

*Palm
Sunday*

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 14th April 2019
Palm Sunday**

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

4.00pm Café Church

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Taize service

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 slip to complete. Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee which will be served in the fellowship area at the back of church.

You might like to know that...

... our Baby and Toddler area is at the front with quiet 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

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

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).

Safety: We take all aspects of safety very seriously at St Luke's. Please do take care with hot drinks. Details of our safeguarding team are on the noticeboard by the door . Should you have any concerns, please do speak to someone.

The Readings for Palm Sunday

The Palm Gospel:

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden.

Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Luke 19. 28-40

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 the Epistle 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

The Collect for Palm Sunday

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...



The 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.

This morning's hymns at 10am:

P: sht We have a king who rides on a donkey (children only)
sht Make way, make way
sht All glory, laud and honour
O: 54 I cannot tell
HC: 601 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
R: 129(i) Ride on, ride on, in majesty
R: 112 My song is love unknown (omit v 3 and 4)

Jesus' Passion, in Luke 22.14-23.49

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

The Dispute about Greatness

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' And he said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!' Jesus said, 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.'

Purse, Bag, and Sword

He said to them, 'When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?' They said, 'No, not a thing.' He said to them, 'But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be

fulfilled in me, “And he was counted among the lawless”; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.’ They said, ‘Lord, look, here are two swords.’ He replied, ‘It is enough.’

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.’ [[Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, ‘Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?’ When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, ‘Lord, should we strike with the sword?’ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!’

Peter Denies Jesus

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

The Mocking and Beating of Jesus

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, 'Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?' They kept heaping many other insults on him.

Jesus before the Council

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, 'If you are the Messiah, tell us.' He replied, 'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.' All of them asked, 'Are you, then, the Son of God?' He said to them, 'You say that I am.' Then they said, 'What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!'

Jesus before Pilate

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

Jesus before Herod

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Jesus Sentenced to Death

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and

here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

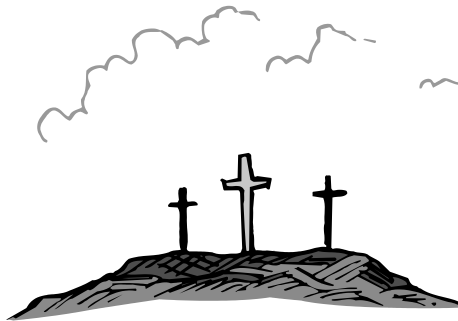
As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

The Death of Jesus

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.



The Revd. Nicola Hulks: The Reverend Mark Bennett is pleased to announce that Reverend Nicola Hulks has been appointed to the post of Team Vicar in the Thatcham Team Ministry.

Nicola is currently Assistant Curate at St Luke's Church Maidenhead. She was ordained in 2015 having trained at Ripon College Cuddesdon where she also studied for a BA in Theology at Oxford University. Prior to ordination Nicola worked as an events manager with a special interest in science education with primary age children.

Nicola will be moving to Thatcham with her husband Ben and son Luke (age 2 and a half!) and they are all looking forward to this exciting new phase of life and ministry and to getting to know the community in Thatcham.

It is hoped that Nicola will be inducted in July, more details will be announced soon. Her last Sunday at St. Luke's will be on 9th June.

Please pray for Nicola, Ben and Luke as they prepare for their move and for the congregations of St Luke's in Maidenhead and St Barnabas and St Mary's in Thatcham.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Ann and Richard Burdett

*“In anticipation of the forthcoming marriage of
Andrew and Kristen on 18th April”*

&

Iris Brown

“ Peter, 12th April. Always in my thoughts”



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

Maudy Thursday Seder Meal: The sign up sheet for this meal is at the back of church. Please do indicate if you intend to come for the meal so we can lay sufficient places and cater appropriately. Doors open at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm meal. Donations towards the cost of the meal will be received on the evening.

Seeking Solace is a monthly space for any who have been bereaved at any time to get together for chat (about all sorts of things!), tea and cake and a short act of reflective worship. Monday 13th May. All welcome—do tell other people about this opportunity.

INFORMATION

Easter Lilies: A reminder that today, Palm Sunday, is the last opportunity to have an Easter Lilly dedicated in remembrance of a loved one. Please put your donation in the box at the back of the church or give it directly to Rita.

Boxes and Bowls: There is a large number of boxes and bowls in the kitchen. If any of these are yours, please collect ASAP. Thanks, Sue Hinchliffe

Good Friday: for those who are leading worship on Good Friday (choir etc) and also wish to attend the walk of witness in town coffee and sandwiches will be provided in church between 11.45 and 12.45 (prompt). If anyone else is attending both and wishes to bring sandwiches (coffee provided here) they are very welcome to eat them in church. All evidence of food and drinks must be cleared away by 12.45 pm

Beryl Darlington's funeral will be on Thursday 25th April, 3.30 pm at Amer-sham

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Christian Aid Week Quiz Evening: Will take place on Saturday 27th April, 6.30pm at St Luke's Community Hall. Speak to Roger Clarke if you would like to take part.

Ladies Breakfast: the next Ladies Breakfast is on Saturday 4th May. Men are invited to this one too! Revd. Sally Lynch will speak about: What I did on my sabbatical. Tickets are £5 each and available now. Doors open 8.45 am and the event ends 10.30 am.

Interfaith Community meal: a meal for anyone in the community to join and eat together. Every Tuesday at 6.00pm, here in church. All welcome.

Baby and Toddler group: Meets weekly in term time. Thursdays 9.30-11.15am in the community hall.

Wedding invitation: Andrew Burdett and Kristen Paskins are getting married at St. Nicholas Church, Taplow on Thursday 18th April at 2.30pm and they would be delighted if members of the St. Lukes congregation would like to share their special day by attending the service and then joining them for a cup of tea and piece of cake in Taplow village hall afterwards. Please aim to arrive at about 2pm

Evening Walks: Our evening walks in memory of Roger Bevitt will start on Thursday 25th April, with a 2.25 mile ramble, hopefully enjoying the bluebells. Meet at Cookham Dean Common car park (MR: SU862843) for a 7.15 pm start. Next walk date Wednesday 1st May, details to follow. Roger Clarke (Tel: 632626)

Kori Easter Baskets: We have four baskets which were made in Kori and which we have filled with Easter Treats. These are on sale at the back of the Church for £5 each.

MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019

This year's music festival runs from Friday 21st June through to Sunday 30th June, with concerts, recitals and workshops on the following days:

Friday 21st 7:30pm -Thames Valley Chorus

Saturday 22nd 10:30am – 12:30-Psalms for the Common Era,
7:30pm-Inversion- Organ and Flute

Sunday 23rd June 3pm- tbc

Friday 28th 1:30 – 3:00-Schools concert ,
7:30pm –Andrew Gallacher and Simon

Saturday 29th June 7:30pm-tbc

On Sunday 30th June, we will be concluding our festival with a special “Music Sunday” service at 10am, followed by lunch followed by “Songs of Praise”. To vote for your favourite hymn for this service, watch this space....!





For your prayers

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

- That we might participate fully in Holy Week
- A deeper desire to grow as disciples
- Nikola and Charlie, confirmed this week
- For our political leaders especially at this time of national concern.
- Bishop Andrew and Janice as they prepare for retirement at Easter.
- The Orthodox and Anglican church in Ethiopia and especially the work of FACE (Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia)
- The work of The Clewer Initiative and the Homelessness Bus
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in April: Oliver, Isobel, Sophie, Jasper, Arthur, Charlotte, Lucy
- All those who live and work in Suffolk Court
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Shula Tajima, Beryl Darlington, and Richard Burdett
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Alan Coombs, Dorothy Main, Marjorie Falconer, and Beryl Darlington
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: John Rogers, Fiona Nunn, John Quinn, Penelope Lawrence, Leonard Reynolds, Paul Hill, Lesley Griffiths, Myra Ford, David Sherwood, Philip Agnew, Peter Brown, Vivienne Sewell, Roy Howton, Doreen Headington, John Henry, Doris Simpson, Joan Carpenter, Muriel Smith, Irene Weller, Peter Petter, Elsie Taplion, Josphine Aldridge, Helen Poynter, Alma Rookie, Roger Bevitt, Diana Philips, Elsie Cummings, Pamela Neville, Bertha Selby, and Virginia Mzorori-Murwisi.

Rota for next week

Next weeks readings:

Acts 10.34-43 Luke 24.1-12

Rota for Sunday 21st April , under Duty Warden: Michael Masango

Reader: 1st : John Cotterill

Acolytes: Shula Tajima, Monique Murwisi

Intercessor: Shula Tajima **Elements:** Don Luff, Dorothy Strack-Hankey

Chalice: Roger Clarke, Don Luff **Coffee:** Richard and Ann Burdett

Server at 8am: Rebecca Bryant **Crucifer at 10am:** Ben Darracott

Welcome Team: 8am: Richard Hannam

10am: Ann Darracott, Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe, Mike and Lisa.

This week at St. Luke's- HOLY WEEK

Everyone is welcome to all our services



Morning Prayer (8.30am) and Evening Prayer at (5.00pm) daily

Monday 15th April

Office open 9.30am-11.30am 9.00 am Holy Communion
8.00 pm Compline with address

Tuesday 16th April

Office open 9.30am-11.30am 6.00 pm Interfaith Community Meal
8.00 pm Holy Communion, meditation

Wednesday 17th April

Office closed 10.00 am Holy Communion and address
8.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 18th April

Office closed 6.30 pm Seder (Passover) Meal
8.30 pm Holy Communion
with foot washing and Watch in church
(watch till midnight, stay, come and go as you wish)

Friday 19th April

Office closed 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
3.15pm Evening Prayer, church locked and sealed

Saturday 20th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer
1.00 pm Wedding Blessing

Sunday, 21st, Easter Sunday

6.00 am Dawn Service at Kidwells Park
followed by breakfast in Church

8.00 am Holy Communion
with lighting of the Paschal candle

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion
with blessing of the Easter Garden

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