



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 5th March 2017

First Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Holy Communion for St David's Day, at All Saints

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 the 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 the First Sunday of Lent

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5.12-19

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

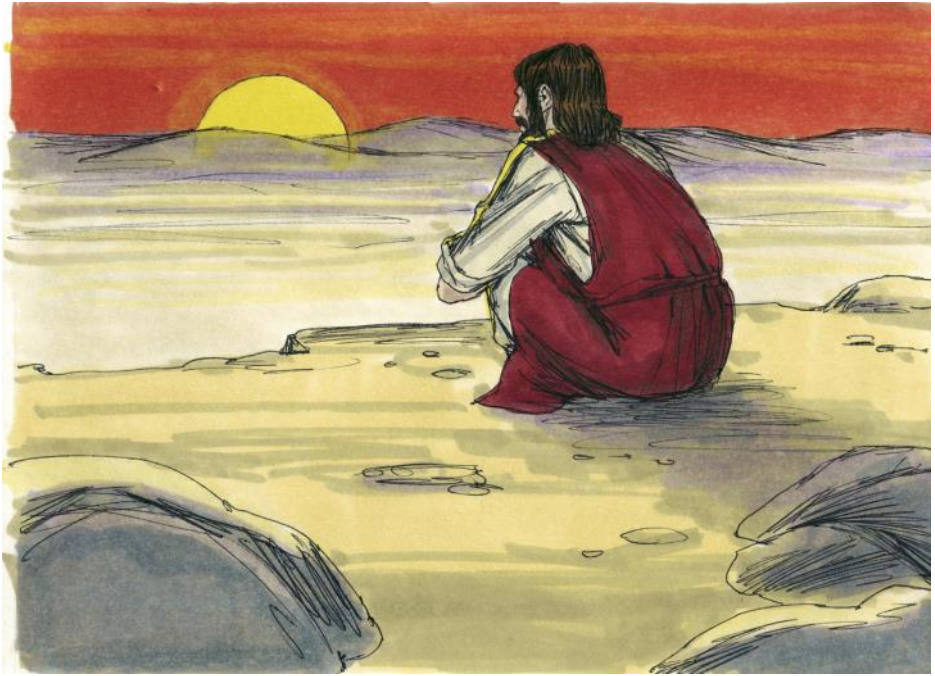
Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on

Matthew 4.1-11



Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted
forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet
without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power
to save;
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 God,
you have renewed us with the living
bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your
mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week :

In loving remembrance of David Sawyers

“Chris, Claire and Helen would like to thank all of you who came to David's funeral. It was comforting to be surrounded by so many people as we celebrated David's life. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.”



What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Lent course: This year's Lent course will follow the Pilgrim booklet: Beatitudes, and will take place on Wednesdays at 11 am and 8 pm in the church / parish centre, starting on 8th March for five weeks. If you would like a copy of the booklet (£5 each) please sign up in church.

Lent Lunch: today, 19th March and 2nd April. Please sign up to provide soup, bread and cheese.

Lenten Quiet Day: Saturday 11th March, 10.30 am—3.00 pm with a soup lunch provided, here at St. Luke's. All welcome. Please sign up in church.

And also **Lenten Retreat day** with Rowan Williams on Saturday 18th March 10am-4pm St Marys Church, Chesham, Bucks. See www.pelagos.co.uk or poster at the back of church for more details.

Women's World Day of Prayer: This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines. The theme is 'Am I Being Unfair to You'. It deals with the exploitation and discrimination against the women in the home, church and society. It is at the United Reformed Church in West Street on Friday 3rd March at 2pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome including men! Ruth Sheppard and Gill Curry

Anniversaries of death: You will see that we are now including those whose anniversary of death falls at certain times in our prayers. We have a database of all funerals we have taken in the last five and a half years but if you would like us to add a loved one to our list please email the office with: name, date of death and your name.

Stars and Sparks: our children have chosen a new name for themselves, and Natasha has designed this super 'logo'. Please do pray for our Stars and Sparks, and their leaders especially Emma as she begins her maternity leave.

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 Boulters 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.

INFORMATION

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.

Spring Cleaning the Church – Saturday 18 March 9.30 – 12.30 Please put the date in your diary if you think you may be able to help for some or all of this time, and have a look at the range of cleaning tasks which you can view on a list at the back of the church. There should be something for you, whether you are one of the regular cleaners, are involved on Church Care days or want to try the fun and satisfaction of one of our working parties for the first time. Janet Trinkwon, Sally Somerville & Roger Bevitt

Electoral Roll: If you are not already on the electoral role please complete a form at the back of church. You need to be on the electoral role to vote in the APCM in April .

Inspire: The next issue of our church magazine will be out in time for Easter and it would be fantastic to see a wide range of contributions from the congregation - thank you to those who've already given me something. Please email your articles, ideas and/or photos to inspire@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk by 9pm on Wednesday 29th March. If email isn't possible, I can also accept paper submissions before the deadline. Thanks very much, Louisa Ellins, Editor.

Contactors: It is now the beginning of March, and I have not received any record sheets from the majority of Contactors since October '16. Please let me have record sheets for Nov/Dec & Jan/Feb asap in order that I can get my records up to date. Advance notice there will be a Contactors meeting on 4th April at 3pm. in the Parish Centre. Sue Hinchliffe

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers : It's that time again! Please bring in any Sainsbury's vouchers for the school—they really do appreciate our help! There is a box to put them in at the back of church.

Inter-Faith Golf Tournament: Sunday 26th March 2017, 10am. The tournament has been arranged by WAMCF and will take place at Bird Hills Golf Club, Drift Road Hawthorn Hill Maidenhead SL6 3ST. Contact: Trip Pannu on 0741 3588524 trip.pannu@sky.com for booking and further information.

Men's Matters Windsor: This new charity supporting older men in Maidenhead and Windsor who are isolated, feel lonely and experiencing major life changes. Men's Matters Windsor has a 'drop-in' centre for men over 50 living in and around Windsor. It is open from 1pm to 3.30pm every Monday at the All Saints Church, Dedworth Road, Windsor, SL4 4JW to meet with each other and enjoy a cuppa.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Interfaith Dialogue: Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum are organising a series of fortnightly interfaith dialogues in centres of faith around Maidenhead and Windsor. All welcome, see details at the back of church or visit www.wamcf.org The last one of the series will be on **14th March** at Maidenhead Mosque. Please note that there will be **NO TUESDAY EVENING HOLY COMMUNION** service on these days.

Consistory Court

Thank you to everybody who helped and supported the smooth running of the court case. We believe the ruling will be issued at the start of March Please do continue to keep the whole issue in your prayers.

Keeping Lent

As we enter the Lenten season we are all encouraged to keep a holy Lent - a time to reflect on our faith and to deepen our love for Jesus as we allow Him to love us more and more.

Please take away the additional Lent Leaflet for details of what the church offers to help us in this time.



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
- Our Mission Action Plan priorities and Task groups exploring them
- Our town and parish and RBWM's borough planning for new homes
- Those married here recently: Ruth and Aiden Tibble
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in March: Scarlette Whittle, Mia Cherry, Alfie-Ray Marshall-Pullin, Henry Weber
- All those who live and work in Savoy Court
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Katharine Morris, Ben Francis, Stephen Sands, Tim Williams, Chris Sawyers, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, babies Albert and George, Helen Poynter
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Janet Conboy
- Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Robert Crick, Victor Garroway, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton





Next Sunday, 12th March

Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: The Venerable Olivia Graham

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Desert Island Songs and Readings
at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Next week's readings at 10am:

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17 John 3. 1-17

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Don Luff

Intercessor: Shula Tajima

Elements: Ann Cooke and Barbara Essam

Coffee: Mary Oubridge and Fran Hornby

Welcomers: **8.00 am:** Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Peter Goford, Eileen Goford, Phyllis Sigsworth
Shula Tajima, Dorothy Strack Hankey

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 6th	3.00pm	Seeking Solace
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>		
Tuesday 7th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	7.15pm	Holy Communion
	8.00pm	PCC
Wednesday 8th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Lent Course
	8.00 pm	Lent Course
Thursday 9th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	2.00pm	Teas
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 10th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 11th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Quiet Day, here

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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