



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 21st June 2020 Second Sunday after Trinity

We continue our journey through the Trinity season – almost half of the church year, a time of growth and learning, reading the stories and teachings of Jesus.

This week's worship offering is a recorded service for the Second Sunday after Trinity. It will be available on our website from Sunday morning for you to use at any time. The order of service for Sunday is on our website and attached to this mailing.

As ever, all orders of service and earlier recordings can be found on our website, along with many other resources. There will be the usual Zoom Morning Prayer at 9 am for those who would like that instead / as well.

We also continue to offer Zoom Morning Prayer, live worship at 9 am Tuesday through to Sunday.

Zoom Morning Prayer: This link works for all days:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77299700733?pwd=K01jTkdCZmh2WERXTldwSExsVnRZZz09>

The order of service is now daily so I do encourage you to download the Daily Prayer App

(<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>) or find it on the Church of England website. If you would like to borrow a church service book please ask Revd. Sally.

Readings for this week are: (including Monday if you are doing it at home)

Monday	Psalm 44	Judges 2	Luke 13.1-9
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Judges 4.1-23	Luke 13.10-21
Wednesday	Psalm 149	Malachi 3.1-6	Luke 3.1-17
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
Sunday	Psalm 52	Acts 27. 33-end	

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for a decrease in covid related deaths and infections, that this may continue.
- For all who are struggling with mental health issues caused or exacerbated by the lockdown
- For our government and bishops, making difficult decisions
- For our nation as lock down is slowly lifted, and for faith communities, as places of worship are gently opened for private prayer
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the synagogue, mosques, gurdwara and elsewhere
- For all fathers, in all circumstances
- For all the volunteer counsellors at Number 22 and Youth Talk

- For those in care homes and their families, unable to physically meet, and the associated frustrations
- For our schools as children learn at home AND school, and teachers under pressure teaching online, and parents / grandparents home schooling
- For justice and equality for all people, for a recognition that all lives matter
- For Phyl Sopp as she prepares to be licenced as a Lay Minister on 4th July, prior to ordination a little later this year
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in June: Jayden Shaw-Griffiths, Coby Griffiths, Cameron Raymond, Ollie Pickett, Myles Taylor, Demi-Lea Brudenall, Summer-Lea Brudenall
- For all those who live and work in Cookham road
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, and Mick Curley
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Bill Meredith
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Ronald Bennett, Paul Luxton, Christine Collins, Hazel Birch, Jocelyn Wyman, Christa Blight, John Avenell, Philip Snelgrove, Robert Clark, Doreen Shields, Scott Keen, Evelyn Allaway, and Margaret Gammon

The church is still floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this by

*Ann Hockham
In celebration of the anniversary
of Revd. Sally's induction, 21st June 2011*



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally.
There are plenty of spaces right now...

Diocesan worship continues to be offered via the usual link and Facebook and website.

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>

It is also available to people dialling in by phone as well.

- The number to dial each week is 01865 920930
- press zero for the short service and 1 for the full Church at Home service

You may also like to follow **Bishop Steven's podcast: Reflections for a church in lockdown**, available from the diocesan website, or: <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/>

Roots at home this week:

www.rootsontheweb.com/adultsathome21jun for adults

www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome21jun for families

Worship from the Church of England if you have not already found the weekly worship from different churches on the national website, do try it:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Services are available from 9 am each Sunday and previous weeks can also be viewed. I would particularly commend to you to service on 5th July, which is being led by members of the Chaplaincy Teams of Prisons in the UK and recorded in three prisons.

Churches open for private prayer

A reminder of the email sent out on Wednesday:

The church will be open for private prayer (only), starting on Saturday 27th June, on Tuesdays from 2.00 – 3.30 pm and on Saturdays from 10.00 – 11.30 am. This should allow for people in all circumstances to come in.

There will be a limited number allowed in at any one time and only the nave will be open, with seating on the plastic chairs and not pews or red chairs.

Anyone attending the church can expect the following:

- Terrie, Phyl, or Sally will be there to greet you, and you will be offered (if you'd like to use it) a sealed pack with a candle, taper to light it from the lit candle in the stand, and a prayer sheet. Please dispose of these in the bins provided, after use, or take it home to use there, if you wish.
- please sanitise your hands on entry and exit (you should avoid lighting the candle too soon after using hand gel!!)
- please avoid touching surfaces
- please sit only in areas indicated – spaced chairs at the back (by candle tray) and front of church
- please observe social distancing
- please leave your name and a contact number with the duty minister so that we can contact you should a case of covid19 be reported by someone who has been in the building. Likewise, should you contract Covid19 within 7 days of coming to church you MUST let Revd. Sally know.
- we are sorry that we cannot offer WC facilities at the moment (so go before you come!)
- only the nave is open – the chapel, chancel and office areas are closed currently
- one of the ministers would be happy to pray with you – just ask
- please be prepared to wait until there is space.

I cannot stress strongly enough that anyone who has any symptoms of Covid 19 should not enter the church building.

The churchyard is, as always open for anyone to walk around and enjoy.

It is good to be able to open the church up for individual prayer and I know that there are people particularly who have been bereaved who will wish to pop in to light a candle and pray, but do remember that we can talk with God and be in his presence anywhere. Nowhere is more holy than any other space and so there is no pressure at all to come into church to pray.

Do contact me (Revd Sally) if you have any questions. And let's pray that we can also worship TOGETHER very soon!

Cleaning: huge thanks to the small band who have offered to help clean the church after each session of use. Clearly, this is a vital ministry. No cleaners, no church opening! If there is anyone else who is able to be out of their home and able to help clean please do let me know – the more helpers we have the less often each has to do it.

Accessing church: as the church is ONLY open for private prayer it will remain locked at other times. Keyholders are reminded that they should not yet be accessing the church themselves at any time. There are a few of us who do need to go in now for maintenance etc – at such times all access is via the tower door please, wearing gloves to unlock. You must then sign in / out at the tower lobby and ensure that you use the sanitiser / wear gloves at all times. Anyone who has been in church and develops Covid 19 MUST inform Revd. Sally so that the church can be deep cleaned. We do not want to jeopardise the chances of being able to open for a congregation when that is possible.

Laptop loan for Zooming: if you have internet but an aged device (laptop, iPad..) that can't Zoom (no camera or mic) then we have a few more modern devices that we can loan out. Please contact me if you'd like to give that a go, and we can set you going so that you can Zoom in to live worship and other things. We are lily to be dong more Zoom Sunday services as time goes on.

Quench: Tony Bronniman writes: We have still been taking and fulfilling orders through Lockdown via Ali on admin@quenchshops.com and this will continue throughout June. The plan is to then reopen our Maidenhead shop on Mon 6th July for 3 days a week initially, Mon - Weds 10.30am - 3pm. Please do continue to uphold us in prayer, and to support us by placing your orders with us.

Scripture Union resources: SU has produced some very good resources for use during lockdown, particularly for familied and to support the mental health and well being of children and young people. See:
www.su.org.uk/mentalhealth and
www.su.org.uk/lockdown

Visit my mosque: This weekend, the Muslim Council of Britain is taking its flagship #VisitMyMosque Day digital, with mosques across Britain offering live virtual tours to members of the public. This will include Imams and mosque leaders sharing what they have been doing to support their local communities during lockdown, with many opening up as foodbanks, delivering hot meals to those in need and supporting their local hospitals with food donations.

Amongst venues that members of the public can visit virtually are Cambridge Central Mosque, Europe's first Eco-Mosque, that has delivered more than 1,000 food packages to staff at the local Royal Papworth Hospital during lockdown, and Green Lane Masjid who have helped provide free mask-making kits for people in Birmingham.

In addition, Old Kent Road Mosque in South London, home to London's oldest Nigerian Muslim community will be offering insights into the #BlackLivesMatter movement .

These tours are taking place as part of the national #VisitMyMosque campaign, facilitated by the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), which would have ordinarily seen tens of thousands of visitors being welcomed by hundreds of mosques across Britain.

Virtual mosque tours will be taking place between Friday 19 and Sunday 21 June. To book to join a tour, visit www.visitmymosque.org

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is now completely closed and all communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email.

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