



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 2nd April 2017

Passion Sunday

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

11.30 am APCM, in church

If you are new to St. Luke's please do make yourself known to the ministers or a member of the Welcome Team, who can give you a contact card to complete. Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee which will be served at the back of church.

You might like to know that...

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with toys and books. Do feel free to sit there with your children. For older children we have activity bags so that they can sit with you in the pews, just ask a sidesperson for one.

... we have large print orders of service and hymn books. If you would like one please ask someone wearing a name badge.

... we have a loop system for those using hearing aids.

... the toilets are through the double doors at the front of church.

... if you would like to receive an intincted wafer at communion please come to the south side of the altar and indicate to the minister.

... we have many activities going on during the week. For a full list please ask a person with a name badge - or take a Parish Directory from the leaflet trolley.

... we send out a weekly email update. If you would like one please email the Parish Office on admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk and we will add you to the list.

Pastoral Care: If you have or know of any particular pastoral need (visiting, home communion, etc) please speak to our Pastoral Coordinator, Sue Hinchliffe in the first instance (01628 784724).

The readings for Passion Sunday

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8.6-11

A Reading from the Gospel of John

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 11. 1-45

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of
others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for
ever.

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered
on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his
victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Robert Lewis

*“To keep a light shining in memory of my mum,
Daphne, on the third anniversary of her passing.”*



What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too
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WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Prayer Meeting: The next prayer meeting will take place in church this Wednesday 5th April at 3.00pm. An opportunity to slow down and be in God's presence. Sonya

Messy Church: Next Saturday 8th April (Lost son / new life) 3.30-5.30pm, £1 per person: craft, meal, worship. All families welcome.

Easter Lilies: If you wish to contribute towards the Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, please sign the sheet at the back of church or see Rita Salter.

Bishop Steven's visit to the Deanery: +Steven will spend much of Tuesday 6th June in the Deanery. He will meet with clergy and will visit St. Luke's school as well as town centre ministry in Windsor. Everyone is invited to 'an evening with Bishop Steven' at 7.30 pm at St. Stephen's church Windsor. Please do make this a priority in your diaries, especially PCC members.

Prayer Letters Help: Is there anyone who is computer friendly who could take over organising the Prayer Letters? It is not an onerous task. Since the new properties in Boulders Meadow and Kidwells Close are now occupied it is the right time to put all the information together. My piece of paper is not big enough! If you think you may be able to help, please have a word with me, Enid, 628195, and I will explain what is involved. I would like to hand over before Easter.

Ascension day: I have received the following invitation from Rabbi Jonathan Romain: I would be delighted if you – and any of your congregation – would be able to join us for the talk to be given by the (still relatively new) Bishop of Oxford on Thursday 25th May at 8.00 pm. He will be speaking on 'Leadership and scripture – recovering confidence in our traditions'. It should be a fascinating evening. It would be great to go along and so our evening Ascension day service will be a shorter service at 7.00 pm, allowing those who wish to go together to the synagogue afterwards. If you'd like to go please let me know and I will reply for us all. Sally

INFORMATION

Chris Sawyers, RIP: The funeral of Chris Sawyers will take place on Thursday 20th April. A morning cremation service for family only will be followed by a thanksgiving service at 1.15pm in church, to which everyone is warmly invited.

Baby Noah: Emma and Kirsty Cameron are delighted to announce the birth of their son baby Noah Jacob on 18th March, weighing in at 7 lbs 2 oz. We congratulate them on the new arrival and look forward to meeting him.

Open church rota: it would be good to have the church open on Friday afternoons as we have in previous years, from 2-4pm. If you are willing to go on the rota to be in church to enable this to happen please contact the parish office. We will start after Easter. Thank you.

Serena Tajima is to be ordained deacon on Saturday 1st July at 2pm in Christchurch cathedral, Oxford. Everyone is warmly invited to be there to support her - please do pray for Serena as she prepares for this important time. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Serena please speak to the church wardens.

Annual Church Bulletin: This has been produced and emailed out. There are a few hard copies please speak to Sally if you would like one.

Message from Helen Poynter: To all my lovely friends at St Luke's, I would like to thank you all for all the care and prayer you have given in my time of illness and need. I pray for you all and hope you are all well. I have settled into my new home at Foxley Grove nursing home in Holyport. If anyone is thinking of popping over it would be lovely to see you, please call me on my mobile first (Sally or the office both have my number) to ensure I'm able to see you. Thank you all again. Helen Poynter.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Ladies' Breakfast: Our next breakfast will be next Saturday 8th April. Doors open at 8.45 am and our speaker will be Bev Botting, Head of Research and Statistics at the Church of England. Tickets are £5 and now available from church.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Last Train to Tomorrow: Maidenhead Synagogue present a dramatic Musical narrative that tells the story of the Kindertransport. Music By Carl Davis CBE and words by Hiawyn Oram. With the women's choir and children of Maidenhead Synagogue. 17th and 18 May at 19.30 and 20th May at 16.00 and 19.00, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road. Tickets from Barbara Grossman, 01628 541017 or email projects.maidenheadsynagogue@gmail.com

Consistory Court

We are pleased to report that the Chancellor has handed down judgement on the faculty application for the re-ordering work at this church and has found in favour of the petitioners. A faculty for the work will therefore be issued.

There is one condition, that raised by the DAC in its approval, namely that the additional heating, by chandelier, at the rear of the church, be replaced within ten years.

The judgement itself runs to 13 pages and is a measured judgement. The Chancellor finds that the proposals have very clear advantages for the parish, and that the current arrangements for the office cannot remain.

He also makes it clear that there was not adequate consultation, although he does not believe this was deliberate, and he is concerned that the Re-ordering Group was not integrated into the formal governance structures of the parish. The Chancellor has made clear his expectation that all significant stages in the development of the proposals should be undertaken by, or under the direct auspices of, the PCC.

We are grateful to the Chancellor for this judgement, and acknowledge the points he has made, which will now be taken to the PCC for consideration. We will inform the relevant parties, particularly the architects, and seek final costings from them, and the builders, in order to bring these to the first meeting of the new PCC in May, when we will seek the approval of the PCC to proceed. Sally, Johanna, Dave

HOLY WEEK

Morning Prayer (8.30 am) and Evening prayer (5.00 pm) every day. Church open daily for prayer and reflection

Monday 10th April, 9.00 am Holy Communion,

8.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 11th April, 8.00 pm, Holy Communion with meditation

Wednesday 12th April 10.00 am, Holy Communion with address

8.00 pm Lent course concludes with 9.15 pm Compline

Maundy Thursday, 13th April, 8.00 pm, Holy Communion with footwashing, and Watch

Good Friday 14th April, 11.00 am, Walk of Witness, town centre

1.00 pm, an Hour at the Cross,

2.00 pm, The Liturgy of the Last Hour

3.15 pm, Evening Prayer and church sealed

Easter Sunday, 16th April

6.00 am, Dawn Service on Ray Mill Island

8.00 am, Holy Communion with Lighting of Paschal candle

10.00 am, All Age Communion, blessing of the Easter Garden

For your prayers (to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)

- The ministry and mission of this church
- Our personal and corporate spiritual growth this Lent
- The work of Jeel Al Amal orphanage in Bethany
- Our plans to re-order the church, for funding, and wisdom in the plans and practical work and the outcome of the consistory court
- Those to be married here: Madeleine and Elliot
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in April: Millie Major, Lincoln Doyle, Jack Northover, Richard Hayes, Poppy and Zac Wood, Alicea Warren, Hendrix and Hunter Le Tissier-Gallagher, Oliver and Isabel Bolton, Sophie Hughes, Jasper Craig, Arthur Marshall-Pullin
- All those who live and work in Grassy Lane
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Katharine Morris, Ben Francis, Stephen Sands, Tim Williams, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, babies Albert and George, Helen Poynter
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Chris Sawyers, Michael Hedges
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: Fiona Nunn, John Quinn, Anna Meredith, Penelope Lawrence, Rex Hugo, Leonard Reynolds, Audrey Eggleton, Paul Hill, Arthur Harris, Lesley Griffiths, Myra Ford, Brian King, Ernest Gammon, David Sherwood, Philip Agnew, Peter Brown





Next Sunday, 9th April

Palm Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Matthew's Passion reading

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Taize

at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Next week's readings at 10am:

Matthew 21. 1-11 Isaiah 50. 4-9a Philippians 2. 5-11 Matthew's Passion

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Don Luff

Readers: OT: Sue Turner, NT: Neil Maclean

Intercessor: Phyllis Sopp

Elements: Ann and Ben Darracott

Coffee: Ann Hockham and Julienne Grobler

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Peter Goford, Phyllis Sigsworth,

Eileen Goford, Ann Burdett, Dorothy Strack Hankey

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 3rd

Office 9.30-11

Tuesday 4th

8.30am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30-11

7.15pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th

8.30 am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30-11

10.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Lent Course

3.00 pm Prayer Group

8.00 pm Lent Course

Thursday 6th

8.30am Morning Prayer

Office closed

2.00pm Thursday Teas

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 7th

8.30 am Morning Prayer

Office closed

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 8th

9.00 am Ladies Breakfast

3.30pm Messy Church

St. Luke's Church Office is open Mon Tues, Weds, 9.30 am - 11 am

Deadline for entries for this weekly pew sheet is 9.00 am on Tuesdays.

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