



## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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### Week Commencing: 1<sup>st</sup> June (Sunday after Ascension Day)

This Sunday we have All Age Holy Communion service with baptism of baby Leo Fiordelisi at 10am, all are welcome. Our Sundays at Six service is *Desert Island Hymns and Readings* at the Church of the Good Shepherd Cox Green, with choices and talk by Revd. Sally

#### The Collect

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where  
our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live  
the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### First Reading

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs <sup>21</sup>that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be

saved?’ 31They answered, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ 32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. *Acts 16. 16-36*

### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ‘Holy Father, 20I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’ *John 17. 20-end*

### **Sunday’s Hymns:**

P: Give me joy in my heart  
G: Our God is a great big God  
O: Lord of all hopefulness  
HC: O God you search me and know me  
R: Jesus put this song in our hearts

### **Thought for the week:**

At the Anglican shrine in Walsingham (a place of pilgrimage for many people, which is very ‘high church’ with lots of statues and candles) there is a chapel called the Ascension Chapel. I love it for it’s quirkiness... in the ceiling there is a ‘statue’ which is a cloud with a pair of feet sticking out! It’s not to everyone’s taste.

The oddness of the ceiling statue reminds me just how odd Jesus’ ascension must have been at the time that it happened.

Jesus had spent 40 days with his friends after the resurrection, but he clearly could not stay on earth forever – ending up as the eternal hippy. He needed to return to his place in heaven with God the Father. He also needed to return so that the Holy Spirit could be sent to empower the emerging church to share the good news of Jesus’ love.

And that is what we do still today. Empowered by the Spirit, whose coming we recall at Pentecost next week, our role as Christians is to live in the love of Jesus and to share it with a needy world around us.

However Jesus’ return to heaven happened, it means that he reigns in glory, has prepared a place there for each of us, and he sent his Spirit who is still alive and active in the world today.

Now that is something to celebrate!

### **Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- That we may be open to the work of God’s Spirit in our lives
- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming vacancy.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury



- For Bishop Mary Gregory, our new Bishop of Reading.
- For our ministry as an inclusive church.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For the work of our Hospices.
- For all those who live and work in Moorside Close
- For Darcy, who was baptised last week, and Leo and Madeleine, to be baptised this week.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Declan Pyrke, Jesse Linley-Barker, Isla Staniford
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Mandy Salter, Mair Bright, Tina Botting, Ralph Hinchliffe, Paul Bader, Colette Baxter, Baby Dean, Harry, Andrew Sheppard
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan, Gerry Knight

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025:*

Sunday	Psalm 99	Deuteronomy 26	John 14. 1-14
Monday	Psalm 93	Numbers 27. 15-end	1 Corinthians 3
Tuesday	Psalm 99	1 Samuel 10. 1-10	1 Corinthians 12. 1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 29	1 Kings 19. 1-18	Matthew 3. 13-end
Thursday	Psalm 24	Ezekiel 11. 14-20	Matthew 3. 13-end
Friday	Psalm 28	Ezekiel 11. 14-20	Matthew 12. 22-32
Saturday	Psalm 43	Micah 3. 1-8	Ephesians 6. 10-20

## **Rotas for next week**

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June Sunday after Ascension Day: Parish Communion**

Read: Michael Murwisi      Intercede: Jamie Harle      Chalice: Bev B      Sound: Simon  
 Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon, Don      Coffee: Sally and Margaret      Children: TBC

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

The church floodlighting has not been sponsored this week



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

Please note the Parish office will be closed all week, reopens on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion with Baptism 1.00pm Baptism 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Desert Island Hymns and Reading at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible Study
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>                      8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom  
                                       4.00 pm, Messy Church  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>                9.00 am, Morning Prayer on zoom  
 Sunday 8<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

1 <sup>st</sup> June	Desert Island Hymns and Readings, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Evensong and Benediction, at <b>St. Luke's – NB changed venue</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	NB changed date Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

## 8.00 am Holy Communion... changed date

Please note that this month's 8 am service will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> and not Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**Messy Church.** Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Bible Study:** a study of the book of Genesis, Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church, started 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Garden Party:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm in the vicarage garden. Tickets £15 pp, available now.

## Revd. Sally's final services..

Do remember to sign up for the **Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm in church.** This will be a simple service of Evening Prayer and will be followed by afternoon tea. A number of other guests will also be invited, recognising those wider links that Sally has developed during her time here. To assist with catering and places please book your place by signing up on the list in church.

**It was good to welcome Bishop Mary to the Deanery** last week. She enjoyed lunch and a tour of St. Luke's School.

## From the PCC

A summary of the key discussions/ decisions at the most recent PCC meeting:




- Plans for the path in the churchyard (west end of church) have been put on hold; although we have a faculty, the cost and complexity of seeking planning permission has made the project unviable at the present time.
- Volunteers are being sought to work on Welcome Packs (for new home developments and individuals new to church).
- The new chapel carpet is to be fitted on 2<sup>nd</sup> June – donated by Jill Bevitt.
- Our charity champions for the year are: Fiona (local, Baby Bank) James (national, Christians against poverty) and Barbara (international, Embrace the Middle East). They will send Ruth regular updates to put in the weekly sheet.
- A bat survey is to be undertaken before any further work can take place in church.
- Vacancy: the formal start date is 7<sup>th</sup> August. Various people are undertaking necessary tasks (full details to come).





- Under finance, Bev reported that the church is still not self sufficient on a day to day basis (currently working to an £8000 deficit). This is partly due to generous givers moving away / dying.
- What Parish Share 'is' was explained [details can be found at: <https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/61f2fd86f0ee5/content/pages/documents/on-the-money.pdf#page=18> ]
- The diocesan Generous Giving Adviser had agreed that we did not have high expenditure and could not cut many more areas. He had made some fund-raising suggestions (most of which were unrealistic here).
- There was a helpful discussion about fundraising and giving whilst we have strong reserves (which will be needed to replace the aging boiler).
- It was reported that the Zip tap in the servery had not worked for some time [it has since been reported as 'dead' and will need to be replaced]
- We have been given a beautiful painting of the church from a legacy. This will be placed in the admin lobby.
- PCC representation on the Community Hall trustees was agreed (Jean TD, with a churchwarden in attendance)
- The PCC affirmed its desire to be an Inclusive Church.
- Following a safeguarding concern re an individual's behaviour, the PCC affirmed that being Inclusive also meant being safe for all.
- The Health and Safety, and Pastoral policies were reviewed and approved [all policies can be found on the church website].
- The forthcoming visit of Bishop Mary to the Deanery was highlighted – including lunch at St. Luke's School and supper with the clergy and Synod meeting here.

## Our Charities for this year ... Baby Bank...

	<h3>Newborn Starter Kits</h3> <p>Inspired by Finland's baby boxes and the trend for a baby shower celebration, we can provide expectant mums with a 'newborn starter kit'. Our newborn starter kits contain essential items for mother and baby to help with those difficult early months. From clothing and bedding to nappies and wipes, we collect it all and pack it into a Moses basket and baby bath.</p>	<h3>Essential Supplies</h3> <p>We hold a store of baby items such as cots, pushchairs, bottles and slings. These are donated upon specific requests from referring agencies.</p>
	<p><b>The Baby Bank</b> is St Luke's local charity for 2025.</p> <p>The Baby Bank provides baby and children's (0-16) clothes and essential equipment to families in need, in Berkshire and surrounding areas.</p> <p>For more information on how to help, please go to: <a href="https://thebabybank.org">https://thebabybank.org</a></p>	<h3>Clothing Bundles</h3> <p>We provide bundles of clothes for babies, toddlers and even children up to the age of 16 (occasionally up to 18 years). But we don't just provide clothing for children, we also donate maternity and nursing clothing for expectant and breastfeeding mothers.</p>
<h3>School Uniform</h3> <p>We know the cost of school uniform, so we carry a stock of generic items, much of it new and donated by local stores. We are also often able to source used logo items for local first, middle and senior schools.</p> <div data-bbox="1274 1732 1429 1858">  <p>THE BABY BANK</p> </div>	<h3>Fundraising</h3> <p>We accept financial donations, which we use to buy items such as mattresses, bottles and car seats that must be brand new. Visit the <b>Donations</b> section of the website to learn more and find out how you can contribute to The Baby Bank.</p>	

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

The soft fruit season has now begun (see <https://www.thefruitfields.co.uk/> for local pick your own details). We would be grateful for any produce you are able to contribute using these fruits for the 2025 Festival. Alternatively freeze the fruit and let us know how to collect it.

Later in the year we will have a basket at the back of church for donations of sugar, vinegar, dried fruit, nuts. We will then be appealing for fruits such as apples, plums and damsons. Also please keep any Bonne Maman and Frank Cooper marmalade jars for us.

As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals we can supply the Spire label for fixing onto produce in due course, 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 (especially chutneys!).=

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

### Our Regular activities:

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (except June).

**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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) to book a place.

**Pram Service** is a monthly simple service of songs and story for ages 0-4 and their carers. Followed by coffee for adults, snack and crafts for little ones. Second Friday, 9.30am- 10.30am. Next one 13<sup>th</sup> June

**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, 9 am Saturday

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

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925      Passcode: 180609



### **Messy Church**

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**6th June**  
**4.00-5.30pm**



**Peter**

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Craft, worship, 2 course tea

**£2.00 per child**

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### **GARDEN PARTY**

*with raffle*

**Saturday 28th June 2025**

3.00 pm, in the Vicarage Garden

Tickets **£15.00**

From the Parish office: 01628 622733

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Or after services in church

