



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Trinity 1

Sadly, this week's confirmation has had to be postponed, as Bishop Olivia is unwell. We are just finalising a new – midweek evening - date and will confirm that (no pun intended) asap. Our service this Sunday will therefore be a parish communion service, using the prayers and readings for Trinity 1.

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers and,
because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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. Amen,

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; 28There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. *Galatians 3.23- end*

The Gospel reading

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – 29for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. 31They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

32Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8.26-39

Sunday's Hymns:

163 All hail the power of Jesus' name
 Sht We are called
 505 Lord Jesus Christ
 609 To God be the glory



Thought for the week:

The story of Jesus casting out demons from the man named 'Legion' is an odd one. At that time people believed that mental ill health, epilepsy, and other known illnesses today, were instead caused by demon possession. Such people were isolated and cast out of villages for the safety of all. Whatever the cause of this man's sickness, the story makes it clear that Jesus had compassion on him (even though he was not Jewish) and cured him. There is a lovely ironic touch as the 'demons' are cast out into unclean pigs, who drown in the Sea of Galilee – thus ensuring a complete cure - they cannot come back.

It is very easy today to feel the burden of legion (very many) pressures – to feel perhaps like the man in this children's depiction of the story – with a whole host of problems emanating from him. If Jesus could cure the man in the tombs 2000 years ago, he can heal people today too. Sometimes that healing takes the form of a simple peace that helps ease life's burdens, sometimes it needs medical or professional intervention too, to help alleviate the pressures of life. Jesus still wants people to be whole and offers his healing peace and love to all who will receive it.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our Queen and Royal Family
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For young people sitting examinations.
- For those preparing for confirmation: Katty and John, Becky, Ruth, and candidates from other churches.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For the international refugees currently living in Maidenhead and the people who are supporting them
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Demi-Lea Brudenall, Summer-Lea Brudenall, Emily Reay.
- For Declan Pyrke and Bella Edmunds, to be baptised soon.
- For all those who live and work in Spencers Road.
- For Emma and Hamish, and for Richard and Rebecca, to be married here at the start of July.

- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Andrew, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Maama Agnes (Uganda), Valerie Bosley, Iris Brown, Louise, Rupert.
- For Bishop Olivia, and all those currently suffering with covid.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Gerry Knight
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Christine Collins, Philip Snelgrove, Robert Clark, Paul Luxton, Christa Blight, John Avenell, Ronald Bennett, Jocelyne Wyman, Hazel Birch, Doreen Shields, Scott Keen, Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 19th June 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 55.1-16, 18-21	Acts 27.1-12	
Monday	Psalm 30	Joshua 14	Luke 12.1-12
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Joshua 21.43-22.8	Luke 12.13-21
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Joshua 22.9-end	Luke 12.22-31
Thursday	Psalm 37*	Joshua 23	Luke 12.32-40
Friday, Birth of John the Baptist	Psalm 149	Malachi 3.1-6	Luke 3. 1-17
Saturday,	Psalm 42	Joshua 24.29-end	Luke 12.49-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 26th June, Trinity 2, in church and on zoom

Read: Ben Darracott Intercede: Shula Tajima
 Welcomers: Aaron, Lisa, Rachel Coffee: Helen and Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored
 by Mr T Autos*



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email the parish office: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

What's on...

This week:

Friday 17 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom, NO Evening Prayer
	8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 18 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Music Team meeting 11.00 am, Confirmation rehearsal
Sunday 19 th	10.00 am, Confirmation and Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
Monday 20 th	11.45 am, Funeral of Gerry Knight, RIP, at Chilterns Crematorium, followed by wake at the Kings Arms ,Cookham
Tuesday 21 st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 22 nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 23 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift Evening: Archdeacons visitation and swearing in of churchwardens (Binfield)

Friday 24 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 11.00 am, Baptism of Declan Pyrke NO Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 25 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 1.00 pm, Andrew Gallacher Recital
Sunday 26 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Zoomed Night Prayer. Led by St. Luke's

The last few **Sundays at Six** services for this term are:

26th June, St. Luke's, Night Prayer (zoom only)

10th July, ChoGS, Prayer Walk – time and location to be notified

On Saturday 25th June we welcome Andrew Gallacher and his piano pupils to give a recital in church. This starts at 1pm and will last around an hour. All welcome.

Looking ahead...

As we look into the autumn, we move into the Season of Creation.

We have received this invitation

The Parish Community of St Joseph and St Elizabeth, Maidenhead, would like to invite the Parishioners and Communities of Churches Together In Maidenhead (CTIM) to attend an Ecumenical Service, at St Joseph's Church on Thursday 1st September 2022, to mark the start of this year's Season of Creation. The Service will begin at 2:00 pm and will be followed by a reception in Parish Centre. It is hoped that other Members of CTIM will join in the Readings and Reflection as we "Listen to the Voice of Creation.

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. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is 1st July. Email Revd. Sally 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 16th June

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

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 23rd June.

Sundays at Six A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, mix of zoom and in-church services.

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

Sundays at Six:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRgdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852

Passcode: 936128

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4th Thursday, monthly

Link for 19th May:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88627244304?pwd=q-AMP0InkyLAIA_vgbwenjXHzCxyxo.1

Meeting ID: 886 2724 4304

Passcode: 042474