

## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week Commencing: 17<sup>th</sup> August– Trinity 9**

This Sunday at 10am we have a service of Parish Communion followed by coffee. All welcome.

### **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 with  
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**

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,

<sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Hebrews 11.29 -12.2*

## Gospel Reading

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>49</sup>I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' <sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

*Luke 12. 49-56*

## Sunday's Hymns:

P: 813 Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
G: 502 Restore O Lord  
O: 580 Judge eternal, throned in splendour  
HC: 727 May the mind of Christ my saviour  
R: 232 The head that once was crowned with thorns

## Thought for the week:

Have you ever run a marathon or a long-distance race? Some long-distance runners talk about 'hitting the wall', a sudden loss of energy when runners feel they can't go on. What do we do when we 'hit the wall' in our Christian life? The Hebrews passage gives us some good encouragement to keep going. We have the example of the 'cloud of witnesses' – people who have run the race before us – to cheer us on, like spectators do at a marathon or park run. Park runs also have volunteers called 'tail walkers', who encourage the stragglers to get to the finishing line. We might think of Jesus, who the writer to the Hebrews calls 'the pioneer and perfecter of our faith' as an excellent 'tail walker'. Not only that, but it is he who starts us off on the run, encourages us all along the way and is there to cheer us as we cross the finishing line.



*Adapted from Roots on the Web*

## Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the vacancy.
- For Revd. Sally as she prepares to move home and explore new ways of living.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For our ministry as an inclusive church.

- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, and Iran, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For our sisters and brothers of all faiths in town.
- For all those who live and work in the Pagonda
- For Martha, Ayanna and Riley, and Rico, all baptised last month
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in August: Lily Weber, Archie Marosi, Miles Levy, Romain Levy, Margot Wooley, Mabel Wooley, Rocco Tagg, Sonny Tagg, Haylee Tagg.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Ralph Hinchliffe, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Robert Tillin
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in August: Betty Hunt, Rita Buckland, Margaret Moulton, Janet Seaman, Alix Burnage, Patricia Nuth, Phyllis Sigsworth, Rosemary Schlarb

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025:*

Sunday	Ps 119.33-48	1 Kings 17	Wisdom 11. 21-12.2
Monday	Psalm 44	Ezekiel 37. 1-14	Mark 1. 1-13
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Ezekiel 37. 15-end	Mark 1. 14-20
Wednesday	Ps 119.57-80	Ezekiel 39. 21-end	Mark 1. 21-28
Thursday	Psalm 57	Ezekiel 43. 1-12	Mark 1. 29 -end
Friday	Psalm 51	Ezekiel 44. 4-16	Mark 2. 1-12
Saturday	Psalm 68	Ezekiel 47. 1-12	Mark 2. 13-22

## **Rotas for next week**

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August Tenth after Trinity : Parish Communion**

Read: Rachel Beaumont Intercede: Beryl Nyere Chalice: Jean TD Sound: Duty Warden  
 Welcomers: Ralph, Sue, Kim Coffee: Helen and Carl Children: none

## **Our church is floodlit at night.**

The church 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)

It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.



## **What's on.... This week:**

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion

**Sundays at Six:** All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above  
**Sundays at Six will resume in September:**

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Iona Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Songs of Praise, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
19 <sup>th</sup> October	International Taize service, at St. Luke's
2 <sup>nd</sup> November NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov. at 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Choral Evensong, at St. Luke's
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.)
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

**Messy Church.** Resumes in the autumn: 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November

### **2025 Christmas Tree Festival—An appeal from the Produce Stall Organisers**

As soft fruits are now in season and autumn fruits soon will be, we are again appealing for donations of fruit to make jams and chutneys for the 2025 Christmas Tree Festival. A basket will be placed at the back of church from 3<sup>rd</sup> August for donations of fruit (soft fruit, apples plums damsons). Donations sugar, vinegar, dried fruit, and nuts are also very welcome. We will be grateful for any Bonne Maman and Frank Cooper marmalade jars you have. These can be placed in the basket.

In 2024 Christmas bags of homemade biscuits sold out immediately. Later in the year we will post the recipe on the pew sheet for those cooks willing to help. Christmas bags and ribbon will be supplied. As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals if you are making jams or chutneys, we can supply later in the year St Luke's Spire labels for the jars or you can use your own (please make the writing is nice and clear).

The Festival has increased in popularity over the years and the Produce Stall now makes a real contribution to its success. We would like this to continue and so your help is needed to ensure we have enough produce. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (07743 323635) Isobel M. Davies (07586 785563).

### **Morning Prayer**

Is said on Zoom, Tuesday – Friday (not on Saturday during the vacancy). Why not join in? We use the Daily Prayer App (<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>), or ask to borrow a book from church.

### **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.

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**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 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.

**Please note that for 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 (no Saturday during the vacancy)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925      Passcode: 180609

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# WAMCF INTERFAITH CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2025

**24<sup>TH</sup> AUG 2025  
10AM - 5PM**



**Mark our 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Year  
with us!**



**WAMCF KINDLY INVITE YOU TO OUR 20<sup>TH</sup>  
INTERFAITH CRICKET TOURNAMENT.  
COME AND GET INVOLVED, MEET NEW  
FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN!**

CHILDREN MIXED (GIRLS AND BOYS) GAME  
BEGINS = 10.00AM

ADULT (20 OVER GAME) BEGINS = 12.30PM


AWARDS AND CIVIC DIGNITIES = 4.30PM

**Boyne Hill Cricket Club  
Bath Road, Maidenhead  
SL6 5AE**

**FREE SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED  
BAR OPEN**




## DIALOGUE EVENING



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US TO EXPLORE OUR TOPIC:

### “WHAT CAN I DO FOR WORLD PEACE?”


LOCATION:  
MAIDENHEAD SYNAGOGUE  
GRENFELL LODGE, RAY PARK ROAD,  
MAIDENHEAD, SL6 8QX



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Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

“Strengthening friendship and  
trust among the different faiths  
within the Royal Borough and  
within the wider community”

**THURSDAY  
4TH SEPTEMBER 2025  
7 - 8.30PM**



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- ✓ Free Admission and Refreshments

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