



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 18th June 2023, Trinity 2

This Sunday we have a Parish Communion service at 10 am, to which all are warmly invited.

The Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing
worth: send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent
gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all
virtues, without which whoever lives is
counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of
your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. *Romans 5.1-8*

The Gospel reading

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

¹Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother

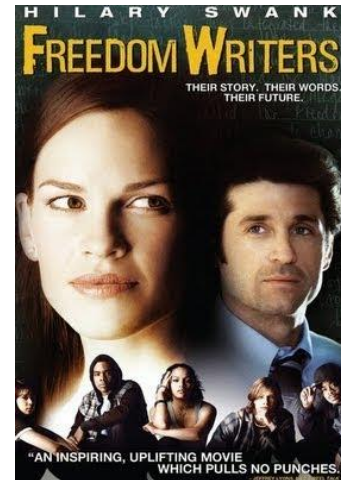
John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Matthew 9.35 – 10.8

Hymns for Sunday

584	All my hope on God is founded
788	Take this moment, sign and space
510	Will you come and follow me
258	O thou who camest from above
475	Forth in peace of Christ



Thought for the week

How do we share our story with a harassed and helpless people? In the film Freedom Writers (2007), based on a true story, a teacher – Erin Gruwell – is committed to working with a group of students that everyone else had given up on. They were hard work – they were part of the gang culture of the time, divided by race and harbouring animosity against each other. Erin works flat out to encourage them to study, to recognise that they are of value and to tell their stories. And it paid off. Most of them went onto university and continued to write and their lives were transformed.

Do we invest in people like that? Are we prepared to work flat out to share the story of Jesus with those around us? Mission and evangelism are not easy, and sometimes it's easier to walk away, particularly if people don't want to listen. As it says in Matthew 10.14, if people don't listen, then shake off the dust from your shoes and move on. But it's important to stand up for what we believe in, to be prepared to have a go. The good news is that we are not to do this on our own. This is God's harvest, not ours; we have our part to play, but ultimately this is the Lord's work. Our role is to tell our story and in doing so to tell God's story.

Sharing testimony is powerful as people see what God has been doing in our lives. As we share our story, we can see the amazing way God has been working, even in the darker places of our lives, when we have felt lost and alone. It is in the sharing and looking back that we can see God at work. This is powerful and not to be kept a secret, but something to share. We can put on events and activities to entice people in, 'to do mission'; but that is not the only way. We can keep it simple, sharing something of ourselves and the way we live our lives. In a pioneering ministry context, the school of thought is to see what God is up to in the community, go and join in, and invite others to join us. Let's go and share our stories and in doing so share the greatest story of all, of God's love for us, that unconditional love that led to the cross and resurrection – the story of relationship and complete trust in our saviour Jesus Christ, the one who never gives up, and the one who transforms our lives.

From Roots on the Web

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Students and staff at Nottingham University
- All fathers – those with children, those who have lost children of any age, and those who would love to be fathers. Those who ‘father’ others.
- All those affected by flooding following the dam destruction in Ukraine
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan. For all world leaders.
- For all who are worried and struggling with the cost of living, for those who are hungry, or who eat alone every day.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For a new Director of Music / organist and a Children and Family leader.
- For our care for creation for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- For the process of seeking a new Headteacher for St. Luke’s School, and the interim arrangements.
- For those whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Demi-Lea and Summer-Lea Brudenall, Emily Reay, Jesse Linley- Barker, Declan Pyrke.
- For John and Katty (and Poppie) as they are married this Saturday.
- For all those who live and work in Grebe Way.
- 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.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Joyce Turpie, Jill Norman, Sheila Livingstone
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Christine Collins, Philip Snelgrove, Robert Clark, Paul Luxton, Christa Blight, John Avenell, Ronald Bennett, Joycelne Wyman, Hazel Birch, Doreen Mavis Shields, Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan, Gerry Knight.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 18th June 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 45	Deuteronomy 10.12-11.1	Acts 23.12-end
Monday	Psalm 44	Ezra 1	Romans 9.1-18
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Ezra 3	Romans 9.19-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119.57	Ezra 4.1-5	Romans 10.1-10
Thursday	Psalm 57	Ezra 4.7-end	Romans 10.11-end
Friday	Psalm 51	Ezra 5	Romans 11.1-12
Saturday	Psalm 50	Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10	Luke 3.1-17

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 25th June: in church and on zoom

Read: Ben Darracott

Intercede: Phyl Sopp

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Lisa

Coffee: Marc and Paul

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Mr T Autos

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 18th	10.00am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 20th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 21st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible study group, in Church
Thursday 22nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 3.00pm, Gaynor's gifts
Friday 23rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 24th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

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

25 th June	International Taizé service, in church and on zoom at St. Luke's Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076
9 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

And on the 4th Sunday monthly: 3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on Friday 7th July when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus heals a lame man. 4pm. £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; 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

Growing in faith: we have started offering some nurture activities in church on alternate Wednesday evenings, at 8pm: next 21st June, 5th and 19th July. There will be the option of a Bible study on Matthew's gospel and also a small group exploring Ignatian spirituality using Paula Gooder's book, 'Women of Holy week'. Do put this in your diaries. These will be in person and not zoomed.

Quiet Day: Saturday 15th July from 10 am until 3pm. All are warmly invited to this time for space, rest and refreshment at the Soltau Centre, Stubbings. There will be brief reflections and time to wander the grounds, read, pray and be still. Cost £5pp, bring your own lunch. please sign up in church so that we can have an idea of numbers.

Fellowship and Fundraising opportunities

Summer lunchtime recitals: in church on Fridays. Lunches available to buy from 12.30 pm, recital at 1pm. free entry, donations invited.

14th July: Christina Brugger, flute recital. More dates to come!

Not the Summer Fair: with limited capacity a summer fair is not possible but on Sunday 23rd July we will have an opportunity for fellowship and donations in lieu of the fair. Watch this space.

Garden Party: a late summer afternoon garden party in the vicarage garden. Sunday 3rd September. Save the date, details to come.

The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital: Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm on Sunday 8th October. Save the date.

2023 Christmas Tree Festival—An appeal from the Produce Stall Organisers

Yes, we know this is a long way off, but as the growing season is upon us, we are making an appeal now. We need your help to increase the amount of produce on this stall, eg jams, chutneys etc, Dorothy and I struggled in 2022 to keep it stocked.

We would like to make the following request: if you are offered free fruit and vegetables of whatever sort, accept it and either process if yourself or, if necessary, put it in your freezer and then let us know. Later in the year we will be asking for donations of sugar etc plus jam jars, especially the Frank Cooper marmalade ones. As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals we can supply the Spire label for fixing onto produce in due course. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (phone 07761 221937)
Dorothy Strack-Hankey (phone 07743 323635)

Inspire Thank you to all who contributed to the last edition and to Miriam our new editor. The next edition of Inspire will be published in late June so please do let Miriam have your articles, photos, etc now. Email to: miamii.mansour3@gmail.com

Church finances

One of the simplest ways to raise funds for St Luke's at no cost to you when you shop online is to sign up to easyfundraising: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Frequently used sites such as M&S, Argos, Booking.com, John Lewis, all the major supermarkets, Ebay, some airlines and travel companies donate a percentage of your purchase or a fixed amount. They may be small amounts each time, but if many of us nominate St Luke's those amounts will grow. If you add the site to your toolbar you will get automatic reminders to donate.

We have been chosen by the CoOp as a recipient of their **Community Fund** for the coming year. By shopping in the CoOp and using your blue card, you can support this church.

St. Luke's Church is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here : <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/68757>

Our Chosen Charities for 2023

Foodshare:

Foodshare is our local charity and Katty King is the champion.

John the Baptist told the Jews who came to him, **“Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same”** (Luke 3:11)

FoodShare is a charity that assists people who are unable to feed themselves and their families irrespective of their circumstances. It runs many projects in the local community that reach as many people as possible such as the good neighbour project, and meal programs for the homeless & isolated.

If you wish to kindly donate food, there is a basket to donate to near the entrance of the church on go on their website at:

<https://www.foodshare.charity/donate>

Green Christians:

Green Christians is our chosen national charity. Kim Rumble will be the champion. Green Christian exists to share Green insights with Christians and to offer Christian insights to the wider Green movement. We walk alongside those of faith and no faith.

Embrace:

Embrace is our chosen international charity. Barbara Essam will be the champion Embrace is a Christian development charity, we support our [Christian partners](#) in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities.

Flooding in Ukraine – from Christian Aid

We will all be praying for those affected by the devastating flooding in Ukraine. Thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes after the Nova Kakhovka dam was destroyed. The full impact of rising water along both sides of the frontline Dnipro river has yet to be seen but the UN fears it could be an environmental disaster. Christian Aid and Blythswood Care's local partner Heritage Ukraine got to work immediately by supplying food, water and shelter.

Over the coming days Heritage Ukraine, plus Christian Aid's other partners, Alliance for Public Health and World Jewish Relief, will be providing humanitarian supplies to people who have had to leave the affected areas of southern Ukraine.

Please join us in praying for those impacted by the flooding, our partners and staff responding to this emergency. You will find our prayer resources on this page [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - Christian Aid](#), along with a link that can be shared with those who would like to donate.

WAMCF News (Inter Faith)

All events are open to anyone...

WAMCF SUMMER PICNIC

Bring and share

Sunday 23rd July, 12 noon to 3pm

WAMCF members and friends are all very welcome

Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Bath Road, SL6 5AE

WAMCF Golf Tournament

Sunday 16th July 2023 NB changed date

Bird's Hill Golf Course Centre Drift Road, Maidenhead SL6 3ST

Team and Individual Prizes

If you are interested in playing in an Interfaith Golf Tournament, please contact Trip Pannu trip.pannu@sky.com 07413588524 for more information

Taplow Teas When: Sunday 18 June 2023 - from 2:30pm

Location: Taplow Court, Cliveden Road, Taplow, SL6 0ER

The Maidenhead Fundraising Group for Thames Hospice invite you to join them for cream teas and delicious homemade cakes at Taplow Court to in support of Thames Hospice.

There will be a plant stall, tombola stall and much more! Listen to the Thames Hospice Choir, enjoy a pop-up shop and explore the grounds of this historic Gothic mansion.

From the Diocesan Enews

Mindful walks

All Saints Church in Marlow has launched a new mobile site that can turn a normal walk into a spiritual experience.

Drawing on centuries of Christian experience of prayer and meditation, they have produced some guided walks that are designed for people of all faiths or none. There are suggested routes starting from Marlow, but the app can be used anywhere.

"As the weather gets warmer and we can enjoy our beautiful surroundings, we are hoping to encourage people to use their walking time as a time of spiritual engagement." – Revd Canon Dave Bull.

There are currently four walks - by water, in the woods, to a hilltop and to a bench - with more in the pipeline. [Well worth a look!](#)

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 July 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 15th June

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 13th July

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 22nd June.

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