

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 12<sup>th</sup> May, the Sunday after Ascension Day

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

### The Collect

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place  
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us  
into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First Reading

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, <sup>16</sup>'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

### Gospel Reading

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: <sup>6</sup>'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me,

so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’ *John 17.6-19*

### Sunday's Hymns:

422	Alleluia sing to Jesus
232	The head that once was crowned with thorns
223	All hail the power of Jesu's name
( 736	Name of all majesty)
227	Crown him with many crowns

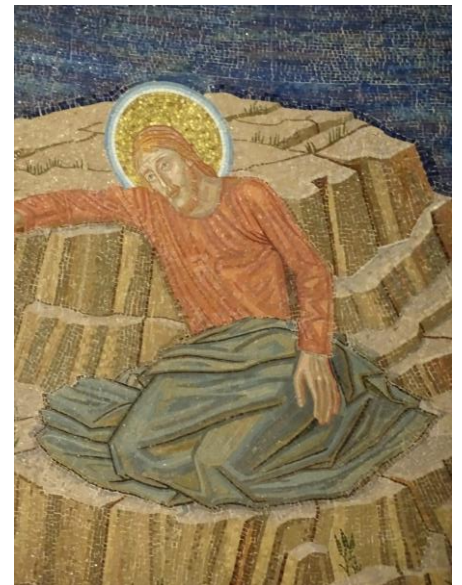
### Thought for the week

Prayer forms a theme in today's readings.

In Acts we read that the disciples prayed for wisdom as they sought a replacement for Judas. Earlier in that chapter Luke writes: 'all these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer'.

John chapter 17 is often called Jesus' high priestly prayer as he prays for his disciples and for the world – interceding on their behalf.

The readings from Acts and John include the last words of Jesus to his disciples (pre and post crucifixion). They both stress the importance of prayer, especially in the face of uncertainty and hostility. In Acts, devotion to prayer prepares Jesus' followers for the promised Spirit of Pentecost. In the Gospel, being caught up in the living prayer of Jesus only strengthens their unity with him and one another.



Jesus' teaching after the Last Supper, culminating in this prayer for the disciples, presents Jesus' whole life as an offering, one that will be completed (finished) with his death on the cross. The Gospel asserts that this is Jesus' glorification, rather than what it might appear to be: the ultimate humiliation of someone cast out of society, and strung up as a public spectacle. When the world has done its worst it cannot triumph over God's love, as the risen Jesus proves.

That is a message that the world needs to hear today too.

The obvious thing for the disciples to do in Acts 1 is to come together in prayer - after recovering from the 'double whammy' of seeing the end of all hope in the crucifixion, and then the realisation that Jesus is risen. Their question to the risen Christ before his ascension mirrors the questions of the disciples after the Last Supper in John's Gospel. But instead of giving a reply about the end of time, Jesus points to their empowerment for an immediate new task.

We too today can find that we worry too much about times and places, what might happen and what might not, rather than rejoicing in the presence of the Spirit, who can make us effective witnesses, and rooting our expectation in prayer.

This week we have celebrated Jesus' return to the glory of his father in heaven in order that his Spirit might come to all people for all time. The humiliation of the cross becomes ultimate glory – available for all through prayer.

At this time of all times our world, our nation, our church needs prayer – committed listening to God and seeking help to act through his Spirit. It would be really good for each of us to rise to that challenge afresh.

***Prayer suggestions for this week:***

- For our new PCC, that members may lead well.
- 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 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 whose anniversary of baptism falls in May: Elise Rutland, Harry Portsmouth, Daisy Stevens, Travis Romero, Tajus Ramanauskas, Amanda Simana, Jaxson Williams.
- For all those who live and work in the Denmark street.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Iris Brown, Lorraine, Ken Young, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Albert Murray, Lucy Young, Pat Brooks.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: John Wells, Kathleen Heskith, Bernard (Vic) Kellerman, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, Helen Bailey, Michael Poynter, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Priscilla Evans, Edwina Richardson, David Trinkwon, Ivy Trillow, Brian Webb, Michael Curley, Joyce Turpie.

***Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 12th May 2024:***

Sunday	Psalm 76	Deuteronomy 26	John 14.1-14
Monday	Psalm 93	Numbers 22.1-35	Luke 7.36-end
Tuesday	Psalm 71	Judges 8.32-9.24	Hebrews 8
Wednesday	Psalm 29	Numbers 23.13-end	Luke 8.16-25
Thursday	Psalm 24	Numbers 24	Luke 8.26-39
Friday	Psalm 28	Numbers 27.12-end	Luke 8.40-end
Saturday	Psalm 43	Numbers 32.1-27	Luke 9.1-17

**Rotas for next week Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Parish Communion, Pentecost**

Read: Richard Burdett

Intercede: Jeanette Lock

Welcomers: Rachel, Shula and Anne

Chalice: Nicola

Coffee: Kate and Jenny

## Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored Reverend Sally Lynch  
*To commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death my father, John Crampin*



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 12th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 14th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 15th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible study, in Church
Thursday 16th	8.30am, Morning prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 3.00pm, Keeping Company 8.00pm, Deanery Synod, in Church
Friday 17th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
Saturday 18th	8.45am-10.30am, Breakfast and Talk, in Church
Sunday 19th	10.00am, Parish Communion 11.30am-3.00pm, Churchyard community project, see details below 6.00pm, Sung Compline, in Church

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

19th May	Sung Compline, at St. Luke's
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Eucharist of wholeness and healing, at All Saints
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...

**Churchyard Community Project: NB NOW Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30 am – 3.00 pm.**

We have been granted some funding from Partners for Heathrow to work in partnership with Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust on a community project on our churchyard. We will be roping off an area to create some wildlife areas, planting and other aspects of care for creation. Please do come along on 12<sup>th</sup> May to help make a start. Bring a packed lunch with you, drinks provided.

**Our next Church Breakfast...** is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Jacqueline Lewis will speak about the charity Children Reachout Uganda, following the usual delicious breakfast. Doors open 8.45 am, tickets £5 pp, now available after services or from the parish office.

**WAMCF women meeting, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.** 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm at St, Edmund Campion church.  
See details below.

**Corpus Christi.** On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm, All Saints, Boyn Hill and the Benefice of New Windsor are teaming up to celebrate Corpus Christi at St. Stephen and St. Agnes Church, Windsor. Please see poster below for further details.

**Foster care with the Royal Borough.** Monday 13 May marks the start of Foster Care Fortnight. In the Royal Borough, we'll be launching on Monday an important campaign to help increase the number of in-house foster carers with the Royal Borough – people who every day make a difference for local children and young people in our communities. We need more people from all walks of life to look after a range of local children and young people in the short- or longer-term, including teenagers, sibling groups and children with a disability, who for different reasons cannot live with their parents. Providing a secure, stable and supportive home for a child or young person is a valuable and rewarding paid role. We welcome enquiries from anyone aged 21 or over, regardless of income, employment status, gender, sexuality, religion, whether or not you have pets, own your home or rent. In return, we offer our foster carers excellent support, training and benefits. Please see poster below.

### **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.

**Holy Communion Before Confirmation:** our church has a policy for the admission of children to communion before confirmation, with preparation. We have not put this into practice for some time and are keen to do so. The initial plan is to have two short sessions after the All Age Holy Communion services in June and July and a party in the summer with a view to admission on 1<sup>st</sup> September (AAHC). If you know of children who might be interested please speak to Revd. Sally.

**Messy Church** our Messy church dates are as follows: 7<sup>th</sup> June, 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. Wednesdays 15<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> July.

On the **18<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm, in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford**, the Mariposa Trust will be hosting one of their Saying Goodbye Services for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

### **Looking further ahead:**

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

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Not the Summer Fair day (donations and possibly shared lunch)

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

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

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

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


**Windsor and Maidenhead  
Community Forum  
Women's Group**

Ladies of all beliefs and none  
are warmly invited to our next meeting  
from 7.30 - 9.00 pm  
on  
Tuesday 21st May 2024  
at  
St. Edmund Campion Church Hall  
Altwood Road, Maidenhead, SL6 4PY


Talk and discussion groups:

**The Dignity and worth of women**

Further details from:  
sally514@btinternet.com  
www.wamcf.org




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**Church  
BREAKFAST**

Saturday 18th May 2024  
8.45 – 10.30 am  
Tickets £5  
from the church office (M. 622733)  
or after services

Speaker: Jacqueline Lewis



Children  
Reachout  
Uganda

**Corpus Christi**



Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion  
*Thursday 30 May*  
Sung Eucharist  
7.30pm  
St Stephen & St Agnes Church  
Vansittart Road, Windsor SL4 5EA  
*All welcome*



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**Wider Community:** Those supporting refuges and asylum seekers have had an urgent request for furniture. A lovely young Iranian brother and sister refugees have managed to get unfurnished accommodation in Slough. They need beds bedding dining table and chairs a sofa and a rug. If anyone is able to help please contact Jeante Lock or Revd. Sally.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> June 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 16<sup>th</sup> May

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**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/85378796960?pwd=dUNTtRZVFjBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID: 853 7879

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