



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 23rd July 2023, Trinity 7

Our 10 am service this week will be a Parish Communion service. All are warmly invited to join us for worship.

This week is **NOT THE SUMMER FAIR!** Week, when we are inviting

donations in lieu of a summer fair. With limited capacity a summer fair is not possible this year, but on Sunday we will have an opportunity for fellowship and donations in lieu of the fair. We will have coffee and cake after the service, and all are invited to make a donation of the amount you might have spent at / on the fair – without all the work! We will put our energies into the Afternoon Tea at the start of September and the Tree Festival later this year.

There will be envelopes available on the day for cash donations, and the card readers will be available, or you may wish to make an online donation – in which case please reference it: Summer Fair. Thank you.

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Post Communion

Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

First Reading

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the

Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. *Romans 8.12-25*

Gospel Reading

²⁴Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!' *Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43*

Hymns for Sunday

379	God has spoken
747	O God you search me and you know me
630	Father, Lord of all creation
840	Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us
610	Christ is the world's true light

Thought for the week

It is very easy to get caught up in all of the worries of the world and to get cross with what we perceive to be wrong in others, to focus, as Jesus puts it, on the weeds among our beautiful, flowers.

This week the author of *Roots on the Web*, writes:

The sower in Jesus' story is affected by an enemy that sows the weeds, but the sower's control over the fields, and his power ultimately to rule on the fate of everything there, is never challenged. God is God – there is no other – and God has promised to bless people and to rule the world with justice. When we become anxious at our struggles or the relative successes of those who work by less honest paths, we betray a lack of trust in God's goodness and power to fulfil those promises. Spending too much time looking at the weeds that distract or threaten us stops us from seeing the full majesty of God and knowing that we can trust God to give us all that we need. Jesus reminds us that God is in control and that, in the words of St Julian of Norwich, 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well'.



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For Amanda Butler, as she leaves our school for pastures new, and for Deputy Head Claire Spankie as she leads the school next term; for the Governing Body, chaired by Rhidian Jones. For all staff and learners as they come to the end of term and the school year; for rest and re-creation over the summer.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan. For all world leaders.
- 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, giving thanks that we have achieved the Bronze Award.
- For Casper, Paisley and Payton Brudenall, and for Clara Crampin baptised recently, and for the forthcoming baptism of Freddie Bate and for all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Harry Raymond, William Sharma, Theo Sharma, Florence Priestley and Bella Edmonds.
- For all those who live and work in Moorland Place.
- 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, Bridget Morris, Nicholas, Rosemary Alexander, Jacqueline Lewis, Sue Brett, Lissa-Jane Waugh, Anne Child, Angela Gaskin, Wendy and Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Ruth Sheppard.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Zarina Rowlands
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Kathleen Woodworth, Raymond Palmer, Frederick Hayward, Kenneth Wheeler, Sidney Allen, Donald Theobald, Gillian Dawson, Jean Stevens, Edward (Ted) Stevens, Beryl Dandridge, Christopher Griffiths, Peter Emmons, Ada Rolls, Barbara Ward, Shirley Sattler, Dorothy Barnard, John Draper, Cyril Vizard, Ann Ringer, Diana Bradfield, Siew Kee Bentley, Janet Cheek, Andrew Ross, Joyce Mary Newman, Ronald Young, Nellie Edwards, Roy Pond, John Rodwell, Irene Daniells, Robert Roberts, Edward Richardson, Raymond Pullin.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 23rd July 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 71	Deuteronomy 30.1-10	1 Peter 3.8-18
Monday	Psalm 1	Jeremiah 26	2 Corinthians 11.1-15
Tuesday	Psalm 7	2 Kings 1.9-15	Luke 9.46-56
Wednesday	P 119.1-32	Jeremiah 29.1-14	2 Corinthians 12
Thursday	Psalm 15	Jeremiah 30.1-11	2 Corinthians 13
Friday	Psalm 19	Jeremiah 30.12-22	James 1.1-11
Saturday	Psalm 23	Jeremiah 31.1-22	James 1.12-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 30th July: in church and on zoom

Read: Margaret Gibbon

Intercede: Jeanette Lock

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Jeanette

Coffee: Lisa and Kim

Our church is floodlit at night.

The lighting has not been sponsored this week

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 23rd	10.00am, Parish Communion, in church
Monday 24th	7.30pm, WAMCF Ladies, St Thomas Colnbrook
Tuesday 25th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 26th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 27th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 3.00pm, Gaynor's Gifts
Friday 28th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer, zoom
Saturday 29th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 30th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church 12.00 pm, Baptism of Freddie Hugo Bate

Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

3 rd September	Evening Prayer in the vicarage garden led by St. Luke's
17 th September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
1 st October	Harvest Songs of Praise, in church, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
22 nd October	Sung Evensong (BCP), in church and on zoom at St. Luke's
5 th November NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
5 th November At 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
19 th November	Service of Wholeness and Healing At All Saints
26 th November	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
3 rd December	Christ Child Market at All Saints 12.00 – 3pm
10 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 8 th – 10 th December)
17 th December	Carol Services at each church at 6.00 pm

And on the 4th Sunday monthly, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on Friday 1st September 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, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

An extra Messy Church / Baby and Toddler Summer session: these groups will not run during the school holidays but we are offering a special session for all ages on Thursday 17th August, from 10 am - midday in the church and churchyard. This will, have an eco - theme and will include games, crafts, activities snacks and songs, with the local Wildlife Trust working with us on this. There is no charge, but donations are invited. Sign up via the parish office – do tell families about this activity.

Baptism Anniversary party: Some years ago, we used to hold an annual get-together for those who had been christened at church over the previous year. We fell out of that pattern just before the pandemic and are now keen to reinstate it. It entails a simple church service and craft activity for children and will be taking place from **3.00pm Sunday 10th September**. Afterwards there will be tea in the vicarage garden, weather permitting! If you have had your child/ren christened at St Luke's and have not yet had a personal invitation, then you are warmly invited to attend. Please do let us know if you would like to come by e-mailing the Parish office on admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Recycling at St Luke's

As one of the ways to demonstrate our commitment to living more sustainably and caring for creation, we have set up an area at the back of church by the servery, where things that can be difficult to recycle at home can be brought and members of the 'eco-team' will ensure they are taken to be recycled correctly.

There are two boxes:

- One for used pill packets
- One for dead batteries and empty make up containers.

There is a larger 'hamper' for packaging that can be recycled in supermarkets. This rubbish has this label



Recycle with bags at large supermarkets | Don't recycle at home

You can see this label on plastic wrapping such as bread bags, fruit and veg bags, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. You can recycle this type of packaging at recycling points in selected supermarkets.

Please do bring any of these items of rubbish and place them in the appropriate container. Many people making small changes in the end makes a big difference.

Fellowship and Fundraising opportunities

Garden Party: a late summer afternoon garden party in the vicarage garden. Sunday 3rd September. Tickets at £15 each include a glass of prosecco or soft fizz on arrival and a full tea. Available very soon. Do bring along friends and family.

The Inaugural Johanna Raffan Recital: Andrew Gallagher will give a piano recital at 3pm on Sunday 8th October. Save the date.

2023 Christmas Tree Festival—An appeal from the Produce Stall Organisers. UPDATE

Many thanks to those in the congregation who have already started making produce, jams, chutneys etc and donating ingredients such as sugar. We have also had donations of fruit. If you want to get involved, dry goods and any jars of produce can be put in the cupboard at the back of church, and they will be collected and stored. If you have fruit or vegetables to donate, phone one of us (numbers below) to arrange collection. There will be *Spire* brand labels in a box in the cupboard for those making produce. Do not worry about putting decorated covers on the jars, this will be done nearer Christmas. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (phone 07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (phone 07743 323635)

Church Working parties

The PCC notes above state that we have set up four working parties to explore areas of our church life that we need to develop. Every PCC member has joined one and ALL members of the congregation are warmly invited to join in too – please do contact the group leader in each case and offer to join in. The groups are time limited and will ensure that we can be the very best in our mission and ministry – both practically and spiritually.

Church finances

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:

<https://www.foodshare.charity/donate>

Green Christians:

Embrace:

Embrace is our chosen international charity. Barbara Essam will be the champion

The Charles Davies Trust

This charitable trust donates supermarket vouchers to residents of the borough who are aged 70 and over and have savings not exceeding £23,250. There is a poster on the brown board at the back of church with more details. Do ask one of the clergy for an application form for yourself or to pass to someone you know who qualifies.

WAMCF News (Inter Faith)

All events are open to anyone..

WAMCF SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday 23rd July, 12 noon to 3pm

Bring and share: Bring along a blanket and a picnic. The bar and clubhouse will be open. The Boyn Grove Children's play area is close by (unsupervised).

Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Highway Road, SL6 5AE

WAMCF members and friends are all very welcome.

For any enquiries please contact Nimi on nimi_johal@hotmail.com

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 1st September 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 17 August

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10th August

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. Next is 27th July.

NB: there will be no Evening Prayer during August

Please note that for all 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

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZ09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468 Passcode: 132142