

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 16th June, Trinity 3

This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion with activity available for children. All are warmly invited to worship with us. At 6.00pm St Luke's will be hosting an International Taizé service. Do consider coming along to this gentle short service. A lovely way to end the weekend.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate
our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation
may be brought to the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you...

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing
more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

First Reading

Brothers and sisters, ⁶we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

Gospel Reading

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. ²⁶Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' ³⁰Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Mark 4.26-34

Sunday's Hymns:

284	For the fruits of his creation
794	The king of love, my shepherd is
733	My life flows on in endless song
553	Touch the earth lightly
212	Now the green blade riseth

Thought for the week

Change is never easy. Some of us really struggle with changes in different areas of our lives.

But all things do change with time – we do as we age, in a whole variety of ways.

Some change can be really good, as Jesus' parable of the mustard seed shows – something tiny grows into a huge plant which can support and sustain the life of creatures / birds – but it has to change on order to do so. (This is not the same mustard seed that we grow on window sills!).

St. Paul also reminds his hearers, and us, that being a Christian means that we allow God to change us into new people – slowly becoming more like Jesus, and more human too.

The Christian musician Marilyn Baker wrote this song some time ago. We might make it our own prayer:

*Jesus, you are changing me
By your spirit
you're making me like you
Jesus, you're transforming me
That your liveliness
may be seen in all I do
You are the potter
And I am the clay
Help me to be willing
To let you have your way
Jesus, you are changing me
As I let you reign supreme
Within my heart*



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
- 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 16th June 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 42	1 Samuel 1	Mark 4.1-29
Monday	Psalm 71	Judges 8.22-end	Luke 15.1-10
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 16.19-end
Friday	Psalm 55	Judges 11.29-end	Luke 17.1-10
Saturday	Psalm 76	Judges 12.1-7	Luke 17.11-19

Rotas for next week Sunday 23rd June: Trinity 4

Read: Ian Gilchrist
Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Rita
Coffee: Lisa and Jenny

Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis
Chalice: Ian

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Jeanette Lock

Maidenhead Street Angels for their AGM on 23rd June

"Loving the person in front of you"



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk The donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 16 th June	10.00am, Parish Communion 6.00pm, International Taizé service, St Luke's
Tuesday 18 th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 19 th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8pm, Bible Study group, in Church
Thursday 20 th	8.30am, Morning prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group, in Church 3.00pm, Keeping Company
Friday 21 st	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer, on zoom
Saturday 22 nd	9.00am, Morning prayer, on zoom
Sunday 23 rd	10.00am, Parish Communion <i>Not the Summer Fair day, Bring and share lunch and 1pm Christina Brugger recital</i>

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

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

Coming up...

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

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

Not the Summer Fair day - Sunday 23rd 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.

Quiet Day, Saturday 20th July. We have booked St. Katharine's Retreat Centre at Parmoor for a quiet day from 10 am - 3.30 pm. All are warmly invited to come along for a day of reflection and rest. Cost £20 pp (max) and bring a packed lunch. If you have never been to a quiet day why not try it – ask Sally, Phyl, Jeanette or Barbara to tell you more. Please sign up in church.

More than sparrows, 20th - 24th August.

This all age Arts Project will be a great chance to welcome in the community and share together. We will have crafts for all ages to do together, as well as games, snack time and quiet reflection. If you are able to offer any time to help, or have craft skills to share, please email Revd. Sally or sign up in church.

Looking further ahead:

Save the dates....

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

Saturday 7th September: Garden Party

Friday 13th/ Sat 14th September: Heritage weekend

Friday 18th October, 7.30 pm, A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance, Dance production, here

Sunday 20th October afternoon: the Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture.

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

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



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

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 2nd 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 5th July 2024
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 20th June

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 11th July

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on 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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 27th June



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**Flute
Recital**

Christina Brugger

Sunday 23rd June at 1pm

Free entry, donations invited

Recital followed by tea and scones
(and preceded by bring and share lunch at midday,
for those who wish)

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WAMCF
Windsor & Maidenhead Community Forum
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The Interfaith Group in the Royal Borough
of Windsor & Maidenhead



Join in the Dialogue
at Maidenhead Synagogue
Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Rd, SL6 8QX

**'What is self-worth and
is it important?'**

Tuesday 25th June 2024
7pm - 830pm followed by
refreshments



PLENTY OF FREE CAR PARKING SPACE
FREE ADMISSION &
REFRESHMENTS

Visit the WAMCF website

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTnRZVFjBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID: 853 7879 6960

Passcode: 386635