



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week commencing: 21<sup>st</sup> August Trinity 10

Our service on Sunday is a Parish Communion service at 10 am, in church and on zoom.

### The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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.

### The Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, 19 and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.') 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' 27 This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*Hebrews 12. 18-29*

### The Gospel reading

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on

those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' 15 But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Luke 13. 10-17

### Sunday's Hymns:

555 Praise my soul the king of heaven  
sht Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you  
455 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

### Thought for the week:

Bracha Lavee is an Israeli artist with a huge portfolio of beautiful work (paintings, collage and needlepoint) based on the Holy Land and Jewish family life, much of which inspires peace and reflection. This piece, *Beautiful Shabbat*, is one example.



The sabbath, seventh day, day of rest (Friday evening - Saturday

evening for Jews, Sunday for Christians) is, according to the Bible, a gift from God. It is to be enjoyed and revelled in. a day to rest and do good, to worship unhampered by everyday needs. The sabbath was often seen as a 'bride', beautiful and lovely.

By the time of Jesus many rules had grown up around the sabbath, ensuing that it was kept holy to God, but making life very challenging for ordinary 'Jews in the pews'. The freedom and joy of shabbat had given way to frustration and constriction.

Jesus healed a woman – in a synagogue – on a sabbath. He had broken so many of the extra rules and yet he had returned life to a woman who desperately needed it. this was not the only sabbath healing, nor the only time that Jesus infringed some of the laws that had been added to the basic Ten Commandments which were about loving God and other people.

This might cause us to stop and ask ourselves at least two questions

- How do we keep our Sabbath / Sunday? Do we have a day to revel in and enjoy freedoms?
- What rules and restrictions have we placed on areas of our own lives and those of others, which do not actually serve for good, but rather prevent people from living the 'life in all its fulness; that Jesus offers?

### Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That we may examine our own lives so that we can live ourselves, and help others, to live fully in Jesus' freedom.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For our government and the contest for leadership of the Conservative party.
- For children and families over the summer holidays; for our ministry with children and for our plans to appoint a Children and Family Leader.
- For folk to take on the role of verger and of flower co-ordinator for our church.
- For our music team, and for an assistant organist.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living, for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- For the international refugees currently living in Maidenhead and the people who are supporting them
- Romain and Myles, baptised recently, and for Margot and Mabel to be baptised next week.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in August: Harley Perry, Remy Perry-Bridger, Logan Hing, Kevin Obiwianu, Lily Webber and Archie Marosi.

- For all those who live and work in Wayside Mews
- For Emma and Hamish, and for Richard and Rebecca, married here recently.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Iris Brown, Louise, Rupert, Charles Goodman, Joan Lynch, Harry, Elwyn.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in August: Betty Hunt, Kenneth Lewis, Dorcas Bennett, Neville Searle, Kenneth Lewis, Patricia Walker, Wendy Logie, Robert Dymond, Terence Greene, Elizabeth Pearce, Rita Buckland, James Harry, Dorothy Webster, Betty Lambourne, Margaret Grove, John Brant, John Coupe, David Craythorne, May Reeve, Margaret Moulton, Colin Duncan, Vivienne King, Janet Seaman, Alix Burnage, Patricia Nuth.

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 21st August 2022:*

Sunday	Psalm 119. 73-88	Revelation 1
Monday	Psalm 71	1 Samuel 24 Acts 3.11-end
Tuesday	Psalm 73	1 Samuel 26 Acts 4. 1-12
Wednesday (St. Bartholomew)	Psalm 86	Genesis 28.10-17 John 1. 43-end
Thursday	Psalm 78.1-39	1 Samuel 31 Acts 4.32-5.11
Friday	Psalm 55	2 Samuel 1 Acts 5. 12-26
Saturday	Psalm 76	2 Samuel 2. 1-11 Acts 5.27-end

**Rotas for next week:**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10, Parish Communion in church and on zoom**

Read: Ralph Hinchliffe Intercede: Ruth Sheppard  
 Welcomers: Rachel, Laura and Lisa Coffee: Kate

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

This week the floodlighting is sponsored by Kath Davies  
*"In memory of my husband Phil's birthday.  
 Always loved, never forgotten"*



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

**What's on...**

**This week:**

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 12.30 pm, Eco group meeting, with lunch, in church 3.00 pm, Keeping Company 7.00 – 9.00 pm, Quiet evening, in church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 11.30 am, Fabric Committee meeting
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 3.00 pm, Tea and cake for residents of Neve, Southgate and Jakes Houses 7.30 pm, The Big Question: discussion time in Church
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 12.00 pm, Baptism of Margot and Mabel

### Looking ahead...

**Garden party, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 3pm.** Join us in the vicarage garden for a fund raising Garden party to draw the summer to a close. Tickets are now available at £12.50 per adult (and £5 under 14s). Includes a glass of prosecco on arrival, full tea, raffle and produce stall. Do invite friend along. Tickets in advance please.

If you have produce (preserves, sweets, craft etc) that you would like to donate to the stall they would be warmly received! Ann Darracott is staffing it and now has 'Spire brand' labels available at the back of church to take and put on your produce, if you wish.

**Ride and Stride:** advance notice that this is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Do note the date if you would like to take part. more to come...

**The Big Question:** the first of a series of discussion groups exploring topical issues from a standpoint of faith. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30 pm, in church. Open to all. Why not bring a friend!

**The Season of Creation:** 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.

### And in the autumn....

**Thursday evening worship,** third week, monthly, at 8pm: in church AND on zoom (use the Sunday morning link). Please do tell others about this too...

15<sup>th</sup> September: Compline                      20<sup>th</sup> October: International Taize service

**Café church:** fourth Sunday at 4pm, in church (not on zoom). Informal, lay led time with tea and cake, prayer stations for all ages and closing reflection. 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**Harvest Supper:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, details to come, Harvest All Age Communion Festival, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parish Quiet Day in church OR**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage** on foot to Christchurch cathedral – see

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/visiting-cathedral/st-frideswide-pilgrimage-2022>

Do let Revd. Phyl know asap if you'd like to join the pilgrimage.

**Sundays at Six, this Autumn,** All Services are at 6.00pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

4 <sup>th</sup> September	Compline, on zoom, led by St. Luke's
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest Service, in church and on zoom (TBC) led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom, at St. Luke's
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Memorial services, in church, <b>NB: 4 pm:</b> at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
6 <sup>th</sup> November	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Interfaith walk and tea Starts 2pm from St. Luke's, ending around 3pm back at St. Luke's.
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

**And on the 4th Sunday monthly: (except December)**

**3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green    4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints    4pm, Café church, at St. Luke's**

### **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. We meet in church. Starts again on 8<sup>th</sup> September after the summer break.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. 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 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. The next is 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**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. Starts again in September.

**Please note that for all Zoom services the links below are being used:**

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEI6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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:**

Use the Sunday morning link

**Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry** 3pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, monthly

Link for 19<sup>th</sup> May:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88627244304?pwd=q-AMP0lnkyLAIA\\_vgbwenjXHzCxyxo.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88627244304?pwd=q-AMP0lnkyLAIA_vgbwenjXHzCxyxo.1)

Meeting ID: 886 2724 4304

Passcode: 042474