



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 28th June 2020

Third Sunday after Trinity

This week's worship offering is a live Zoom service for the Third Sunday after Trinity. It will be available soon afterwards also on our website for you to use at any time. The order of service for Sunday is on our website and attached to this mailing.

To Zoom into the service use:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82427708674?pwd=emNqQkI4cTZzamRNb2RERFBnSDVVQT09>

Meeting ID: 824 2770 8674

Password: 785193

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 (Sts Peter & Paul)	Psalm 71	Isiah 49. 1-6	John 21. 15-33
Tuesday	Psalm 73	Judges 9.1-21	Luke 15. 11-end
Wednesday	Psalm 77	Judges 9. 22 - end	Luke 16. 1-18
Thursday	Psalm 78 (1-39)	Judges 11. 1-11	Luke 19. 19 - end
Friday (St. Thomas)	Psalm 92	2 Samuel 15. 17-21	John 11. 1-16
Saturday	Psalm 76	Judges 12. 1- 7	Luke 17. 11-19
Sunday	Psalm 55 1-15, 18-22	Acts 28. 1-16	

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For Phyl Sopp as she prepares to be licenced as a Lay Minister on 4th July, prior to ordination a little later this year
- For the people of Reading, and especially church leaders, as they respond to the fatal stabbings last weekend
- 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 lifted, and for faith communities, as places of worship are opened up once more
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the synagogue, mosques, gurdwara and elsewhere
- For all the volunteer counsellors at Number 22 and Youth Talk
- 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
- 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 Cordwallis 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 and Alec Judd,
- 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

Kim Rumble...

... as a reminder that the church shines as a light in the darkness, and that the people are here, despite the building being shut up



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/adultsathome28jun for adults

www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome28jun 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.

And now for the good news...

As you will have heard, the government has allowed places of worship to open for public worship from 4th July... **the less good news...** is that the detailed guidance on this has not been issued (as of Friday) which means that the Church of England is unable to issue further guidance to us about the parameters that will surround the re-opening. So, there will be a live Service of the Word, in church, on Sunday 5th July at 10 am but at this stage I am unable to say how many people may be present. It will be very limited. What I can assure you is that the service will be available live so all with internet can participate – details to come. At that shortish service we will welcome Phyl as a Licensed Minister prior to ordination.

As soon as I am able to let you have more details of future worship I will do so. I hope that we will be able to talk about this further at PCC on Tuesday evening. Diocesan streamed worship on Sundays will continue for the foreseeable future, and whatever we do here will be available in electronic as well as live formats.

Churches open for private prayer

Following the announcement that churches may open for (limited) congregational worship, the arrangements for private prayer here will change slightly from last week's announcement (and may yet change further). **This coming week** the church will be open for private prayer (only) on Tuesday 30th June between 2.00 and 3.30 pm and on Sunday 5th July from 11.00 – midday (prompt). It will be open on Saturday 27th June but NOT on 4th July. This change leaves 72 hours between uses and reduces risk of transmitting the virus.

At **both** sessions, 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. On Sunday we will ask ALL members of the congregation to leave the church immediately after the 10 am service so that the chairs can be prepared for private prayer.

A reminder that 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.

Cleaning: huge thanks to the very 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. PLEASE do offer help if you can.

Accessing church: as the church is so far ONLY open for private prayer and one short Sunday service, 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 have to close the church again immediately it is opened!

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 likely to be doing 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.

Newsbeat: Coronavirus: '**Religion helped me through lockdown**' I found this article recently and found it interesting – you may like to look at it... and then ask yourself how YOUR faith has helped, or otherwise, in the past few months.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-53081929>

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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