



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 25th June 2023, Trinity 3

This Sunday we have a Parish Communion service at 10 am, to which all are warmly invited. St Luke's is hosting the Sundays at Six, International Taizé service, in church (only). We hope to see many of you there. An order of service will be sent separately.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom
to your service,
that we and all creation
may be brought to the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing
more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Reading

¹Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Romans 6.1b-11

The Gospel reading

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: ²⁴'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher,

and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Matthew 10.24 -39

Hymns for Sunday

763	Praise to the holiest in the height
628	Father of heaven, whose love profound
562	Inspired by love and anger
647	God moves in a mysterious way
791	The God of Abraham praise (omit all *vv)

Thought for the week

The Prince of Peace states that he didn't come to bring peace, but a sword. What does this actually mean? These words of Jesus seem hard for us to understand. Why would Jesus want us to deliberately set son against father or daughter against mother? Why would Jesus not want us to love our son or daughter or mother or father more than him? Jesus surely doesn't want us to deliberately cause conflict within our families? But he was pointing out that the cost of following him is great, it is sacrificial. Sometimes Christianity can be branded as a cosy 'come to Jesus and everything will be great' type of religion – this is not authentic. The road of faith is filled with danger and risk. Are we prepared to accept this? Jesus did not promise a life of ease.



So, what does this look like in practical terms? For some, it might mean rising early to pray rather than have a lie-in. It might mean experiencing pain as we journey with those who are bereaved, isolated or lonely. Perhaps it means not always being available for family because we are serving God. It is certainly about putting ourselves out for others, going the extra mile, spending time with the person nobody else wants to. It might mean sacrificing finances, or something else completely.

There are many films about sacrifice. In The Book Thief, based on a true story, Hans and his family put themselves in danger by teaching their foster daughter Liesel to read, in a Nazi Germany where

books have been banned, as he wanted her to be educated. They also secretly housed a Jew, which risked their lives.

Some people go to great lengths for family, friends and even strangers, knowing that there are risks involved, knowing there may be consequences ahead. Are we prepared to do the same for our faith, no matter the cost?

From: Roots on the web

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- All those affected by flooding following the dam destruction in Ukraine
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan. For all world leaders.
- In this Refugee week for all who are refugees and asylum seekers in this country and those who seek to help them.
- 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 those whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Demi-Lea and Summer-Lea Brudenall, Emily Reay, Jesse Linley- Barker, Declan Pyrke.
- For John and Katty, married here last Saturday.
- For all those who live and work in Heathland 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, Bridget Morris, Nicholas, Rosemary Alexander, Jacqueline Lewis.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Joyce Turpie, Jill Norman, Sheila Livingstone
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Christine Collins, Philip Snelgrove, Robert Clark, Paul Luxton, Christa Blight, John Avenell, Ronald Bennett, Joycelne Wyman, Hazel Birch, Doreen Mavis Shields, Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan, Gerry Knight.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 25th June 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 49	Deuteronomy 11.1-15	Acts 27.1-12
Monday	Psalm 71	Ezra 7	Romans 11.25-end
Tuesday	Psalm 73	Ezra 8.15-end	Romans 12.1-8
Wednesday	Psalm 77	Ezra 9	Romans 12.9-end
Thursday	Psalm 71	Isaiah 49.1-6	Acts 11.1-18
Friday	Psalm 55	Nehemiah 1	Romans 13.8-end
Saturday	Psalm 76	Nehemiah 2	Romans 14.1 -12

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 2nd July: in church and on zoom

Read: Gospel only

Intercede: Preacher

Welcomers: Claire, Jeanette and Kim

Coffee: Lisa and Jenny

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Mr T Autos



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:

NB there is NO 10 am service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 28th June.

Sunday 25 th	10.00am, Parish Communion 6.00pm, International Taizé service, church only
Tuesday 27 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 28 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Thursday 29 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group
Friday 30 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 1 st July	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 1.00pm, Andrew Gallacher student's recital, in church

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

25 th June	International Taizé service, in church at St. Luke's
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 7th July when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus heals a lame man. 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; 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

Growing in faith: we have started offering some nurture activities in church on alternate Wednesday evenings, at 8pm: next 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.

Quiet Day: Saturday 15th July from 10 am until 3pm. All are warmly invited to this time for space, rest and refreshment at the Soltau Centre, Stubbings. There will be brief reflections and time to wander the grounds, read, pray and be still. Cost £5pp, bring your own lunch. please sign up in church so that we can have an idea of numbers.

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!

Saturday Recital

1st July: Andrew Gallacher student's recital. 1-3pm. Free entry, all welcome.

This concert will consist of solo piano performances by students of Andrew Gallacher Piano Studio, followed by a narrated performance of Peter and the Wolf given by those same students and Andrew Gallacher playing the orchestral reduction at the piano. This piano reduction is by the composer of Peter and the Wolf himself, Sergei Prokofiev. It is a virtuoso piano arrangement, not often heard in concert halls due to the popularity of the orchestral version. A rare opportunity, therefore, to hear this and highly recommended for all the family!

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.

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

Yes, we know this is a long way off, but as the growing season is upon us, we are making an appeal now. We need your help to increase the amount of produce on this stall, eg jams, chutneys etc, Dorothy and I struggled in 2022 to keep it stocked.

We would like to make the following request: if you are offered free fruit and vegetables of whatever sort, accept it and either process if yourself or, if necessary, put it in your freezer and then let us know. Later in the year we will be asking for donations of sugar etc plus jam jars, especially the Frank Cooper marmalade ones. As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals we can supply the Spire label for fixing onto produce in due course. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (phone 07761 221937)

Dorothy Strack-Hankey (phone 07743 323635)

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.

Flooding in Ukraine – from Christian Aid

We will all be praying for those affected by the devastating flooding in Ukraine. Thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes after the Nova Kakhovka dam was destroyed. The full impact of rising water along both sides of the frontline Dnipro river has yet to be seen but the UN fears it could be an environmental disaster. Christian Aid and Blythswood Care's local partner Heritage Ukraine got to work immediately by supplying food, water and shelter.

Over the coming days Heritage Ukraine, plus Christian Aid's other partners, Alliance for Public Health and World Jewish Relief, will be providing humanitarian supplies to people who have had to leave the affected areas of southern Ukraine.

Please join us in praying for those impacted by the flooding, our partners and staff responding to this emergency. You will find our prayer resources on this page [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - Christian Aid](#), along with a link that can be shared with those who would like to donate.

WAMCF News (Inter Faith)

All events are open to anyone...

WAMCF SUMMER PICNIC

Bring and share

Sunday 23rd July, 12 noon to 3pm

WAMCF members and friends are all very welcome

Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Bath Road, SL6 5AE

WAMCF Golf Tournament

Sunday 16th July 2023 NB changed date

Bird's Hill Golf Course Centre Drift Road, Maidenhead SL6 3ST

Team and Individual Prizes

If you are interested in playing in an Interfaith Golf Tournament, please contact Trip Pannu

trip.pannu@sky.com 07413588524 for more information

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 7th July 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 20th July

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 13th July

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.

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