

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 5<sup>th</sup> May, Easter 6



This week we have a 10.00am All Age Holy Communion service to which everyone is warmly invited. On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Ascension Day, there will be an 8.00pm service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments. All are very welcome. The Sundays at Six is a service of Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints.

### The Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death  
he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

### First Reading

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *Acts 10.44-48*

### Gospel Reading

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>9</sup>'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

*John 15.9-17*

## Sunday's Hymns:

748	O Jesus I have promised
805	There is a redeemer
510	Will you come and follow me
screen	A new commandment
screen	Jesus put this song into our hearts

## Thought for the week

We think that we have chosen to follow God and to be his disciples. Indeed that is what happens at baptism and confirmation – our godparents / we ourselves say that we turn to Christ – we make that choice, but in the farewell discourses in John's gospel (above), as Jesus prepares to take his leave of his first followers and seeks to get them ready to carry on his mission, he speaks both to them 2000 years ago and to us today – saying, yes, you heard my call and followed me, you stated publicly that you wanted to be my disciple – but in reality, when the chips are down, that was simply a response to my initial calling.

***I chose you.*** Jesus says.

I wonder whether you were like me at school. I was rubbish at sport. I still can't catch a ball. So when the sports teams were picked I was always one of the last to be chosen.

Jesus knows that. And he still says – it's ok – I chose you. To each of us he says:

I know you can't catch a ball

I know you are impatient at times

I know you are a slow reader

I know you are very shy

I know you've got two left feet

I know you can't add up

I know you'd rather be in charge

I know, I know, I know all about you – every little bit – inside and out – and I know the gifts as well as what you perceive as the shortcomings - and STILL I have chosen you to be my disciple, to carry on my mission, my work on earth.

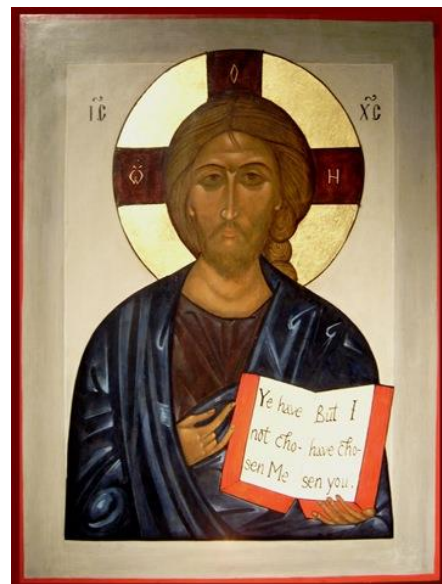
So, we are to be encouraged. God calls us. Jesus chooses us. Inside out. Warts and all.

How on earth do we then respond? How do we live up that choosing? How do we work through imposter syndrome? In love – God's love and the love of the church – for each other. And by abiding in that love.

The picture above is the 'Westcott Icon'. It faces trainee priests who sit in chapel and see at every service those precious, affirming words, 'Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you'. We might all be affirmed by this knowledge.

## Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our new PCC, that members may lead well
- For those who are living on the breadline and on our streets, for shelter and support
- 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 a de-escalation of the situation in the Middle East.
- 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 May: Elise Rutland, Harry Portsmouth, Daisy Stevens, Travis Romero, Tajus Ramanauskas, Amanda Simana, Jaxson Williams.
- For all those who live and work in the Deerswood.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsforth, Iris Brown, Lorraine, Ken Young, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Albert Murray, Lucy Young, Pat Brooks
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: John Wells, Kathleen Heskith, Bernard (Vic) Kellerman, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, Helen Bailey, Michael Poynter, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Priscilla Evans, Edwina Richardson, David Trinkwon, Ivy Trillow, Brian Webb, Michael Curley, Joyce Turpie.

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 5th May 2024:*

Sunday	Psalm 104.26-32	Deuteronomy 6	Luke 20.27-21.4
Monday	Psalm 65	Numbers 16.1-35	Luke 6.27-38
Tuesday	Psalm 126	Numbers 16.36-end	Luke 6.39-end
Wednesday	Psalm 132	Numbers 17.1-11	Luke 7.1-10
Thursday	Psalm 110	2 Kings 2.1-15	Ephesians 4.1-16
Friday	Psalm 81	Numbers 20.1-13	Luke 7.11-17
Saturday	Psalm 47	Numbers 21.49-9	Luke 7.18-35

**Rotas for next week Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Parish Communion**

Read: Barbara Essam

Intercede: Shula Tajima

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Jeanette

Chalice: Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake

Coffee: Simone and Season

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

The 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](mailto: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 5th	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion 6.00pm, Evensong and Benediction, All Saints
Tuesday 7th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 7.45pm, PCC Meeting
Wednesday 8th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 9th <i>Ascension Day</i>	8.30am, Morning prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 2.00pm, Thursday Teas 8.00pm, Holy Communion, in Church followed by refreshments
Friday 10th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom 8.00pm, Choir Practice, in Church

Saturday 11th      9.00am, Morning Prayer, on zoom  
                          9.30am, PCC Planning morning, in Church (ALL welcome from 10.30 am)  
                          7.30pm, Maidenhead Choral Society Concert, in Church

Sunday 12th        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

5th May	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
19th May	Sung Compline, at St. Luke's
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Eucharist of wholeness and healing, at All Saints
16 <sup>th</sup> June	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by St. Luke's

**Thank you...**to all who came along to the Recital on 27<sup>th</sup> April, and to Peter, Genevieve, Chris and Andrew who performed superbly. Also, to Nicholas for his organisation. The event raised £1545 for the Thames Hospice.

### Coming up...

**Churchyard Community Project: NB NOW Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30 am – 3.00 pm.**

We have been granted some funding from Partners for Heathrow to work in partnership with Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust on a community project on our churchyard. We will be roping off an area to create some wildlife areas, planting and other aspects of care for creation. Please do come along on 12<sup>th</sup> May to help make a start. Bring a packed lunch with you, drinks provided.

**Our next Church Breakfast...** is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Jacqueline Lewis will speak about the charity Children Reachout Uganda, following the usual delicious breakfast. Doors open 8.45 am, tickets £5 pp, now available after services or from the parish office.

**Ascension Day this year is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.** There will be a service of Holy Communion at 8pm, followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**Church Planning morning: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May.** The new PCC will meet at 9.00 am to explore what it means to serve on the PCC and all members of the church are warmly invited to join us from 10.30 am for coffee and a chance to draw up our new Mission Action Plan for 2024-2027. The key priorities identified are:

- a. Children, young people, families
- b. Being a hub at the heart of the community – awareness of needs
- c. Environment/ churchyard/ heat and light
- d. Inclusive underpinning

**WAMCF women meeting, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.** 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm at St, Edmund Campion church. See details below.

### Confirmation

There will be a Deanery confirmation on the evening of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Holy Communion Before Confirmation:** our church has a policy for the admission of children to communion before confirmation, with preparation. We have not put this into practice for some time and are keen to do so. The initial plan is to have two short sessions after the All Age Holy Communion services in June and July and a party in the summer with a view to admission on 1<sup>st</sup> September (AAHC). If you know of children who might be interested please speak to Revd. Sally.

**Messy Church** our Messy church dates are as follows: 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Bible study:** our journey exploring together Matthew's gospel continues again soon. All warmly invited from 8-9pm, in church. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, then Wednesdays 15<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**Saying Goodbye**, (part of the Mariposa Trust) is coming to Oxford in May with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a UK, Ireland and USA chain of events). The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy.

On the **18<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm, in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford**, we will be hosting one of our Saying Goodbye Services for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

### **Looking further ahead:**

#### **Save the dates....**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Not the Summer Fair day (donations and possibly shared lunch)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Garden Party

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>/ Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September: Heritage weekend

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October afternoon: the Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture.

20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August: Summer Holiday Arts project for all ages.

### **Consultation of proposals to improve road safety in the church area**

RBWM is currently consulting on a series of proposals to help improve safety on the streets around the church. These include 20 mph speed limits and continuous pavement crossings for pedestrians.

To find out more and to respond, go to:

<https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/norfolk-park-improvements>

### **From Burchetts Green :**

We are holding a music and arts festival in Hurley from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May which is celebrating the diversity of local musical and artistic talent. There are concerts at 7pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening with music ranging from home-grown Bluegrass to a Chamber Choir! There is also an art show taking place from 11:30am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. More information on all these events and how to book tickets is available at [www.hurleymusicarts.com](http://www.hurleymusicarts.com)

### **Our Regular activities:**

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 9<sup>th</sup> May

**Thursday Lunches** meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on [Jeant-d2@outlook.com](mailto: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. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. Next is 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**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 21st May 2024  
at  
St. Edmund Campion Church Hall  
Altwood Road, Maidenhead, SL6 4PY

Talk and discussion groups:


**The Dignity and worth of women**

Further details from:  
[sally514@btinternet.com](mailto:sally514@btinternet.com)  
[www.wamcf.org](http://www.wamcf.org)



The logo for WAMCF (Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum Women's Group) features the acronym 'WAMCF' in large blue letters. Below it are several religious symbols: a sun, a Star of David, a gear, a cross, a crescent moon, and a wheel. To the right of the logo is a photograph of three women standing outdoors, one in a white shirt, one in a green headscarf, and one in a blue shirt.

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**Church  
BREAKFAST**

Saturday 18th May 2024

8.45 – 10.30 am  
Tickets £5  
from the church office (M. 622733)  
or after services

Speaker: Jacqueline Lewis



Children  
Reachout  
Uganda

The poster for St. Luke's Church Breakfast features a photograph of a breakfast spread with orange juice, fruit, and bread. Below the text is a photograph of two children holding up blue boxes of aid supplies, with the text 'Children Reachout Uganda' next to them.

Please note that for all 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, 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=dUNTtnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID: 853 7879

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