

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 28th July, Trinity 9

This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion with activity available for children. All are warmly invited to worship.

Welcomers meeting: thanks to everyone who serves as a welcomer. You are invited to a short meeting after church this Sunday, 28th July to chat over how you find the role and any safeguarding needs.

The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here
around the table of your Son
to share this meal
the whole household of God:
in that new world
where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹⁴I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Ephesians 3.14-21

Gospel Reading

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he

was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

John 6.1-21

Sunday's Hymns

532 All creatures of our God and king
454 Love is his word
387 Break thou the bread of life
287 Praise and thanksgiving
652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Thought for the week

One of my favourite places on earth is the Sea of Galilee, and the countryside around it. There is a deep calm in the area, even with coachloads of pilgrims and tourists:

9am Capernaum, 10 am Tabgha, 11am Mount of Beatitudes – Peter's fish lunch, 1.30 pm boat across the sea... rush rush, rush...

This photo was taken at Mensa Christi, the place where Jesus is said to have appeared to his friends on the seashore following his resurrection, and commissioned Peter to lead the newly emerging church. It is possible to sit by the water there and imagine that meeting 2000 years ago - and in the quiet to meet with Jesus today.

Just round the corner is the site where it is believed that Jesus fed 5000+ people. That is more challenging to imagine – the rocky bare hillsides covered with a crowd who lapped up Jesus; every word – and then lapped up the food offered to provide for their physical as well as spiritual needs. What is amazing about our God is that God cares about every part of our lives. Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus that he wanted Christians there to know '*...what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of God's love] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge..*'. Still, today, through Jesus, God offers us space to rest in life (and we can do that anywhere, in our own special places) but also wants us to bring our daily physical and material needs to God in prayer. Our prayers may not be answered quite as we expect or desire, in love God always responds (even if the answer is, 'wait' or 'how about this instead').



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For rest and re-creation for all on holiday over the summer and for our schools, staff and children, for safety and refreshment.
- For our new government, for integrity and wisdom.
- For our Summer Holiday Arts Project: for enough helpers and for people to join in... and know of God's love through the 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 a new church music leader.
- For all those who live and work in Evenlode.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Mason Whittle, George Pankhurst, Noah Cameron, Jack Kirk, Olivia Turner, Harry Raymond, William Sharma, Theo Sharma, Florence Priestley, Bella Edmonds, Clara Crampin, Casper Brudenall, Payton Brudenall, Paisley Brudenall Freddie Bate
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Lorraine, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Lucy Young, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Simon Bowyer, Betty Mapletoft
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Ann Ringer, Diana Bradfield, Siew Kee Bentley, Andrew Ross, Joyce Newman, Ronald Young, Nellie Edwards, Roy Pond, John Rodwell, Robert Roberts, Edward Richardson, Raymond Pullin, Zarina Rowlands.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 28th July 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 75	2 Kings 17	Luke 1.1-25
Monday	Psalm 44	1 Samuel 19.1-18	Acts 1.1-14
Tuesday	Psalm 48	1 Samuel 20.1-17	Acts 1.15-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119.57-80	1 Samuel 20.18-end	Acts 2.1-21
Thursday	Psalm 57	1 Samuel 21.1-22.5	Acts 2.22-36
Friday	Psalm 51	1 Samuel 22.6-end	Acts 2.37-end
Saturday	Psalm 68	1 Samuel 23	Acts 3.1-10

Rotas for next week Sunday 4th August: Parish Communion

Read: Gospel only
Welcomers: Clare, Shula and Ann
Chalice: Bev

Intercede: Preacher
Coffee: Kim and Lisa



This week the flood lighting has not been sponsored

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 28th 10.00am, Parish Communion
Welcomers meeting after the morning service

Tuesday 30th 8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

Wednesday 31st 8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
10.00am, Holy Communion

Thursday 1st	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom
Friday 2nd	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Saturday 3rd	9.00am, Morning prayer on zoom
Sunday 4th	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion

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

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...

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

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 now from the parish office or after services)

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

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 15th August

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 22nd August

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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

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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