



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 3rd September, Trinity 13

As the new school year starts, our 10 am service this week will be an All Age Holy Communion. All are warmly invited to join us for worship and there will be an opportunity to pray for schools as they start back – teachers and children.

Following our Garden party on Sunday afternoon, we will have a said service of Evening Prayer in the vicarage garden – all are welcome to this whether you have been at the Garden party or not.

The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world
to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news
of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn
to you; through him who was lifted up on the
cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Matthew 16.21-end

Sunday's Hymn's:

358	Be still for the presence of the Lord
494	I the Lord of sea and sky
805	There is a redeemer
484	You shall go out with joy

Thought for the week:

Poor Peter! So often I associate with him - quick to speak and to think he is doing the right thing, when in fact a pause before speaking or acting may well lead to a more appropriate response. In last week's gospel Jesus commended him for perceiving that Jesus was the promised Messiah, and in turn promised Peter that the embryonic church would be built upon him. This week Peter is castigated for trying to protect Jesus – doing what he thought was the right thing. Jesus does not need human protection – he has a divine task to carry out.



As Jesus goes willingly to the cross, here he also reminds his disciples that the cross will also be a shadow on their own lives too. In the Galilee resurrection appearance Jesus tells Peter, 'Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)' (John 21.18-19).

Peter probably was crucified, in Rome, having given all he had to follow Jesus.

We are not generally called to die physically for Jesus but the cross still shadows us through the little (or larger) sacrifices that we are called to make as disciples of Jesus. This does not mean that we deliberately suffer, but rather, perhaps, that we are alert to what Jesus asks of each one of us - whether it be life affirming and giving or not quite what we might choose.

Prayer suggestions for these weeks:

- For all school staff and learners as they prepare to return to school and those starting school, or a new school.
- For Sam, as she takes up post as our new Children and Family Leader, and for Marcus and baby Max too.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For our growth in faith as individuals and as a church.
- For a new Director of Music / organist
- For those who fear the onset of Autumn and the darker nights.
- That we may each play our part in the ministry of our church and care for its building.
- For our care for creation, giving thanks that we have achieved the Bronze Eco Church Award.
- For Casper, Paisley and Payton Brudenall, Clara Crampin, Freddie Bate, Haylee, Sonny and Rocco Tagg baptised recently and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in September: Rosie Ribton, Austin Brooks, Rosie Turner, Katty King, Daisy Trillow, Max Fiordelisi, Chloe Rendle
- For Jordan and Pilar recently married here
- For all those who live and work in Raven Drive.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Bridget Morris, Nicholas, Rosemary Alexander, Jacqueline Lewis, Sue Brett, Lissa-Jane Waugh, Wendy and Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Ruth Sheppard, Gemma Payne, Jill Butler.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Ian.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in September: Rennie Jones, Edna Franklin, Joan Richardson, Malcolm Gavin, Mary Dawson, Alice Webb, Vera Velvick, Bessie Molin, Molly Lewis, Royston Woodruff, Joyce Wilkins, Ivy Sparks, June Wells, Vera Wheeler, Geoffrey

Knight, Frederick Williamson, Albert Harris, Betty Ackland-Snow, Violet Ferguson, Lisa Plummer, Derek Wilkins, Mac Macaulay Brown, Margaret Burrows, Joan Went, Roy Dalton, Frederick Hearman, Betty Himmonds, Elwyn Jackson, Peter Windass, Arthur Little,

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 03 September 2023:

Sunday	P 107.1-32	Jonah 3.1-9	Revelation 3.14-end
Monday	Psalms 126	Haggai 1.1-11	Mark 8.11-21
Tuesday	Psalms 132	Haggai 1.12-2.9	Mark 8.22-26
Wednesday	P 119.153-end	Haggai 2.10-end	Mark 8.27-9.1
Thursday	Psalms 143	Zechariah 1.1-17	Mark 9.2-13
Friday	Psalms 144	Zechariah 1.18-end of 2	Mark 9.14-29
Saturday	Psalms 147	Zechariah 3	Mark 9.30-37

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 10th September: Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Ruth Sheppard

Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis

Welcomers: Rachel, Simon and Lisa

Coffee: Sally and Isobel

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Pam Bader

In loving memory Malcolm, Mum and Dad

and

Sue and Ralph Hinchliffe

To celebrate John's 16th Birthday



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

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk The 2023 form is now available.

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.

What's on... This week:

Sunday 3rd	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion 3.00pm, Garden Party 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, St Luke's Vicarage garden
Tuesday 5th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30pm, Contactors meeting, in Church
Wednesday 6th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible Nurture groups, in Church
Thursday 7th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group, in Church
Friday 8th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00pm, Choir practice, in Church
Saturday 9th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30-12.00pm, Church open for Ride and Stride

Sunday 10th 8.00am, Holy Communion
 10.00am, Parish Communion
 3.00pm, Baptism Anniversary Party, in Church

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

3 rd September	Evening Prayer in the vicarage garden led by St. Luke's
17 th September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
1 st October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
22 nd October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom at St. Luke's
5 th November NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
5 th November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
19 th November	Service of Wholeness and Healing At All Saints
26 th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
3 rd December	Christ Child Market at All Saints 12.00 – 3pm
10 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 8 th – 10 th December)
17 th December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

And on the 4th Sunday monthly, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

New appointment:

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have appointed Samantha Fiordelisi to the post of Children and Family Leader.

Sam will start on 1st September and will gradually take on the various elements of the post.

She comes with no previous experience, but a keen desire to work with children and families; one of the elements of her induction will be to visit other churches to see their children's work in action.

Sam is married to Marcus and they have a one year old son, Max, who was baptised at St Luke's. They live very close to the church and have been worshipping with us.

I am sure that we will all make Sam welcome and support her prayerfully in her ministry.

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on 6th October. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book places (so we know how many to cater for). Dates for following Messy Church sessions are, 3rd November and 1st December.

Baptism Anniversary party: will be taking place from **3.00pm Sunday 10th September**. Afterwards there will be tea in the vicarage garden, weather permitting. Please do let us know if you would like to come by e-mailing the Parish office on admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

WAMCF News (Inter Faith)

On Thursday 14th September this church is hosting the next interfaith Dialogue. From 7 – 8.30 pm. all are warmly invited. If anyone could offer to help serve refreshments please speak to Revd. Sally.

Looking Ahead...

There is lots coming up, do note in your diaries, and come along to what draws you.

Growing in Faith: our journey exploring Matthew's gospel continues – an informal time of looking at the gospel together and wondering how it might speak to us today / **Going Deeper** – a small group reflecting on using the Bible imaginatively.

First and third Wednesdays, 8pm, **starting 6th September**, in church.

9th Sept Ride and Stride see Peter Goford for details of cycling / walking around local churches to raise money to charity – and ourselves. Church open from 9.30-12.00.

23rd Sept Care day come along to church from 9.30 am to help maintain the church building and churchyard – do offer as much or as little time as you can.

30th Sept Harvest Supper in church from 6.30pm. Tickets £7 each for Baked potato and fillings followed by apple pie and cream. Available now.

1st Oct Harvest Festival All Age Holy Communion service – 10 am

7th Oct Church Breakfast 8.45 – 10.30 am, Phyl, Jeanette and Ben will talk about their work at the vaccination clinic during the pandemic, with a delicious breakfast. Tickets £5 each, available now.

8th Oct The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital: Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm. Free entry and donations invited for a cream tea to follow.

18th Oct St Luke's School Patronal and celebration service, 9.30 am. All welcome – and to see an exhibition of the school in church.

21st Oct Quiet Day 10 am – 3pm, location: Bray church spirituality centre.. Led by Revd. Terrie.

22nd Oct Patronal / back to church day

5th Nov Memorial service 4pm in church to remember all those whom we have loved and lost.

2nd Dec Quiet morning, 9.30 – 12.30 in church, led by Revd. Sally

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

8th – 10th December (set up day Weds 6th)

Produce Stall

Reminder: Fruit and vegetables are now ripening so if you have access to any of these and are not able to make jams and chutneys, please let us know. Donations of sugar and vinegar would be welcome and can be placed in the cupboard at the back of church (behind back pew, centre aisle). Labels for produce are in a small plastic box in the cupboard.

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Recycling at St Luke's

As one of the ways to demonstrate our commitment to living more sustainably and caring for creation, we have set up an area at the back of church by the servery, where things that can be difficult to recycle at home can be brought and members of the 'eco-team' will ensure they are taken to be recycled correctly.

There are two boxes:

- One for used pill packets
- One for dead batteries and empty make up containers.

There is a larger 'hamper' for packaging that can be recycled in supermarkets. This rubbish has this label



Recycle with bags at large supermarkets | Don't recycle at home

You can see this label on plastic wrapping such as bread bags, fruit and veg bags, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. You can recycle this type of packaging at recycling points in selected supermarkets.

Please do bring any of these items of rubbish and place them in the appropriate container. Many people making small changes in the end makes a big difference.

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 1st September e-mail 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 21st September

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 14th September

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 28th September

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468 Passcode: 132142