



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 26th July 2020 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St. Luke's as we slide into summer.

Update from the government and National Church on face coverings, Track and Trace and money:

With **face coverings** now being compulsory in shops and other public places, places of worship are also advised to encourage people to wear face coverings.

The CofE guidance states: *We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.*

As far as our own church is concerned, I am content that:

- We are maintaining the 2m social distancing, which does not necessitate face coverings
- The congregation faces each other's backs during worship
- We do not sing and are asked to keep our voices low in responses
- We are blessed with a large, airy space; and we keep the doors open

Please use your own discretion in the face covering issue, and be mindful of others. For the ministry team, we will not be leading worship wearing masks – it is not fair to those who lip-read and we are well distanced from the congregation. We WILL continue to wear visors for the distribution of communion and I am willing to wear it at the door if that is helpful. I am not expecting welcomers to wear masks in order that they can greet people with friendly and welcoming smiles.

Ruth Sheppard is still making masks and would be delighted to furnish you with one for small fee (to the church!!) – contact her through the parish office or vicar if you don't have her number.

On **giving / collections**, we are being encouraged to go cashless as much as possible. Thank you SO much to everyone who is continuing to give to the ministry of the church – we really do need to keep our income coming in - the parish share is not reduced at all and it is important that we pay for the ministry that we receive. If you are able to give by standing order or bacs that would be great. Do talk to our treasurer for more details (or see the website). We also have a card reader available in church. Any cash that is received is quarantined / counted wearing gloves.

And finally, in order to comply with Government **Test and Trace**, we are required to keep contact details for all those attending public worship (unless they decline to give them). So far, we have been

open about this through a note at the door and the notices but have been subtle so that you could come to worship without being interrogated at the door! I simply wrote down names as people came in over the last three weeks. I do, after all, know names and already have most contact details! Sadly, we now need to formalise this more. So, you will find attached to the email a simple form for **you to complete and bring along to church**, signed, if you are content for your contact details to be held and passed to NHS Test and Trace, if necessary. The forms can be brought to church and dropped into a box. We will then simply jot names down as you come to church each week. You will not be expected to fill the form in each week. Thank you for your help with this.

And so to worship...

You will find Sunday's RHP sheet (readings, hymns and prayers) attached to today's email. The order of service was attached a couple of weeks ago, and can also be found on the website. Please remember to bring your copy to church, either printed out or on a device.

For those of you joining by Zoom, **this link works for ALL Sunday 10 am services:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85097790796?pwd=NUlBZE5PL3hlf0FEyUm11OTNxc0lnUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 9779 0796

Password: 900393

Do stay on for coffee (make your own!) and chat after the service on Zoom, and you are welcome to chat in the churchyard if you are in church (but please do leave the building promptly!).

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

This link works **for all days:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89235197308?pwd=cjd0aUIXN0RrbnRgeVhQTHJDNDREZz09>

Meeting ID: 892 3519 7308

Password: 780771

You can download the Daily Prayer App (<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>) or find it on the Church of England website.

Readings for this week are:

Monday	Psalm 1	1 Samuel 10. 1-16	Luke 22. 24-30
Tuesday	Psalm 5	1 Samuel 10. 17-end	Luke 22.31-38
Wednesday	Psalm 119. 1-32	1 Samuel 11	Luke 22. 39-46
Thursday	Psalm 15	1 Samuel 12	Luke 22. 47-62
Friday	Psalm 19	1 Samuel 13. 5-18	Luke 22. 63-end
Saturday	Psalm 23	1 Samuel 13.19-14.15	Luke 23.1-12
Sunday	Psalm 85	2 Peter 1.1-15	

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for our return to the church building, and for the summer months
- For Phyl Sopp as she begins her new ministry as a Licensed Minister, prior to ordination a little later this year
- For all who are still shielding and housebound and for all who are confused as lock down eases and we are faced with different restrictions

- For developing countries, hit hard by Covid 19
- For rest and refreshment over the summer
- For those who find themselves unemployed or struggling financially
- For peace and justice in the world
- 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 justice and equality for all people, for a recognition that all lives matter
- For baby Kevin, baptised last week, and for his family
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in July: Mason Whittle, George Pankhurst, Noah Cameron, Jack Kirk, Olivia Turner, Harry Raymond, William Sharma, Theo Sharma, Florence Priestly.
- For all those who live and work in Dalby Gardens
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, Janet, and Mick Curley
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Diana Bradfield, Siew Kee-Bentley, John Draper, Beryl Dandridge, Peter Emmons, Christopher Griffiths, Donald Theobald, Sidney Allen, Gillian Dawson, Raymond Palmer, Frederick Hayward, Ann Ringer, Cyril Vizard, Shirley Sattler, Dorothy Barnard, Ada Rolls, Barbara Ward, Jean Stevens, Ted Stevens, Kathleen Woodworth, Kenneth Wheeler, Janet Cheek, Andrew Ross, Ronald Young, Nellie Edwards, Roy Pond, and John Rodwell

The church is still floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this by
Linda Draper
In loving memory of John*



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally.
There are plenty of spaces from September onwards.

Roots at home this week:

www.rootsontheweb.com/adultsathome26jul for adults

www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome26jul for families

Rotas: do check the rota chart on our website to see if you are down to read, intercede, clean or welcome. Thank you! **Next week, 2nd August:**

Read: Gospel only (Sonya)

Intercede: Stars and Sparks (or PS)

Welcomers: Sue Hinchliffe, Chris, Kristina, Scarlett and Isla Smith

Sunday cleaning:

Other cleaning:

Staying in touch: a huge thanks to those who have served as contactors during lock down. As life begins to return to some form of new normality, your contactor will be in touch with you rather less often, but is still on the end of a phone or email should you wish to contact them for any particular need or a chat. Do 'use' them.

What's on... and other news...

Study course: we are following a study course on Thursday evenings using the diocesan planning tool: Emerging from Coronavirus, with extracts for Bishop Steven's Blog to start. The study pack is available on the diocesan website and attached to the email. Thursdays at 7.30 pm for two more weeks. Link: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/emerging-from-coronavirus/>



Messy Church also continues online with Zoom. This link will get you into all sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85617173031?pwd=WmVwTzNoejRqKytUa0t5K1E3OExaQT09>

Meeting ID: 856 1717 3031

Password: 387826

Our next is on Friday 7th August and our theme is journeys. We provide a craft pack for each session and share stories, sing songs ... and eat something if we can!

And also for children.. Lighthouse Live is next week... The link is: <https://lighthousecentral.org/> Just click on the link and you will go straight to the app. The Lighthouse Live logo is currently at the bottom of the site but it will move to the top very soon! You click on that and all the content will be available from Monday 27th at 10.00 am.

The LIVE TV shows will only be available at 10.00 and at 4.00 each day but once they have premiered you can watch at any time and the content will stay up for the summer.

You can also download the free app for iPhones and Android, look for **Allstars Kids Club GO** in the App Store, Google Play etc

As well as the LIVE shows each day there will be extra content every day to watch whenever you want:

- Safe Harbour – an alternative Mainstage for SEND children
- Bible Stories – the story of our Hidden Hero of the day, with sign language
- Street Dance – learning a new bit of the dance each day
- Prayer Craft - a different Craft each day
- Moving Mindfully with Jesus – 25 minutes of stretching and mindfulness themed to the day's story
- The *Fantasticamazingincredibletremndoushumungus* Game Show – a short quiz with some puppet mayhem that checks how much you know about the Bible story and the message each day

And for older people...Thursday Teas I am conscious that folk who come to Thursday teas are missing out on their fun so, assuming the weather is kind to us, we will have Thursday teas in my garden on 13th August. More details to follow – we may be in groups of six across the afternoon or by then we may be able to all meet together!

Quiz night Louisa and James have kindly offered to host another quiz Night.. next Wednesday 29th July at 8.30 pm, once little ones are in bed! Join in as a family unit, individual or team conferring by phone. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84402988663?pwd=OUpoVEwwN2I1eERGMOJQZlY2R3dDdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 0298 8663

Passcode: 127371

Churches open for private prayer – a reminder..

Wednesdays 2.00 – 3.30 pm and Sundays 9.30 – 10.00 am

From Thames Valley Police: Concern for a rise on Disability Hate Crime:

We write to you today 24th July 2020 to advise you of the fear of a rise in Disability Hate Crime, especially as new legislation about face coverings comes into effect today across England. There has been a big increase during Covid-19 of targeted attacks on disabled people.

They have been verbally abused, spat at and in some instances physically attacked. For example, one disabled passenger on public transport, who cannot wear a face covering, was targeted by another passenger, who shouted: “This person hasn’t got a mask. This person is trying to infect us. They are trying to kill us.”

We have posted an article on our website and we ask you to share this to your distribution lists in the hope that by raising awareness and promoting compassion and respect, that we have together highlighted this issue in our communities.

The link is: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/fear-rise-disability-hate-crime>

Quench: is now open: Maidenhead shop on Mon 6th July for 3 days a week initially, Mon - Weds 10.30am - 3pm.

Supporting local businesses we are really grateful to Andy at MrT Autos, especially in these austere times, for making a donation to sponsor the church floodlighting when no one else is down. Please do be aware of all our local businesses and both support them where you can, and pray for those whose livelihoods depends on them.

Advance notice of the **WAMCF cricket tournament** on Sunday 6th September at Boyn Hill cricket club. Details nearer the time – if you would like to play please let Sally know.

RIDE AND STRIDE 2020: Saturday 12th September: Ride and Stride 2020 is going ahead!

Ride and Stride is the Trust’s most important fundraising event and it is especially important this year when many churches have seen their income decline. Don’t forget that half the money raised by each participant goes to his or her own church, while the half that comes to the Trust goes into the pot from which grants are made – and we give away thousands of pounds every year for vital repairs

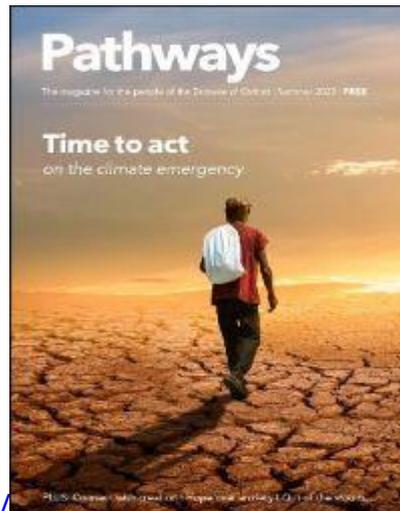
and restoration work. For more details of our own church participation please contact Peter Goford.

Extracts from this week's Diocesan news...

Just out – the latest, environmentally themed, **Pathways magazine**.

We hear a lot about the environment, but how much of it is from a Christian perspective? How does our faith affect our fears and hopes and shape our actions? How do we share our own views about appropriate responses to the climate emergency? This edition is crammed with useful resources and thought-provoking and personal reactions to this challenge that faces us all.

For the first time ever, Pathways is online as a downloadable PDF.



<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways-pdf-version/>

STOP PRESS: a number of people have been in touch with the diocese this week to say they would appreciate a copy posted to their home. To help us estimate the print run, please let us know if you'd like this. The cost per magazine would be £2 including p&p.

Five new guides for carers



These [guides from the Anna Chaplaincy](#) aim to give carers the confidence and skills to enable those in their care not only to cope emotionally and spiritually but even to thrive, despite adverse circumstances.

Bible Society resources for online services

A variety of free resources, including worship songs, reflective songs, spoken words and a short film for children. [Take advantage of this content](#), particularly as inspiration and energy may be dwindling after such a prolonged period of online services.

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

This was held online, and [you can view it here](#). After the Prayer Breakfast, Bible Society hosted a webinar entitled [Mission during lockdown and beyond](#), designed for church leaders who want to know more about the implications of the coronavirus crisis for the Church and the world.

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 open to phone calls on Saturday mornings, and emails will be answered. All other communication should be to the vicarage telephone (01628 783033) and my email.

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