



St Luke's Church Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 19 July 2026

This week we have 10.00 am Parish Communion followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an

enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of

the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the

children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with

fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of

sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Hymns for Sunday

P: 584 All my hope on God is founded
G: 747 O God, you search me and you know me
O: 653 Happy are they, they that love God
HC: 744(i) O God of Bethal
R: 5697(i) The kingdom of God is justice and joy

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those covering the vacancy.
- For the Archbishop of Canterbury and all church leaders
- For all the children leaving junior school and preparing for secondary school
- For our local schools and teachers and all children and young people in education.
- For peace throughout the world
- For all those, whose anniversary of baptism falls in July.
- The sick and their carers: Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Ralph Hinchliffe, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Adam, John Cotterill, Barbara Romaker,

BrenTom, Windass, Gail Nash, Don, Liam, Steven Pardoe, John Salter, Marion and Alice, Tom and family

- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July.

Rotas for next week

Sunday 26 July 10.00am Parish Communion

Reader: Barbara Intercessor: Shula Chalice: Sound: Ralph / Simon
Welcome team: Ralph, Sue & Ben Coffee: Jenny & Gill

Our church is floodlit at night.

The church floodlighting has not been sponsored this week.

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



Facebook

You can find our new Facebook page [here](#). Please do follow and share.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 19 th July	10.00 am	Parish Communion
Tuesday 21 st	8.30 am	Morning prayer on zoom.
Wednesday 22 nd	8.30 am	Morning prayer on zoom.
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	8.00pm	Pilgrim Places Holy Lives
Course		
Thursday 23 rd	8.30 am	Morning prayer on zoom.
		Thursday lunches
	3.00pm	Gaynor's Gift Knitting group
Friday 24 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion

Our Wednesday evening course "**Pilgrim Place Holy Lives**" lead by Clare continues in church at 8.00pm. Please do come along even if you missed week one. All are welcome.

Flowers in church

Are you interested in helping a small group to arrange flowers in church. You don't need to be a florist, just a love of flowers and joy in making the church even more beautiful. If this sounds like you, please speak with either Jacqueline, Sue H or Sally, or email the office. Alternatively, you may wish to donate using the machine specifying "Flowers."

Windsor Pantomime Trip

Ann Burdett is again organising a trip to the Theatre Royal Windsor to see Jack and the Beanstalk on **Saturday 9th January 2027 at 4:00pm**. Tickets are £17.00 per person. If you would like to come, please ask Richard for a booking- slip or call us on 07860 814998.

Annual baby and toddler toy cleaning session is on **Thursday, 6th August at 9:30am**. The more the merrier! Please come along to help if you are able - we will supply cleaning supplies and tea/coffee but bring your own rubber gloves in if you want.

A message from Wayne Dixon

Christian Connections in Schools (CCiS) Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead

You are invited:

“Making Jesus known to children, young people AND staff in schools of Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead “

To our next CCiS celebration happening on **Sunday 13th September 4pm at Cippenham Baptist Church. 11 Elmshott Ln, Cippenham, Slough SL1 5QS**
Come and join us to hear about what has been happening over the past year and celebrate all that God is doing! We will also be having **Ed Drew** from **Faith in Kids** come and speak!



“2026 Christmas Tree Festival—An appeal from the Produce Stall Organisers

As soft fruits are now in season and autumn fruits soon will be, we are again appealing for donations of fruit to make jams and chutneys for the 2026 Christmas Tree Festival. A basket is already at the back of church for donations of fruit (soft fruit, apples plums damsons etc). Donations of sugar, vinegar, dried fruit, and nuts are also very welcome. Alternatively, you may wish to donate using the machine

specifying Produce Stall. We will be grateful for any Bonne Maman and Frank Cooper marmalade jars you have. These can also be placed in the basket. In 2025 Christmas bags of homemade biscuits sold out immediately. Later in the year we will post the recipe on the pew sheet for those cooks willing to help. Christmas bags and ribbon will be supplied. As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals, if you are making jams or chutneys we can supply later in the year St Luke's Spire brand labels, or you can use your own (please make the writing is nice and clear). The CTF has increased in popularity over the years, and the Produce Stall now makes a real contribution to its success. We would like this to continue and so your help is needed to ensure we have enough produce. Any queries contact Ann Darracott (07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (07743 323635) Isobel M. Davies (07586 785563).

Our Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service is 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 is on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. **next one 2nd October.**

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.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake, and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery **Gaynor's Gift** is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. 4th Thursdays monthly at 3.00pm.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday (no Saturday during the vacancy)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609