



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 2nd June, Trinity 1

This week we have a 10.00am All Age Holy Communion service. We will be helping our children to understand the service and nature of Holy Communion as they prepare to be welcomed formally to communion before confirmation.

All are warmly invited to join us for worship and fellowship. At 6.00pm there is a Eucharist of wholeness and healing, at All Saints church.

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those
who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers and,
because through the weakness
of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading

²³One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' ²⁵And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' ²⁷Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' ⁴Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Mark 2.23-3.6

Sunday's Hymns:

screen	This is the day
494	I the Lord of sea and sky
747	O God you search me and you know me
719	Lord the light of your love is shining



Thought for the week

The New Testament reading this week includes these words: *'God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars...' (2 Cor. 4.6-7)

Ordinary clay pots are fragile, and when cracked or broken are discarded. But an ancient tradition in Japan – kintsugi – beautifully repairs broken ceramics that may not have any intrinsic or aesthetic value. Kintsugi sees the damage as an episode in the life of the object. The cracks are not concealed to render the joins invisible, but are highlighted by using a lacquer mixed with powdered gold or silver. The repaired vessels are highly valued even if they no longer have a functional use. Through these cracks light often shines, enhanced by the repair.

Human beings are often cracked or damaged by the stresses and vicissitudes of life. The light of the gospel can shine through damaged lives. And damaged and wounded lives can be healed, to God's glory, and God can work through the pain and problems.

On the last Wednesday of every month at St. Luke's we end our mid-week communion service by offering anointing for healing and wholeness, at which we receive oil for our own healing (in mind body and spirit) and we pray for others. The service ends with three simple responses:

God who said: 'Let light shine out of darkness' **has caused his light to shine within us** to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God **revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.**

We have this treasure in earthen vessels **to show that the power belongs to God.**

How valuable it is in healing to remind ourselves that we are simple, fragile, clay pots, through which God's glory can shine – if we allow it.

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 whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Demi-Lea Brudenall, Summer-Lea Brudenall, Emily Reay, Jesse Linley- Barker, Declan Pyrke
- 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: Beryl Eaton, Ken Young, Alan Brown
- 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 2nd June 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 28	Joshua 1	Mark 2.1-22
Monday	Psalm 30	Joshua 14	Luke 12.1-12
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Joshua 21.43-22.8	Luke 12.13-21
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Joshua 22.9-end	Luke 12.22.31
Thursday	Psalm 37	Joshua 23	Luke 12.32-40
Friday	Psalm 31	Joshua 24.1-28	Luke 12.41-48
Saturday	Psalm 42	Joshua 24.29-end	Luke 12.49-end

Rotas for next week Sunday 9th June: Trinity 2

Read: Don Luff

Intercede: Edgar Hakobyan

Welcomers: Clare, Simon, Ben, Fiona

Chalice: TBC

Coffee: Sally and Jenny

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by
Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe
Celebrating our 55th (Emerald) Wedding Anniversary



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15. There are lots of weeks available.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 2nd	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion 12.00pm, Baptism of Isla Ray Staniford 6.00pm, Eucharist of wholeness and healing, All Saints
Tuesday 4th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 5th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion and coffee 7.00pm, Alpha reunion 8.00pm, Bible study, in Church
Thursday 6 th	8.30am, Morning prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group, in Church
Friday 7th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 4.00pm, Messy Church
Saturday 8th	9.00am, Morning prayer, on zoom
Sunday 9th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Parish Communion

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

2 nd June	Eucharist of wholeness and healing, at All Saints
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...

Confirmation

There will be a Deanery confirmation on the evening of Wednesday 17th July. If you are interested in being confirmed (or would like to know more about confirmation – making our baptismal promises for ourselves) please speak to Revd. Sally.

Messy Church our Messy church dates are as follows: 7th June, 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. 5th, 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!

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.

And...

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

Maintenance Book – Is the chair you sit on for coffee wobbly or has its back got a screw loose, if so, we need to know. With this in mind the Fabric Committee has placed on the cupboard at the back of church a Maintenance Book so that if you find any small or large items that need looking at and repairing, we can arrange for it to be done. Please do not include items re the heating and lighting as these are already being investigated.

Lost Watch..... A digital watch has been found on the bench in the churchyard on Sunday 26th May. If it is yours please feel free to collect after services or contact the parish office.

Diocesan Synod elections From the Area Dean: The next triennium of Oxford Diocesan Synod begins on 1 August 2024. Maidenhead and Windsor is entitled to elect four lay members and I am acting as Returning Officer for the House of Laity. I am inviting anyone who would like to stand to complete the attached Nomination Form and return it to me at ainsley.swift@gmail.com by 4 June at the latest. Those elected will serve until 2027. Candidates will require a proposer and seconder who are existing members of the Deanery Synod. If you need a list of members' names one can be obtained by emailing maidenhead.windsor.deanery@gmail.com . Membership is not restricted to members of the Deanery Synod, although it is they who are the electorate. PCC secretaries are requested to circulate this email to PCC members and other members of their electoral roll. A lay person is qualified for election by the House of Laity of a Deanery Synod as a member of the Diocesan Synod if the person is an actual communicant aged 16 or over. In the event of more nominations than places, an election will be held, with the result to be announced by 9 July.

Parish data:

The Diocesan Secretary has sent the following information, which may be of interest:

The recent publication of data from the 2021 Census provides us with a valuable opportunity to reflect on our mission priorities, particularly with regard to children, young people, those from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, and those of other faiths, in our parishes.

I am pleased to say that the latest census data has now been mapped onto parish boundaries, and our part-time data analyst, Dr Bev Botting, has captured this in user-friendly dashboards.

One dashboard is available for every parish. They can be found on the [Research and Insight section of the website](#). We have placed them there so that they can be accessed by anyone within the parish, and so that you can make any comparisons with other parishes that may be helpful in your reflections on them. They draw only on information provided by the public in completing the census, mapped onto parish boundaries.

On that webpage there is also a link to the parish dashboards produced by the Church of England nationally, drawing on the Statistics for Mission and Return of Parish Finance data parishes kindly provide. After a gap during the Covid years, these have been produced once again, with data up to 2022. If you wish to see your 2023 data, please ask whoever enters the data onto the Parish Returns website to download it once they have entered the 2023 data.

By its nature, the information from the national census is only refreshed every ten years. It provides an invaluable source of information on who is living within your parish, including the numbers of children and young people, and ethnicity.

How does your congregation compare with the profile given in this data for your parish? If there is a material difference, what might God be calling your parish to do in response?

This link will take you directly to our own information: [Parish Dashboards \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/parish-dashboards)

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 7th June 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. Next is 13th June

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

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHlYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID:

853 7879 6960 Passcode: 386635

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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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