



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 12th March 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Desert Island Songs and Readings

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.

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 Second Sunday of Lent

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4.1-5 , 13-17

A Reading from the Gospel of John

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’



John 3.1-17

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error
the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ’s
religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our
bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which
may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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
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 six weeks.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

40 Acts Challenge: This year the Stars and Sparks are taking part in the 40 Acts Challenge. The challenge asks us to do something generous every day during Lent. We will be deciding on a weekly generosity challenge to take part in Stars and Sparks. Why not sign up with your family to get the daily challenges and take part together? <https://40acts.org.uk/>

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. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Serena please speak to the church wardens.

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 .

APCM – The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 11.30am on Sunday 02nd April 2017 in St. Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX this is preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect our Churchwardens.

The APCM is when the PCC report on its activities during the year and the financial state of the church. Elections also take place PCC Members and this year Deanery Synod members (who are not subject to 3 year rule).

Nominations are now required for the 2 Churchwardens, 4 PCC Members and 3 Deanery Synod members. The nomination forms for all the elections are on the table at the rear of church. Please complete the appropriate form with your nomination and place in the folder provide. DON'T forget that the person you are nominating has to sign the form agreeing to their nomination. Ralph Hinchliffe, PCC Secretary

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

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

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 this Tuesday **14th March** at Maidenhead Mosque. Please note that there will be **NO TUESDAY EVENING HOLY COMMUNION** service on these days.

Contact The Elderly Maidenhead Tea Party Group: Local group Contact the Elderly hold monthly tea parties for people over 75 who live alone and need a hand getting out and about. For more information call 0800 716 543 Or visit www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk

Consistory Court

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



Keeping Lent

As we move through 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: Scarlett Whittle, Mia Cherry, Alfie-Ray Marshall-Pullin, Henry Weber
- All those who live and work in Ray Lea Close
- 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, Doreen Leverkus
- Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Robert Crick, Victor Garroway, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton





Next Sunday, 19th March

Third Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion with Baptism

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

12.00 noon Baptism

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Choral Evensong, here

Next week's readings at 10am:

Romans 5. 1-11, 13-17 John 4. 5-42

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Johanna Raffan

Intercessor: Roger Clarke

Elements: Jill and John Cotterill

Coffee: Ann and Richard Burdett

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Richard Hannam

10.00 am: Emma Shenton, Anne Darracott, Ralph Hinchliffe
Sue Hinchliffe and Janet Trinkwon

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 13th

Office 9.30-11

Tuesday 14th

Office 9.30-11

7.00pm

No Morning Prayer

NO Holy Communion

Interfaith Dialogue at Maidenhead Mosque

No Morning Prayer

Wednesday 15th

Office 9.30-11

10.00 am

Holy Communion

11.00 am

Lent Course

8.00 pm

Lent Course

Thursday 16th

Office closed

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.00pm

Evening Prayer

Friday 17th

Office closed

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

5.00 pm

Evening Prayer

Saturday 18th

9.00 am

Morning Prayer

Spring Clean Day

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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