

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 21st July, Trinity 8

This week we have a 10.00am Holy Communion with activity available for children. All are warmly invited to worship. Our final Sundays at Six before the summer break is a prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, the weather looks good so far! Meet on the bridge at 5.50 pm.

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen
the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

First Reading

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Ephesians 2.11-end

Gospel Reading

The apostles returned from their mission. ³⁰They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Mark 6.30-34,53-end

Sunday's Hymns

223 All hail the power of Jesu's name
592 As the deer pants for the water
621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
(610 Christ is the world's true light)
818 To God be the glory, great things he hath done



Thought for the week

There is huge energy in this week's gospel reading in the people with whom the apostles have been engaging and who have been soaking up Jesus' teaching – and his miracles. Jesus and his disciples need a break. As the little group set off for a quiet place by boat the crowds could see where they were headed and beat them to it – popping up a bit like cartoon characters – we're here! And what was Jesus' response?

Mark tells us, that he had compassion on them because they looked lost, helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Those whose responsibility it was to care for them were so tied up with their own cares that the people had been left to their own devices. And Jesus' heart went out to them as he turned away from rest and taught them. He gave more of himself – as much as they needed.

The Greek word used here carries the idea of being moved to the very depths of ones being (a bit like the moving of ones bowels!) Jesus does not just feel sorry for the people, he recognises their deep need, he feels totally for them - he doesn't say, 'oh I know just how you feel'- despite being all in himself, he demonstrates his compassion in active assistance.

But he doesn't feed them immediately – he recognises that their deepest need is to be taught – to be offered the opportunity to learn more about God so that they can know him better for themselves. THEN he feeds them (we miss out that part in the reading in the lectionary reading) and then he heals.

As we look at the people around us – particularly today in an increasingly uncertain environment - we see what Jesus saw, people who are lost and confused and aimlessly wandering through life, with no purpose or hope. We see this on the TV news and we see it on our doorsteps.

All of us as disciples of Christ are called to respond as he did – to be moved in the centre of our being, to have compassion and to reach out to them. And our first response should not be to give aid, or to be kind but to teach – just as Jesus did. He saw 2000 years ago that the deepest need was hope, nothing has changed today and we have hope to offer in our own stories of faith, in the God whom, we are here to worship. We are called to be shepherds in this parish. To share the good news of the gospel and to teach people about it, and then to feed and heal.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 21st	10.00am, Holy Communion 11.45am, Church Fabric Meeting 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island
Tuesday 23rd	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30pm, WAMCF Women's group, Grenfell Lodge (synagogue)
Wednesday 24th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible Study group, in Church
Thursday 25th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 3.00pm, Gaynor's gifts
Friday 26th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Saturday 27th	9.00am, Morning prayer on zoom
Sunday 28th	10.00am, Parish Communion <i>Welcomers meeting after the morning service</i>

Evening prayer: please note that there will now be no Evening Prayer on Fridays until September.

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

21 st July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by St. Luke's
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Hospitality fund

it is really good to welcome people to fellowship through coffee and other refreshments at church. We don't charge for this but clearly we do have to cover the cost of refreshments. If you would like to make an occasional contribution to the hospitality fund you will find a box on the table at the back of church, or use the card machine or bacs, with the reference: Hospitality. You might even like to bring in the occasional packet of biscuits and leave at the servery! Thank you.

Coming up...

Our monthly lunch will be held at the Toby Carvery at Stafferton Lodge at 12.00 on Thursday, 25th July. Please contact Jean T-D on 626671 or jeant-d2 @ outlook.com for further information. See you there and BonAppetit!!

Messy Church our Messy church dates are as follows: 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. Last one this series on 24th July.

Spacemakers, opportunity for reflection: Wednesday 14th August, 11 am – 2.15pm (including lunch). The Revd. Charlie Kerr from the Diocese will be leading a session on Spacemakers, a programme used in schools and churches to aid reflection and offer space. Everyone is invited to come along and take part either for your own benefit or to be able to lead these sessions with others. A light lunch will be provided. Free! 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. Booking forms are now available to sign up to take part – attached to this weeks email, on the church website and hard copy in church. Please return booking forms to the church office.

Items needed for Arts Project:

Please leave in the box at the back of church, marked MORE THAN SPARROWS, any of the following that you can donate:

Lego (not duplo) material ribbons wool Board games (named if on loan)

Looking further ahead:

Save the dates....

Saturday 7th September: Garden Party (3pm, tickets £15 pp, to include a glass of prosecco, available soon)

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 22nd September, lunchtime (NB changed date) : the Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture.

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

Windsor Pantomime Trip: Ann Burdett is again organizing a trip to the Theatre Royal Windsor to see Dick Whittington on Sunday 5th January 2025 at 4:30pm. Tickets are £16.00 per person. If you would like to come please ask Richard for a booking slip or call us on 07860 814998.

Working groups: we have four church working groups meeting to support the mission of the church. Every PCC member is on one group and anyone else is warmly invited to join a group if you think you could offer support, advice or just join in.

Eco group: find out more from Revd. Phyl

Churchyard Committee: talk to Simon Bader or Anne Child

Nurture group: Revd Sally leads this group, which will meet on 17th September

Zero Carbon Project Committee (heat and light): find out more from Clare Price

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.

Ride & Stride: 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...

Inspire Magazine: We are preparing the next issue of Inspire, our church magazine. It would be great to have a bumper edition after a long pause.

Articles can be of any nature – writing about things that might interest everyone, poems, pictures, photos, prayers, quizzes... you name it.... Inspire draws the church family together sharing news and

views. Please email your articles, pictures, poems, book reviews etc to admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk by end of July please

The Charles Davis Trust: each year this Trust invites applications from residents of the Old Borough of Maidenhead for supermarket vouchers. Residents must be over 70 and have savings which do not exceed £23,250. A poster at the back of church offers more information and application forms are available from Revd. Sally.

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 6th September 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 18th July

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 8th August

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 25th July

St. Luke's Church
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead 

More than sparrows!

An All Age Activity week

Tue. 20th—Sat. 24th August

10 am - 1pm daily, in church

£2 per person per day

For adults and accompanied children of all ages

CRAFTS GAMES SNACK TIME
ECO FUN STORYTELLING

For more details call 01628 622733

Please register at:
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

**Windsor and Maidenhead
Community Forum
Women's Group**

Ladies of all beliefs and none
are warmly invited to our next meeting
from 7.30 - 9.00 pm
on
Tuesday 23rd July 2024
at
Grenfell Lodge (synagogue)
Ray Park Road, Maidenhead SL6 8QX

Our theme is:
Food and Faith

You are invited to bring a sample of food from your own faith,
vegetarian and NO NUTS please.

Further details from:
sally514@btinternet.com www.wamcf.org

WAMCF 

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

All Saints Church, Boyne Hill
Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

SUNDAYS AT SIX

A Prayer Walk On Ray Mill Island



Sunday 21st July
Meet at 6.00pm,
on the bridge

All welcome