



St Luke's Church Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 12 July 2026

This week we have 10.00 am All-Age Holy Communion followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First reading

Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Gospel

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Jesus said, 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of

heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Hymns for Sunday

P: video Come on and celebrate
G: 667 I danced in the morning
O: 728 Meekness and majesty
HC: Music
R: Video Our God is a great big God

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those covering the vacancy.
- For the Archbishop of Canterbury
- For the candidates coming for interview for the role of new Vicar
- For all those who have lost their lives or have lost families in the earthquakes in Venezuela. For all the rescuers from all over the world
- For peace throughout the world
- For our local schools and teachers and all children and young people in education.
- 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, Brenda Windass, Saskia Baume, Gail Nash, Don, Liam, Steven Pardoe, John Salter 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 12th July 10.00am Parish Communion

Reader: Edgar Intercessor: Dorothy Chalice: Ian Sound: Simon
Welcome team: Jacqueline, Lucy & Margaret Coffee: Helen & Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

The church floodlighting has been sponsored this week by Ralph

“To celebrate Sue’s birthday on the 9th”



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 5 th July	10.00 am	All-Age Parish Communion
Tuesday 7 th	8.30 am	Morning prayer on zoom.
Wednesday 8 th	8.30 am	Morning prayer on zoom.
Thursday 9 th	8.30 am	Morning prayer on zoom.
	9.30am	Baby & Toddler
Friday 10 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 12 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	All age Parish Communion

Please note there will be **no midweek service on Wednesday 8th July**. The Church and office will be closed.

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.

Maidenhead Care Thanksgiving and Commissioning Service

A good number of people from St Luke’s have been and continue to be involved with Maidenhead Care, which celebrated its 40th anniversary last year. Our annual Thanksgiving and Commissioning Service is on Thursday 9th July at 7:00pm at St Peter’s Church, Furze Platt, and everyone is warmly welcome to join us. Our speaker is John Diack, a fascinating individual who has set up a very effective organisation in the Borough to provide free home security checks for vulnerable and elderly residents, and they are now also installing handrails and other items as recommended by occupational therapists. The service will be followed by refreshments which will allow you to find out more about Care on the understanding that there is absolutely no obligation to become a volunteer!

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 3rd July** 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=MTFxVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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