



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 8th June - Pentecost

This Sunday we have Parish Communion service at 10am, all are welcome.
There is no 8am service this week, that will be NEXT Sunday.

The Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you...

Post Communion Prayer

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness
and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2. 1-21

Gospel Reading

⁸Philip said to Jesus, '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. ¹³ I 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. ¹⁵'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' ²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' ²³Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

John 14. 8-27

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 238 Come down, O love divine
G: 258 O thou who camest from above
O: 259 She sits like a bird
R: 389 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Thought for the week:

That first Pentecost was a sight to behold. It impacted powerfully on the apostles and the pilgrims in the city of Jerusalem, as we read in the Acts account.

What power – what transformation was possible:

- Peter spoke up and started his preaching ministry;
- Somehow all the people heard the message in their own tongue;
- The new community grew.

If we are honest, what have we done to the Holy Spirit? Have we allowed that exuberance to flourish? That excitement? That colour?

Even allowing for the fact that we are Anglicans, I wonder sometimes whether we have tried to tame, to control the Spirit rather than allowing her to control and refresh and inspire and lead us. Through the power of the Spirit those early new Christians 'heard the message in their own language'. They expressed it in their way. How often do we expect enquirers, new Christians today



to conform to our ways rather than allow ourselves to be enriched by what they bring – literally to the table?

How often do we hear the call of the Spirit above the noise of our own desires, and allow her to stir us up – to action in a whole variety of ways?

It is always good to stop and check ourselves, to check that we do allow the Spirit room in our lives – to fire us up with love and spur us on to action.

What is the Spirit saying to you? What is she saying to us as a church?

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That we may be open to the work of God's Spirit in our lives
- 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, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For the work of our Hospices.
- For all those who live and work in Norfolk Park Cottages
- For Leo and Madeleine who were baptised last week
- 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, Mair Bright, Tina Botting, Ralph Hinchliffe, Paul Bader, Colette Baxter, Baby Dean, Harry, Andrew Sheppard, Jenny
- 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 8th June 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 150	Joel 2.28-end	Romans 8.1-17
Monday	Psalm 126	Job 1	Romans 1.1-17
Tuesday	Psalm 132	Job 2	Romans 1.18-end
Wednesday	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 9.23-24	Acts 4. 32-end
Thursday	Psalm 143	Job 4	Romans 2.17-end
Friday	Psalm 144	Job 5	Romans 3.1-20
Saturday	Psalm 147	Job 6	Romans 3.21-end

Rotas for next week

Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday : Parish Communion

Read: Jacqueline Lewis Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis Chalice: TBC Sound: Simon
Welcomers: Michael, Shula & Fiona Coffee: Kate and Marc Children: Rachel

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the church floodlighting has been sponsored by Eilish Allan
"In memory of Rob. Birthday 9th June."

and by Maidenhead Street Angels for their AGM on 8th June 2025.
"Loving the person in front of you"



What's on.... This week:

Please note the Parish office will be closed all week , reopens on Tuesday 10th June.

Sunday 8 th June	10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 10 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 11 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible Study
Thursday 12 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group 1.30 pm, Teas (community Hall)
Friday 13 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Saturday 14 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer on zoom
Sunday 15 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptisms 6.00 pm, Taize service, here

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

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

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Bible Study: a study of the book of Genesis, Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church, started 7th May.

Garden Party: Saturday 28th June, 3pm in the vicarage garden. Tickets £15 pp, available now. If you are able to make cakes or scones please sign up on the list in church, thank you.

Revd. Sally's final services..

Do remember to sign up for the **Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20th July at 3pm in church.** This will be a simple service of Evening Prayer and will be followed by afternoon tea. A number of other guests will also be invited, recognising those wider links that Sally has developed during her time here. To assist with catering and places please book your place by signing up on the list in church.

From the PCC

See the last 2 weeks news sheets for a summary of the key discussions/ decisions at the most recent PCC meeting.

Our Charities for this year ... Christians against Poverty:

James Ellins is our national charity champion, and he writes:

Christians Against Poverty is a debt counselling charity that provides free help, advice, and support to anyone who needs it.

- They offer a variety of practical services including negotiating with creditors, advising on bankruptcy and debt relief, as well as helping people to create workable household budgets.

- They carry out their mission in collaboration with churches throughout the United Kingdom. Find out more about their incredible work at <https://capuk.org/>

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

The soft fruit season has now begun (see <https://www.thefruitfields.co.uk/> for local pick your own details). We would be grateful for any produce you are able to contribute using these fruits for the 2025 Festival. Alternatively freeze the fruit and let us know how to collect it.

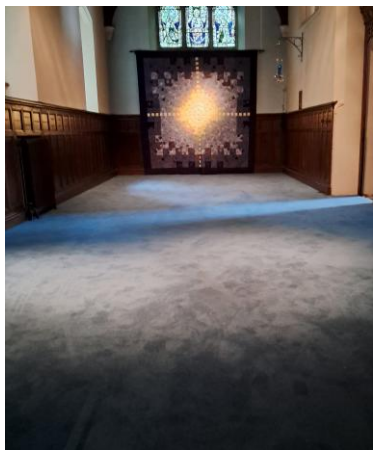
Later in the year we will have a basket at the back of church for donations of sugar, vinegar, dried fruit, nuts. We will then be appealing for fruits such as apples, plums and damsons. Also please keep any Bonne Maman and Frank Cooper marmalade jars for us.

As in previous Christmas Tree Festivals we can supply the Spire label for fixing onto produce in due course, 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 (especially chutneys!).

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

We have a new carpet in the chapel...

With thanks to Jill Bevitt for a generous donation in memory of Roger:



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. 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!

**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:
sally514@btinternet.com www.wamcf.org

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 6th June 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 13th June

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
St Luke's Church
Norfolk Road
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6th June
4.00-5.30pm

Peter

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book
Craft, worship, 2 course tea
£2.00 per child
www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk



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GARDEN PARTY
with raffle

Saturday 28th June 2025
3.00 pm, in the Vicarage Garden

Tickets £15.00
From the Parish office: 01628 622733
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk
Or after services in church

