



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 20th July -Trinity 5

This Sunday our 10 am Parish Communion service will be a littler shorter than usual, without the usual coffee afterwards so that teams can get ready for the afternoon service. There will be a baptism at midday.

We will need to set out gazebos and tables/chairs from 7.30 am (yes, really!) ready for the afternoon service. Please do come along to help if you are able to do so (and able bodied!). The more helpers, the quicker we can do it – and then have coffee and croissants.

The church will **be open to take seats from 2.40 pm.**

Parking will be limited (no parking in the churchyard) so please walk if at all possible or use town centre car parks. It will also be possible to park at St. Piran's School, and walk down the hill.

The service will be zoomed using the usual Sunday morning link.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all
godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, ⁶the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1. 15-28

Gospel Reading

³⁸Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Luke 10. 38 -end

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 4 New every morning is the love
G: 775 Seek ye first
O: 713 Lord of all hopefulness
HC: 764 Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
R: 593(i) At the name of Jesus (omit * verses)

Thought for the week:

Have you ever felt like a headless chicken- running round, doing many things at once?

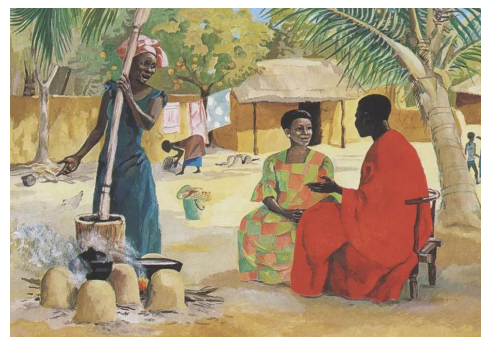
That's what is happening to Martha in Sunday's gospel.

She welcomed Jesus to her home, but she was still busy with tasks (like visiting someone when they leave the tv on!). Mary sat and listened to Jesus and Martha rushed around.

At first glance Jesus wouldn't win any prizes for family therapy in the Gospel passage. Taking no notice of all the complexities of sibling rivalry, he affirms Mary's attitude and chastises Martha for all her busyness.

It is often easier for us to identify with Martha than with Mary — especially if we are imbued with a hefty dose of Protestant work ethic. When there are things that we think need doing, it is hard to sit still, and even if our bodies are still, our minds are often racing with worries or with thoughts about how we are going to get through our list of things to do.

We shouldn't assume though that Jesus always sided with Mary over Martha. John 11 reflects his closeness and enduring relationship with both sisters. He is simply saying to Martha that at this time and in this place there were more important things to do than rush around. Martha's focus seems to



be on getting jobs done, Mary's seems to be on listening to Jesus with all her heart and mind and soul and strength.

There is no point in replacing guilt about tasks not done with guilt about not being still.

If nothing else, Martha's experience should reassure us that stress is not a 21st century invention but was present in Jesus' time on earth. Jesus is calling Martha — and us — to find balance in our lives.

Being still before God should not be another difficult demand on us, or something that is impossible.

Mary seems to have taken time out from her usual routine because Jesus was present, and there are opportunities for all of us to recognise Jesus' presence in our daily life.

Cultivating this way of life prepares us to be still when the opportunities arise. We're working on a relationship with God, opening up a continual conversation, so that, in church or elsewhere, whenever there is a chance to receive God's word, we are ready to still ourselves enough to hear it.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming vacancy.
- For a joyful thanksgiving service on Sunday.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For our ministry as an inclusive church.
- For the people of Texas, clearing after the floods and all those who have lost loved ones and homes.
- 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 North Town Mead
- For Martha, Ayanna and Riley, baptised recently, and for Rico, to be baptised this Sunday
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Bella Edmonds, Clara Crampin, Casper, Payton and Paisely Brudenall, Freddie Bate
- 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, Tina Botting, Ralph Hinchliffe, Paul Bader, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam, Beryl.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Janet Cheek, Roy Pond, John Rodwell, Robert Roberts, Edward Richardson, Raymond Pullin, Zarina Rowlands, Reginald Robinson

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 20th July 2025:

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| Sunday | Psalm 82 | 1 Samuel 17. 1-54 | Mark 6. 53 -7. 23 |
| Monday | Psalm 98 | Ezekiel 1. 1-14 | 2 Corinthians. 1. 1-14 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 30 | 1 Samuel 16. 14-end | Luke 8. 1-3 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 111 | Ezekiel 2. 3- 3.11 | 2 Corinthians 2. 5-end |
| Thursday | Psalm 115 | Ezekiel 3. 12-end | 2 Corinthians 3 |
| Friday | Psalm 7 | 2 Kings 1. 9-15 | Luke 9. 46 -56 |
| Saturday | Psalm 121 | Ezekiel 9 | 2 Corinthians 5 |

Rotas for next week

Sunday 27th July Fifth after Trinity : Parish Communion

Read: Sue Turner Intercede: Jamie Harle Chalice: Jamie Sound: Duty Warden
Welcomers: Ralph, Sue, Shula Coffee: Gill and Jeanette Children: Bev

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the church floodlighting has been sponsored by:
Rev'd Sally Lynch

"In thanksgiving for 14 years of shared ministry at St. Lukes."



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

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

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

What's on.... This week:

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| Sunday 20 th July | 10.00 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptism 3.00 pm, Thanksgiving Service |
| Monday 21 st | 9.30 am School Leavers service |
| Tuesday 22 nd | 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom |
| Wednesday 23 rd | 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion |
| Thursday 24 th | 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 3.00 pm, Gaynors Gift |
| Friday 25 th | 8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom |
| Saturday 26 th | 9.00 am, Morning Prayer on zoom |
| Sunday 27 th | 10.00 am, Parish Communion 1.00 pm, Picnic in vicarage garden |

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:

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

Messy Church. Resumes in the autumn: 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Revd. Sally's final service: Sunday 27th July, Revd. Sally's final service of Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming as many of the church family who are able to be with us, and all are then invited to the vicarage garden from 1.00 pm for a bring and share lunch. There is no sign up sheet – just bring some food to share with others and we will have a relaxing afternoon together. You may like to bring your own fold up chair!

Safety online:

Get Safe online has partnered with Cifas, the UK's leading fraud prevention service to launch 'Check a Website'. Check a website is a new, easy-to-use online tool which helps determine whether a website is likely to be legitimate or a scam... before you visit it. To use, simply type the address of the website you want to check www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite

Our charities for this Year:

Christians Against Poverty's latest drive looks at the link between disability and poverty, highlighting how 1 in 3 of those served by CAP has a disability. CAP are helping people in poverty with disabilities by visiting at home, meeting any additional access needs, and providing information in an accessible format. More information can be found at <https://capuk.org/appeals/disability-campaign-2025>

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 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.

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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 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. 4th 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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

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