



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 7th May 2023, Easter 5

As we celebrate coronation weekend, our 10am service this week is an All Age Holy Communion service to which all are warmly invited. We will think about service and pray for our new King and Queen - we received the following from Lambeth Palace:

1. On 3 May 2023 the King directed by Royal Warrant that the prayers for or referring to members of the Royal Family should be altered, and the amended forms used thereafter. The Warrant indicates that, with effect from 6 May 2023, in every prayer for the Royal Family contained in any form of service authorized for use in the Church of England, instead of the words 'Camilla the Queen Consort' the words 'Queen Camilla' should be inserted.

2. From Coronation Day onward, the Prayer for the Royal Family in the Book of Common Prayer will therefore read:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From 1-3pm our **coronation lunch party** will be in church (we don't trust the weather). Everyone is warmly invited whether you have signed up or not. Any food/ drink may be brought into church before the service or from 12.45 pm. Please do not arrive earlier than 12.45 as we have a wedding blessing in church at midday.

You can find the **Coronation order of service** here:

With commentary: [23-24132 Coronation Liturgy Commentary 04 May.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

Without: https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/23-24132%20Coronation%20Liturgy_04%20May_0.pdf

The Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Standing before the high priest and the council, ⁵⁵Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. *Acts 7.55-60*

The Gospel reading

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

John 14. 1-14

Hymns for Sunday

358(i)	Be still, for the presence of the Lord
197	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
433	Broken for me, broken for you
484	You shall go out with joy

Thought for the week



At the coronation service, King Charles will pray this prayer:

God of compassion and mercy whose Son was sent not to be served but to serve, give grace that I may find in thy service perfect freedom and in that freedom knowledge of thy truth. Grant that I may be a blessing to all thy children, of every faith and conviction, that together we may discover the ways of gentleness and be led into the paths of peace. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Drawn from Mark 10.45, the heart of the Christian gospel, and the key to Jesus' ministry, this is our calling too as disciples of Jesus. We could do no worse than make this prayer our own too, in our personal and corporate lives.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For King Charles and Queen Camilla as they are crowned and set apart for service.
- That we may represent God to those around us.
- 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 forthcoming baptisms in May of Tajus Ramanauskas, Amanda Simana and Jaxon Williams
- For Miriam and Andy, whose forthcoming marriage will be blessed this Sunday, and for Becca and George married on Friday.
- For all those who live and work in Boulters Close.
- 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: Barbara Lewis, Jim Mundy, 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 7th May 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 30	Ezekiel 37.1-12	John 5.19-29
Monday	Psalm 145	Deuteronomy 16.1-20	Peter 1.1-12
Tuesday	Psalm 9	Deuteronomy 17.8-end	Peter 1.13-end
Wednesday	Psalm 30	Deuteronomy 18.9-end	Peter 2.1-10
Thursday	Psalm 57	Deuteronomy 19	Peter 2.11-end
Friday	Psalm 138	Deuteronomy 21.22-22.8	Peter 3.1-12
Saturday	Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 24.5-end	Peter 3.13-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 14th May in church and on zoom

Read: Richard Burdett

Intercede: Dorothy Strack-Hankey

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Ben

Coffee: Simone and Season

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:

Sunday 7th	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom 12.00pm, Wedding Blessing 1.00pm, Bring and Share Coronation Lunch, in church
Tuesday 9th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 10 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 11th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 2.00pm, Thursday Teas, Community Hall
Friday 12th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 13th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30pm, Maidenhead Choral Society Concert, in Church

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

14 th May	Reflections for Christian Aid week, on zoom led by St. Luke's, Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076
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.

Keeping Company: is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 18th May.

Growing in faith: we will be offering some nurture activities in church on alternate Wednesday evenings, at 8pm: 17th and 31st May, 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.

DISCOVER WHAT JOSEPHUS REPORTED ABOUT JESUS

You are invited to a talk on Josephus: hero or villain ...for Jews and for Christians? Why is Josephus - chronicler of the 1st century - so controversial...but also so important for both faiths?

It will be given by Professor Martin Goodman, of Oxford University and a leading expert on the 1st century period.

His talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews on Tuesday 16th May at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to him in person. There is no charge, but it is important you book a place, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: admin@maidshul.org

The Wintershall Life of Christ is back this year. This is a full scale re telling of the life of Jesus over a day in the countryside. Details can be found here: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-6>

We are proposing to take a group from St. Luke's on Tuesday 27th June, leaving quite early for a 10 am start. The cost is £25 pp plus transport (to be confirmed once we know numbers). If you would be interested in coming along please would you sign up in church or email the office by 8th May so that we know how many tickets to book.

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

From the PCC

Key issues discussed at the recent PCC meeting:

- Officers were elected: Vice Chair – Jacqueline Lewis; Treasurer – Bev Botting; Secretary – Jeanette Lock; Health and Safety Officer – Simon Bader; Parish Safeguarding Officer – Barbara Essam; Electoral Roll – via the Parish Office; Standing committee reps – Anne Child and Ralph Hinchliffe.
- Deanery Synods rep confirmed as: Ruth Sheppard, Marc Capporiccio, Jeanette Lock
- The three main charities for this year were agreed as: local – Foodshare (Katty King to champion) National – Green Christians (Kim Rumble to champion) International – rebuilding after the Turkish/ Syrian earthquake (via Embrace the middle East, Barbara Essam to champion)
- Fabric team is exploring three key areas: lighting, boiler replacement and churchyard
- The Institute for Children Youth and Mission is supporting our search for a Children and Family leader
- Andrew Gallacher will give the inaugural Johanna Raffan memorial recital on Sunday 8th October at 3pm.
- A nurture programme will start this month (see this sheet)
- An anonymous donor was thanked for paying for the church to be deep cleaned, we need to find more cleaners to join the regular team.
- On finance, the church currently had an overspend of £32,115.99, largely due to boiler repair work along with the considerable rising energy costs. While it was hoped that planned giving and church collections for 2023 would match that from 2022, there would still be a need to raise additional money. (see below).
- A Garden party will be arranged for early autumn (Sunday 3rd September) and a 'Not the summer fair' collection will, be held on 23rd July.
- The PCC plans to install a defibrillator.
- It was noted that the Headteacher of St. Luke's School, will be leaving this summer.

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 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 18th May

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 11th May

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