



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 21st May 2023, Sunday after Ascension Day

Our service this Sunday is a Parish Communion at 10 am, to which all are warmly invited, in church and on Zoom.

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

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.

Readings for Sunday

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Acts 1.6-14

The Gospel reading

¹Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

John 17.1-11

Hymns for Sunday

227	Crown him with many crowns
330	Do not be afraid
557	Beauty for brokenness
228	Hail the day that sees him rise
453	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Thought for the week

The story is told that when Jesus returned to heaven at the Ascension the angels were delighted and clapped their wings joy to welcome him home.

Then they looked to God the Father and asked him what plans he had to continue Jesus' ministry.

'I have chosen 12 men to lead my people, supported by some women, and other disciples,' God said.

'but what if they fail?' exclaimed the dismayed angels.

'I have no other plans,' said God.

We are those disciples who continue Jesus' ministry on earth now.



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That we may represent God to those around us.
- For our mission as a church and for our new PCC and officers.
- 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 the forthcoming baptisms in May of Tajus Ramanauskas, Amanda Simana and Jaxon Williams
- For Miriam and Andy, following their wedding blessing and for John and Katty as they prepare for their marriage in June.
- For all those who live and work in Boulders Court..
- 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, Pauline Norris, Bridget Morris, Nicholas.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Eileen Daniel
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: Angela Beavis, Glyn Jackson, Alicia Teare, Geoffrey Hutson, Terence Comley, Ronald Birch, Gerald Gunner, John Wells, Kathleen Heskith, Bernard (Vic) Kellerman, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, Helen Bailey, Michael Poynter, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Priscilla Evans, Edwina Richardson, David Trinkwon, Ivy Trillow, Brian Webb, Michael Curley, John Crampin.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 21st May 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 104.26	Isaiah 65.17-end	Revelation 21.1-8
Monday	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 31.1-13	John 2.18-end
Tuesday	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 31.14-29	John 3.1-10
Wednesday	Psalm 29	Deuteronomy 31.30-32.14	John 3.11-end
Thursday	Psalm 24	Deuteronomy 32.15-47	John 4.1-6
Friday	Psalm 28	Deuteronomy 33	John 4.7-end
Saturday	Psalm 43	Deuteronomy 32.48-end	John 5

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 28th May in church and on zoom

Read: Bridget Morris

Intercede: Shula

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Lisa

Coffee: Helen and Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Jean Jackson

In loving memory of my beloved husband Glyn and my son Elwyn



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 21st	10.00am, Parish Communion
	12.00 pm, Baptism of Tajus Ramanauskas and Amanda Simana
Tuesday 23rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 24th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
	10.00 am Holy Communion

Thursday 25th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group
 3.00pm, Gaynor's Gifts
 Friday 26th 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 5.00pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
 Saturday 27th 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

28 th May	Evensong and Benediction for Pentecost, in church at All Saints
11 th June	Desert Island hymns and readings, in church, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
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 2nd June when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus walks on water. 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; 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

THREE THINGS IN THIS COMING WEEK...

Keeping Company: is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 15th June.

Growing in faith: we have started offering some nurture activities in church on alternate Wednesday evenings, at 8pm: next is 31st May, then 7th and 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.

Reading Phoenix Choir: will be performing a 'Hope For Tomorrow' concert at the High Street Methodist Church, Maidenhead on the 10th June 2023 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 (£3 under 16) and can be booked online via www.methodistmaidenhead.org.uk/concert
 They are raising funds for Ukraine and church refurbishment.

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.

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.

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 2nd June 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 8th June

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. The next is 25th May in the vicarage and on zoom (use the MP link)

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