



## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 9th April 2017**

**Palm Sunday**

### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.00 am Parish Communion**

President: Revd Sally Lynch

The Passion Reading from St. Matthew's Gospel

**6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Taize Service for Palm Sunday**

at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

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 in the parish centre.

#### **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](mailto: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 Palm Sunday are:**

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

The servant of the LORD said:

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens –  
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

*Isaiah 50.4-9a*

### **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2. 5-11*

## **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew: The Palm Gospel**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

*Matthew 21. 1-11*

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the  
human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers  
of his resurrection;  
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. one God,  
now and for ever.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the  
form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross  
for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord  
and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**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.”*

&

Iris Brown

*“In memory of Peter Brown”*



**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too**  
**[www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)**

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**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 **today**

**Good Friday:** There will be soup and bread available in the parish centre until 12.45pm for anyone who comes from the Walk of Witness to the 1pm an Hour at the Cross Service. All welcome

**Easter Sunday 6am Dawn Service:** This will take place on Ray Mill Island, you are warmly invited to stay for coffee and bacon butties after the service.

**Holy Communion:** On Wednesday 26th April Holy Communion will be at 9am instead of 10am, to enable a school service at 11am to which all are very warmly invited to stay.

**Godparents Sunday** is a new CofE initiative and falls this year on 30th April. As a fifth Sunday this will be a simple Word service with hymns. We have invitations to parents to send to godparents of those baptised here in the last five years. Baptism contactors will be asked to deliver these. You may like to invite your own godparents to the service and if you are a godparent yourself please do make a point of being in church that day. And if you are not, then still come to thank God and pray for godparents.

**Bishop Steven's visit to the Deanery:** +Steven will spend much of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 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**

**Helen Poynter RIP:** Sadly Helen passed away on 5th April after a long illness. Please remember her family in prayer. Helen’s funeral will take place at Slough Crematorium at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 25th April. Further details to follow.

**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.

**Social Media Talks:** Next social media talk will be on web browsing on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 11.30 am.

**Church Office:** From 6th May, the church office will be also be open on Saturday morning 9.30am-11am.

**Ministry Team:** I am pleased to inform everyone that Phyl Sopp has accepted an invitation from me to join the Ministry Team. Please pray for us all as together we lead the church in furthering God’s mission in this parish.

## **SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING**

**Theatre trip:** Shirley Valentine at Wycombe Swan, Saturday matinee on April 22nd. at 2.30pm. The seats are very good ones and tickets cost £22.50 (providing we have a group of 12+); this means saving almost £10 each. If you would like to join in, please let Ann Burdett know asap. (Tel 631486)

**Andrew Gallagher concert:** advance notice that Andrew is hosting a short concert here in church on Wednesday 19th April at 3.00 pm. Details and tickets to follow, do come if you can.

## **WIDER COMMUNITY**

**Last Train to Tomorrow:** Maidenhead Synagogue present a dramatic Musical narrative that tells the story of the Kindertransport. 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 / projects.maidenheadsynagogue@gmail.com

## **HOLY WEEK**

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

**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 hand / footwashing, and Watch until 11.00 pm.

**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**

**Maundy Thursday:** Fr. John Chadwick from St Joseph's has emailed Fr. Jeremy and myself with the following idea: we at St Jo's thought it might be a lovely idea to mix up during the course of the watching as a mark of our shared faith and prayer for more visible Christian unity. For example, I plan to visit St Lukes after the evening Mass on Holy Thursday, and then head on to All Saints for a further period and returning to St Jo's for the conclusion. We would encourage St Jo's folk to join in but Inevitably a good number will remain behind to ensure no-one is left on their own. Please do join in too, if you wish.

**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 today: 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 Ray Park 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
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Helen Poynter  
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 Griffuths, Myra Ford, Brian King, Ernest Gammon, David Sherwood, Philip Agnew, Peter Brown, John Rogers, Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anthony Wright





**Next Sunday, 16th April  
Easter Sunday**

**6.00 am Dawn Service on Ray Mill Island**  
Followed by breakfast

**8.00 am Holy Communion with Lighting of Paschal Candle**

**10.00 am All Age Holy Communion, blessing of Easter Garden**  
President: Revd Sally Lynch  
Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

**Next week's readings at 10am:**

Acts 10. 34-43 Matthew 28. 1-10

**Next week's rotas under Duty Warden:** Johanna Raffan

**Readers:** Acts: Nicola Buckland

**Elements:** Judith Edwards and Joan Harnby

**Coffee:** Fran Hornby

**Welcomers: 8.00 am:** Richard Hannam

**10.00 am:** Emma Shenton, Ann Darracott, Ralph Hinchliffe  
Sue Hinchliffe, Janet Trinkwon

**This week at St. Luke's - Holy Week- all welcome**

**See page 6. The office will be open Monday and Tuesday 9.30-11am**



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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