



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 31st August -Trinity 11

This Sunday at 10am we have a service of Parish Communion, with activities for children, followed by coffee. All welcome.

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have
celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and
brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation
of the gospel and preserve us
from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

1Let mutual love continue. 2Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' 6So we can say with confidence,
'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?'
7Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. 15Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16

Gospel Reading

1On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 8‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place,” and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

12He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

Luke 14. 1, 7-14

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 283 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
G: 788 Take this moment, sign and space
O: 557 Beauty for brokenness
HC: 448(i) I come with joy
R: 569(i) The kingdom of God is justice and joy

Thought for the week:

A prison chaplain with an interest in labyrinths realised that they could be used to help long-term prisoners with the stresses of confinement. This led to the provision of labyrinths for use in exercise yards and finger labyrinths in cells. That chaplain made a bold move in suggesting the adoption of labyrinths throughout the prison. The Hebrews reading suggests that we should entertain strangers and remember prisoners as though we were there in prison with them. How can we step out of our comfort zone and take risks when it comes to caring for others, in the confidence that ‘The Lord is our helper’?



From Roots on the Web

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the vacancy.
- For Revd. Sally as she prepares to move home and explore news ways of living.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For our ministry as an inclusive church.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, and Iran, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For our sisters and brothers of all faiths in town.
- For all those who live and work in Pearce Close
- For Martha, Ayanna and Riley, and Rico, all baptised last month

- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in August: Lily Weber, Archie Marosi, Miles Levy, Romain Levy, Margot Wooley, Mabel Wooley, Rocco Tagg, Sonny Tagg, Haylee Tagg.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Ralph Hinchliffe, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny, Adam.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in August: Betty Hunt, Rita Buckland, Margaret Moulton, Janet Seaman, Alix Burnage, Patricia Nuth, Phyllis Sigsworth, Rosemary Schlarb

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 24th August 2025:

Sunday	Ps 119.161-end	2 Kings 5	Luke 1.57-end
Monday	Psalm 80	Proverbs 8. 1-21	Mark 5. 1-20
Tuesday	Psalm 89. 1-8	Proverbs 8. 22-end	Mark 5. 21-34
Wednesday	Ps119. 105-128	Proverbs 9	Mark 5.35-end
Thursday	Psalm 92	Proverbs 10. 1-12	Mark 6. 1-13
Friday	Psalm 88	Proverbs 11. 1-12	Mark 6. 14-29
Saturday	Psalm 97	Proverbs 12. 10-end	Mark 6. 30 -44

Rotas for next week

Sunday 7th September: Twelfth after Trinity : All Age Holy Communion

Read: Gospel only Intercede: Preacher to arrange Chalice: James E Sound: Simon
 Welcomers: Ralph, Emma and Noah Coffee: Beryl and Margaret Children: n/a

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the church floodlighting has been sponsored by The Townsend Family:
'In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother,
Joan Townsend,
on the occasion of what would have been her 100th birthday on 5th September 2025



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 31 ^s	10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 2 nd	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 3 rd	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 4 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Friday 5 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 7 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion

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

7 th September	Iona Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
21 st September	Evensong and Benediction, in church at All Saints
5 th October	Harvest Songs of Praise, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
19 th October	International Taize service, at St. Luke's
2 nd November NB: 4 pm:	Memorial services, in church, at St. Luke's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
9 th Nov. at 6pm	All Souls Eucharist at All Saints
16 th Nov.	Choral Evensong, at St. Luke's
30 th Nov.	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
7 th December	Christmas Tree Festival Service, at St. Luke's (Tree Festival 5 th - 7 th Dec.)
21 st Dec. 6.00 pm	Carol Services at each church

Messy Church. Resumes in the autumn: 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

2025 Christmas Tree Festival—An appeal from the Produce Stall Organisers

As soft fruits are now in season and autumn fruits soon will be, we are again appealing for donations of fruit to make jams and chutneys for the 2025 Christmas Tree Festival. A basket will be placed at the back of church from 3rd August for donations of fruit (soft fruit, apples plums damsons). Donations sugar, vinegar, dried fruit, and nuts are also very welcome. We will be grateful for any Bonne Maman and Frank Cooper marmalade jars you have. These can be placed in the basket.

In 2024 Christmas bags of homemade biscuits sold out immediately. Later in the year we will post the recipe on the pew sheet for those cooks willing to help. Christmas bags and ribbon will be supplied. As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals if you are making jams or chutneys, we can supply later in the year St Luke's Spire labels for the jars or you can use your own (please make the writing is nice and clear).

The Festival has increased in popularity over the years and the Produce Stall now makes a real contribution to its success. We would like this to continue and so your help is needed to ensure we have enough produce. Many thanks.

Ann Darracott (07761 221937) Dorothy Strack-Hankey (07743 323635) Isobel M. Davies (07586 785563).

Morning Prayer

Is said on Zoom, Tuesday – Friday (not on Saturday during the vacancy). Why not join in? We use the Daily Prayer App (<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>), or ask to borrow a book from church.

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.

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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 (no Saturday during the vacancy)

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

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

DIALOGUE EVENING



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US TO EXPLORE OUR TOPIC:

“WHAT CAN I DO FOR WORLD PEACE?”

LOCATION:
MAIDENHEAD SYNAGOGUE
GRENFELL LODGE, RAY PARK ROAD,
MAIDENHEAD, SL6 8QX

- ✓ Plenty of Free Car Parking Space
- ✓ Free Admission and Refreshments

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Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
“Strengthening friendship and
trust among the different faiths
within the Royal Borough and
within the wider community”

**THURSDAY
4TH SEPTEMBER 2025
7 - 8.30PM**



Visit Our Website:
wamcf.org.uk 

WAMCF Women's Meeting
Wednesday 17th September
7pm - 830 at the Thames Hospice.



Building Trust, Bridging Gaps: How can faith, community, and hospice care work together?'

Full details on the WAMCF website.

<https://www.wamcf.org/>