



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 9th July 2023, Trinity 5

This Sunday we have our quiet 8 am service of Holy Communion, to which all are invited. Weather permitting, our 10 am Parish Communion service will be outside in the churchyard and there will be a separate activity for any children who may be present. At 6pm we have the last Sundays at Six before the summer break – a Prayer Walk on Ray Mill Island. Do come along and enjoy a gentle stroll and quiet prayer in nature. Meet on the bridge at 5.45 pm.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer
for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

First Reading

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7.15-25a

Gospel Reading

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’ *Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end*

Hymns for Sunday

763 (i)	Praise to the holiest in the height
703	Lead, kindly light
666	I cannot tell
544	Morning glory, starlit sky
510	Will you come and follow me

Thought for the week

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his followers – and that's us too – *come to me all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you... my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

In the days of Jesus living as a good Jew was very hard to do. There were 613 laws to keep in addition to the Ten Commandments and for the *Jew in the pew*, like us, it was overwhelming, though perhaps in a different sort of way. At first taking on a yoke sounds odd – that in itself is a burden.

The yoke was of course the piece of wood that went round the neck of an ox so that it could pull huge weights. It sounds really uncomfortable.

Actually that is not the case. You could in those days buy off the peg yokes that were cheap and may have chafed the animals. But when Jesus says his yoke is easy the Greek word he uses means well fitting. It was also possible to buy custom made yokes, specially to fit each ox individually. That is what a caring farmer did. And Jesus should know about well fitting yokes because they were made of wood and he was a master carpenter. There is a legend that he made the best ox yokes in all Galilee. Well, maybe – but he knew about them.

As we reflect on the tension of living the Christian life and of all the differences and inequalities in the church and the world, perhaps we can lighten the load or perhaps better deal with it more easily by considering what custom made yoke God has laid on each of us – individually and as a church.

Whatever it is, Jesus tells us that the burden is light because it is laid on us with his love and he asks us to carry it with love in our hearts for him and for others. There is a story of an old priest who met a young boy carrying another younger boy. 'what a heavy burden you have' the priest said. 'oh, he's not heavy, he's my brother' said the little boy – inspiring a popular song by the Hollies! It is a bit crass, but it is true. Love can lighten all burdens and ease tensions.



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 Casper, Paisley and Payton to be baptised this Sunday, for Clara Crampin baptised last 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 all those who live and work in Kestrel Court.
- 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 9th July 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 55.1	Deuteronomy 24.10-end	Acts 28.1-16
Monday	Psalm 98	Nehemiah 12.27-47	2 Corinthians 1.1-14
Tuesday	Psalm 106	Nehemiah 13.1-14	2 Corinthians 1.15-2.4
Wednesday	Psalm 111	Nehemiah 13.15-end	2 Corinthians 2.5-end
Thursday	Psalm 115	Esther 1	2 Corinthians 3
Friday	Psalm 139	Esther 2	2 Corinthians 4
Saturday	Psalm 121	Esther 3	2 Corinthians 5

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 16th July: in church and on zoom

Read: Malcolm Moulton

Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Welcomers: Rachel, Anne and Ben

Coffee: Sally and Jenny

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

*Ralph Hinchliffe
Happy Birthday Sue*



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 9th	8.00am, Holy Communion, in church 10.00am, Parish Communion, outside church (weather permitting) 12.00pm, Baptism of Casper, Paisley and Payton Brudenall 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Prayer walk Ray Mill Island
Tuesday 11th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 12th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 7.30 pm, Fabric meeting
Thursday 13th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group (last session before summer holidays) 2.00pm, Thursday Teas, community hall
Friday 14th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 1.00pm, Summer Flute recital, Christina Brugger, in church 5.00pm, Evening prayer, zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 15 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00-3.00pm, Quiet day, Soltau Centre, Stubbings (sign up sheet in church)

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

9 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
3 rd September	Evening Prayer in the vicarage garden led by St. Luke's
17 th September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
1 st October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
22 nd October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom at St. Luke's
5 th November NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
5 th November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
19 th November	Service of Wholeness and Healing At All Saints
26 th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
3 rd December	Christ Child Market at All Saints 12.00 – 3pm
10 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 8 th – 10 th December)
17 th 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 1st September 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, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st 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 17th 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.

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.

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.

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. 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 3rd 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 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 (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

From the PCC

Will follow next week but please note now a change to dates for the Christmas tree Festival this year:

Wednesday 6th December - set up day

Thursday 7th: Schools day (no public)

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th open to the public.

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 Chosen Charities for 2023

Foodshare:

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

Green Christians:

Embrace:

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

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 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

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 50th birthday...

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



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 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 20th July

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 13th 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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 27th July.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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