prince Andrew Close
- For those baptised recently
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Katty King, Daisy Trillow, Max Fiordelisi, Chloe Rendle, Theo Ashe-Velez, Oliver Peck, Rory Peck, Joshua Simmonds.
- 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, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Derek Wilkins, Mac Macaulay Brown, Margaret Burrows, Joan Went, Betty Himmonds, Arthur Little, Elwyn Jackson, Peter Windass, Geoffrey Tulloch, Wendy Botting, Anthony Gregory, Frederick McIntosh, Patricia Robinson

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 7th September 2025:

| Sunday | Psalm 122 | 2 Kings 18.13-end | Luke 4. 1-15 |
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| Monday | Psalm 98 | Proverbs 14.31-15.17 | Mark 6. 45-end |
| Tuesday | Psalm 106 | Proverbs 15. 18-end | Mark 7. 1-13 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 111 | Proverbs 18. 10-end | Mark 7. 14-23 |
| Thursday | Psalm 115 | Proverbs 20. 1-22 | Mark 7. 24-30 |
| Friday | Psalm 139 | Proverbs 22. 1-16 | Mark 7. 31-end |
| Saturday | Psalm 121 | Proverbs 24. 23-end | Mark 8. 1-10 |

Rotas for next week

Sunday 14th September: Thirteen after Trinity: Parish Communion

Read: Kate Taylor Intercede: Jamie Harle Chalice: Shula Sound: Simon Welcomers: Kim, Shula, Fiona Coffee: Sally and Kate 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

It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.



What's on.... This week:

Sunday 7th 10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion

6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Iona Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Tuesday 9th 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom Wednesday 10th 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom

10.00am, Holy Communion

Thursday 11th 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom

9.30 am, Baby and Toddlers 1.30 pm, Thursday Teas

Friday 12th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom

9.30 am, Pram Service

Saturday 13th Church Care time

Sunday 14th 8.00 am, Holy Communion

10.00 am, Parish Communion

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

| 7 th September | Iona Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green | | | |
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| 21 st September | Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints | | | |
| 5 th October | Harvest Songs of Praise, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green | | | |
| 19 th October | International Taize service, at St. Luke's | | | |
| 2 nd November | Memorial services, in church, | | | |
| NB: 4 pm: | at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green | | | |
| 9 th Nov. at 6pm | All Souls Eucharist at All Saints | | | |
| 16 th Nov. | Choral Evensong, at St. Luke's | | | |
| 30 th Nov. | Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green | | | |
| 7 th December | Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 5 th - 7 th Dec.) | | | |
| 21 st Dec. 6.00 pm | Carol Services at each church | | | |

Coming up:

Baby and Toddler group begins again this Thursday (11th September) 9.30am – 11.00 am. Every Thursday during term time. Play, craft and books, coffee and cake for adults and a healthy snack for children. Closing with songs and a storytime. £2.50 per family, no need to book just come along.

Messy Church. Our next Messy Church is on Friday 3rd October, 4pm-5.30pm. We will be exploring the story of Saint Luke. Craft, worship, and a two course tea. £2 a child. Please book by emailing the church office. Dates for the rest of the year: 7th November, 28th November

Saturday 13th September **Ride and Stride Day.** This national event happens every year across the country, and is a great way to raise funds for the support of our historic churches. http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride

Our next **church breakfast** is on Saturday 20th September. Our speaker is Pari Saini, Founder of Curious Minds, in partnership with Usborne Books.

Pari talk is titled "Raising Curious Minds: How Stories Shape Our Children's Future." She will share how books ignite imagination, foster empathy, and help children develop the qualities they need to thrive in life. Doors open 8.45 am and tickets at £5 each will be available after services or from the church office.

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-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 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.

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place. Resumes in the autumn.

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 <u>Jeant-d2@outlook.com</u> 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. 4th Thursdays monthly.

Please note that for 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 (no Saturday during the vacancy) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmlldU5Hdz09

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925 Passcode: 180609