



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 29th June -Trinity 2

This Sunday we have a service of Parish Communion service at 10am, with activities for children, all are welcome.

The Collect

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ
and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace
it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord,
your Son our Saviour Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven
and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone
to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Brothers and sisters: ¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. *1 Peter 2. 19-25*

Gospel Reading

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades

will not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Matthew 16. 13-19

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 707 Lift high the cross
G: 788 Take this moment
O: 499 Lord, you give the great commission
HC: 321 Thou art the Christ
R: 506 The Church's one foundation

Thought for the week:

Banias is a ruined city. Way up in the Golan Heights, the river Jordan bubbles up from streams in the shady groves there and then flows over a vast waterfall as it starts its journey through the 'Holy Land'. In its heyday this was a bustling Greek city with many grottos to a variety of gods on its outskirts – especially to the god Pan – hence its original name – Panyas.

You can still see the grottos today – in fact they are almost all that is left of the city. Cut into the sheer limestone cliff face something of the splendour of the place remains, in contrast to the cool wooded shade below, by the water.

It was here that Jesus brought his disciples on a kind of retreat. He needed to spend time with them and to help to understand their role in the developing and growing Kingdom of God. He was starting their preparation for life without his physical presence and support.

Surrounded by magnificent rock hewn edifices, to a rather fickle deity, he asked them who people thought he was, and who they thought he was. And it was Peter – clumsy, impetuous, fickle himself Peter, who proclaimed what we might term the first Christian creed: you are the Christ, the son of the living God.

Jesus' response might have chilled Peter in fear: 'and you are Peter' – and – looking at the ancient rocks around and recalling that Petros in Greek means rock – 'on THIS rock I will build my church'. We know that Peter was not the obvious choice to lead this new movement of faith. But we also know that despite all that followed Peter did it, with the help of the Holy Spirit – and on Sunday we celebrate his feast day and thank God for his call and his ministry – the rock came good and provided the model for 2000 years to come.

And that is good news for each of us. As we look at Peter we see that God can use imperfect people to further His kingdom.

To what might God be calling each of us, however imperfect we feel?



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For all being ordained deacon and priest in this season.
- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming vacancy.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For our ministry as an inclusive church.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, and Iran, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For the work of our Hospices.
- For all those who live and work in North Green

- For Leo and Madeleine, and Alfie, Tia, Layla-Marie, Nathan, Isla, Levi, Holly, Lisa, Lewis and Sarah, all baptised recently and for Martha who is to be baptised this Sunday.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in June: Declan Pyrke, Jesse Linley-Barker, Isla Staniford
- 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, Colette Baxter, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in June: Evelyn Allaway, Margaret Gammon, Alec Judd, Enid Barber, Johanna Raffan, Gerry Knight

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 29th June 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 71	Isaiah 49. 1-6	Acts 11. 1-18
Monday	Psalm 44	Job 19	Romans 9.1-18
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Job 21	Romans 9. 19-end
Wednesday	Ps 119. 57-80	Job 22	Romans 10. 1-10
Thursday	Psalm 92	2 Samuel 15. 17 -21	John 11. 1-16
Friday	Psalm 51	Job 24	Romans 11. 1-12
Saturday	Psalm 68	Job 25 -26	Romans 11. 13 -24

Rotas for next week

Sunday 6th July Third after Trinity : All Age Holy Communion

Read: Gospel only Intercede: Preacher Chalice: Jacqueline Sound: Simon
 Welcomers: Jacqueline, Don, Emma and Noah Coffee: Sally and Kate Children: n/a

Our church is floodlit at night.

This church floodlighting 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

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



What's on.... This week:

Sunday 29 th June	10.00 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptism
Tuesday 1 st	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 2 nd	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible Study (last one)
Thursday 3 rd	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group
Friday 4 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom 4.00 pm, Messy Church
Saturday 5 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer on zoom

Sunday 6th 10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion
 12.00 pm, Baptism
 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Evensong at St Luke's

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

6 th July	Evensong and Benediction, at St. Luke's – NB changed venue
13th July	NB changed date Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 4th July, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Bible Study: a study of the book of Genesis, Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church. Last one, 2nd July.

Church keys

In order to enter the forthcoming vacancy well the churchwardens need to know exactly who has keys for any part of the church. If you have ANY keys for any part of church, please would you email / contact Jacqueline asap so that they can match this against the current key register. Thank you for your help.

Revd. Sally's final services..

Please remember to sign up for the **Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20th July at 3pm in church by 4th July** so that we can plan catering and seating for what will be a very full church. Thank you. We will need several welcomers and stewards that day. If you able to help please speak to Jacqueline or Clare asap. Thank you.

Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum Women's Group

Ladies of all beliefs and none
are warmly invited to our next meeting
from 7.30 - 9.00 pm

on
Monday 30th June 2025

at
Grenfell Lodge (synagogue)

Ray Park Road, Maidenhead SL6 8QX

**Speaker: Bishop Mary Gregory,
Bishop of Reading
Working together for reconciliation**

Further details from:
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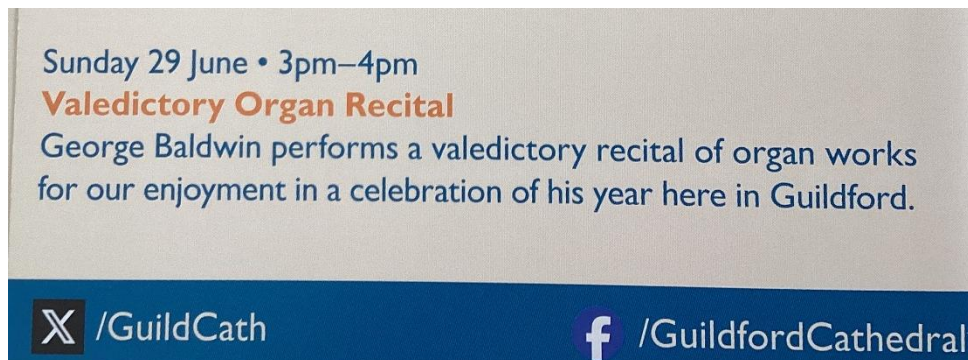
Calling cooks and Coffee makers...

Thanks to everyone who makes our after service tea and coffee on Sundays. With some people currently out of action we are getting low on volunteers. If you think you could join the rota please speak to Sally Somerville.

We are also looking for one or two people who might be able to cook the meal for Messy Church once Revd. Sally (our current cook!) leaves (next will be October...). Meals are simple – e.g. fish fingers, sausage bites, baked potatoes, pizza, and jam sponge or jelly. Please speak to Revd. Sally if you think you could help feed some very grateful children!

Candles

It is great to be able to light candles in prayer. Given the current heat, please can we request that folk light just one candle each at any time to avoid too many in the sand tray, thank you.



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 4th July 2025
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Pram Service is a monthly simple service of songs and story for ages 0-4 and their carers. Followed by coffee for adults, snack and crafts for little ones. Second Friday, 9.30am- 10.30am. Next one 11th July

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, 9 am Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609



Messy Church

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**4th July
4.00-5.30pm**



**The little boy
who shared
his lunch**

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book

Craft, worship, 2 course tea

£2.00 per child

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