

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 9<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity 2 – Music Sunday

This week we have an 8.00am Holy Communion and a 10.00am Parish Communion. All are warmly invited to worship with us. There will be an activity available for children during the latter service.

### The Collect

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love  
are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives  
is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us  
at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. <sup>1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1*

### Gospel Reading

<sup>20</sup>The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against

himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – <sup>30</sup>for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' <sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' <sup>33</sup>And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Mark 3.20-35

### Sunday's Hymns:

584	All my hope on God is founded
761	Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him
806	There's a wideness in God's mercy
544	Morning glory, starlit sky
777	Sing of the Lord's goodness

### Thought for the week

This Sunday we are keeping Music Sunday, a time to reflect on music in all its forms, and perhaps particularly for us, music in worship. There is something deeply sacramental about music – in all forms –we need all the different types for all the situations of our lives, as expressions of feeling to God and God to us. I am sure that it was there at creation and it enables us to express our love now for God and the whole variety of emotions of life he created. I love Eucharistic

prayer which we sometime use in church, and which says to God: *From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.* Nowhere is God's love more clearly visible than in the Eucharist where words and music combine.

Music is all encompassing and found everywhere in so many forms – in everyday life (the weddings and funerals of the gospel) and in the heavenly realms.

What more powerful way can we experience God?

And God comes to each of us differently through music. In read once: *We can't always choose the music life plays for us but we can choose how we dance to it.*

And we can make our own music to express all we need to of the joys and struggles of life before God – our own psalms of lament and praise. The psalmist says: *Sing to the Lord a new song.*

Music offers us the opportunity to do just that.

So this week we rejoice in God's creative gift of music in its rich variety, we lament the times we have taken it for granted, we give thanks for those who bring music to us, and we pledge ourselves to make the very most of this most precious gift in this life, until we join the heavenly choir singing God's praise for ever.



**Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- For a renewed commitment to the ministry and mission of all church members, and to prayer for the church, the world, and all people.
- For those who are living on the breadline and on our streets, for shelter and support.
- For those standing for election as MPs – for integrity and kindness
- For the implementation of our new Mission Action Plan.
- For our Summer Holiday Arts Project.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there and for strength for all those who are suffering loss and fear.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For the King and the Princess of Wales as they are treated for cancer
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For our ministry with children and families.
- For a new church music leader.
- For all those who live and work in the Derek Road.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Demi-Lea Brudenall, Summer-Lea Brudenall, Emily Reay, Jesse Linley- Barker, Declan Pyrke, and for Isla and Colby, baptised here recently.
- For Katty and John on their first wedding anniversary, and for Andrea and Anthony, married here recently.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Lorraine, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Albert Murray, Lucy Young, Pat Brooks, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Beryl Eaton, Ken Young, Alan Brown
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Hazel Birch, Doreen Shields, Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan, Gerry Knight

**Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024:**

Sunday	Psalm 36	Judges 4	Mark 2.23-3.19
Monday	Psalm 44	Judges 2	Luke 13.1-9
Tuesday	Psalm 56	Jeremiah 9.23-24	Acts 9.26-31
Wednesday	Psalm 119.57-80	Judges 5	Luke 13.22-end
Thursday	Psalm 57	Judges 6.1-24	Luke 14.1-11
Friday	Psalm 51	Judges 6.25-end	Luke 14.12-24
Saturday	Psalm 68	Judges 7	Luke 14.25-end

**Rotas for next week Sunday 16th June: Trinity 3**

Read: Bridget Morris

Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Welcomers: Rachel, Simon, Don

Chalice: Rachel

Coffee: Simon and Don

**NB: the rota for the next quarter is now published and will be sent with this sheet copies also on the boards in church. Please check for your own dates. Thank you.**

## Our church is floodlit at night.

*The flood lighting 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)

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15. There are lots of weeks available.

## What's on.... This week:

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 8.00am, Holy Communion  
10.00am, Parish Communion

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom  
1.30 pm, School Faith walk in church  
7.30pm, PCC Standing Committee, zoom

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom  
10.00am, Holy Communion

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 8.30am, Morning prayer, on zoom  
9.30am, Baby and Toddler group, in Church  
2.00pm, Thursday Teas

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom  
5.00pm, Evening prayer, on zoom  
8.00pm, Choir practice

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.00am, Morning prayer, on zoom

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am, Parish Communion  
6.00pm, International Taizé service, St Luke's

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

16 <sup>th</sup> June	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by St. Luke's

## Coming up...

### Confirmation

There will be a Deanery confirmation on the evening of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested in being confirmed (or would like to know more about confirmation – making our baptismal promises for ourselves) please speak to Revd. Sally asap now.

**Messy Church** our Messy church dates are as follows: 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Bible study:** our journey exploring together Matthew's gospel continues again soon. All warmly invited from 8-9pm, in church. 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> July.

### Not the Summer Fair day - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Rather than try to have a summer fair with all the associated time and no guaranteed crowd (!) for the second year we are having a *Not the Summer Fair* day!

There will be a special collection that day to which you are invited to give what you might have spent on preparing for, or at a summer fair. We will also have a bring and share lunch at midday – please do

stay or come along for this if you can – ALL ages welcome – and at 1pm Christina Brugger will give a flute recital. Following this we will serve tea and scones (both, for a donation). Do come along! You may like to sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

### **Looking further ahead:**

#### **Save the dates....**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Andrew Gallacher student recital, in church (time TBC)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Garden Party

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>/ Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September: Heritage weekend

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm, A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance, Dance production, here

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October afternoon: the Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August: Summer Holiday Arts project for all ages.

**Maintenance Book** – Is the chair you sit on for coffee wobbly or has its back got a screw loose, if so, we need to know. With this in mind the Fabric Committee has placed on the cupboard at the back of church a Maintenance Book so that if you find any small or large items that need looking at and repairing, we can arrange for it to be done. Please do not include items re the heating and lighting as these are already being investigated.

**Welcomers meeting:** thanks to everyone who serves as a welcomer. You are invited to a short meeting after church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July to chat over how you find the role and any safeguarding needs. Do put the date in your diaries.

### **Parish data:**

The Diocesan Secretary has sent the following information, which may be of interest:

*The recent publication of data from the 2021 Census provides us with a valuable opportunity to reflect on our mission priorities, particularly with regard to children, young people, those from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, and those of other faiths, in our parishes.*

*I am pleased to say that the latest census data has now been mapped onto parish boundaries, and our part-time data analyst, Dr Bev Botting, has captured this in user-friendly dashboards.*

*One dashboard is available for every parish. They can be found on the [Research and Insight section of the website](#). We have placed them there so that they can be accessed by anyone within the parish, and so that you can make any comparisons with other parishes that may be helpful in your reflections on them. They draw only on information provided by the public in completing the census, mapped onto parish boundaries.*

*On that webpage there is also a link to the parish dashboards produced by the Church of England nationally, drawing on the Statistics for Mission and Return of Parish Finance data parishes kindly provide. After a gap during the Covid years, these have been produced once again, with data up to 2022. If you wish to see your 2023 data, please ask whoever enters the data onto the Parish Returns website to download it once they have entered the 2023 data.*

*By its nature, the information from the national census is only refreshed every ten years. It provides an invaluable source of information on who is living within your parish, including the numbers of children and young people, and ethnicity.*

*How does your congregation compare with the profile given in this data for your parish? If there is a material difference, what might God be calling your parish to do in response?*

This link will take you directly to our own information: [Parish Dashboards \(anglican.org\)](#)

Also from the Diocese.. a big thank you...



## RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

**SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 14 September** WHY? It's the annual Ride & Stride event!

This national event happens every year across the country, and is a great way to raise funds for the support of our historic churches.

Any mode of transport is fine – you could walk, cycle, ride: simply choose a route and find lots of sponsorship from all your friends and family. Perhaps every person in your congregation could sponsor you? You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm and many people make a day of it. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open and offering refreshments too.

Your nominated church will benefit hugely as they will receive half of your sponsorship. The remaining 50% goes to Berkshire Historic Churches Trust which in turn makes generous grants to churches in need.

More details will be provided closer to the event from your local co-ordinator (Peter Goford) or from the BHCT Ride & Stride website <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>

**At St. Luke's we will combine this with the Heritage Open weekend – see above...**

### **The General Election... a message from Bishop Steven...**

Together with my fellow bishops, I am inviting you and your communities, as voters and citizens, to [Pray your Part](#) in this season of change. Pray your Part is a 21-day journey of prayer and reflection, designed for use in the days running up to the polling stations opening, beginning on 14 June. The world and our nation face deep and serious challenges. Pray your Part will explore these

themes with a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for different aspects of our shared lives. They will be available as a free download or as a booklet, available to [purchase online](#). Booklets ordered by 7 June will be delivered in time to be used from 14 June.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
[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 20<sup>th</sup> June

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 13<sup>th</sup> June

**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. Next is 27<sup>th</sup> June

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

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

**Zoom Evening Prayer** at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHlYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID:

853 7879 6960

Passcode: 386635

