



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 18th February 2018

Lent I

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

12.00 noon Lent Lunch

**6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Reflective Service
at 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 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 - 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 Hincliffe in the first instance (01628 784724).

The Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Genesis 9.8-17

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1 Peter 3.18-22

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Mark 1.9-15

Post Communion

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.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty
days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet with-
out 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.

Today's hymns:

P: 496 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
G: 95 Forty days and forty nights
O: 324 Sweet sacrament divine
HC: 521 May the mind of Christ my saviour

Taize 50 Nada te turbe
 Nada te turbe
 Nada te espante
 Quien a Dios tiene
 nada le falta
 nada te turbe
 nada te espante
 Solo Dios basta

*Nothing can trouble
Nothing can frighten
Those how seek God shall
Never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble
Nothing can frighten
God alone fills us.*

R: 542 O love that wilt not let me go



The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Robert Lewis

*In memory of my dear mum Daphne,
still in my heart after four years. God Bless.*



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Lent The Lent leaflet is available in church now. It outlines lent lunches, Lent courses and other activities. Please take one.

Last Sunday: Thank you to everyone who participated in our time with Bishop Andrew on Sunday and to all who helped with the catering. What a fabulous day we had – delicious food, some helpful, stimulating and encouraging words from our bishop and some really useful reflections together. We have sent the photo taken at the end of the day to our brothers and sisters at St. Luke's in Gambella, with greetings. We'd like to put it on our website, if anyone is not comfortable with their own image being there please tell Sally by 23rd February.

3rd March, Berkshire Area day conference: this free day (ends 2pm) in Reading is a chance to get together with other churches, hear some great speakers, and think about the vision that bishop Steven is sharing with our diocese. Please let Sally know this week if you'd like to come.

Messy Church: Messy Church continues on Friday 2nd March at 3.30pm— 5.30pm. The theme will be Joseph's Amazing Egyptian Adventure! Each Messy Church begins with a time of crafts and play followed by a child friendly service and two course family dinner. £1.50 per child.

Quiet morning: we will have a quiet morning here on Saturday 24th February. The session will commence with coffee from 10.00 am, with a very brief reflection at 10.30 am and then space for personal silence in the church and chapel (with a couple of Lenten prayer stations) until 1.00 pm. All welcome, just come along, no charge.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: a reminder that Revd. Sally is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 2nd – 11th October 2018. If you would like details of this amazing opportunity please speak to Sally or take a flyer from church.

Task groups: meet at 8pm in church, this week: Christenings, Our Older Members, Midday worship and on 20th March: Social Gospel, Social Media, Music.

WAMCF Dialogues: The interfaith dialogues continue fortnightly at different places of worship until 27th March. For more information visit www.wamcf.org or see poster at back of church. **There will be NO 7.15pm service here on those evenings:**

27th February, Maidenhead Synagogue
Tuesday 13th March, Maidenhead Mosque
Tuesday 27th March, Windsor Humanists

Mosque Open Day: Maidenhead Mosque is holding an open day **today** (Sunday 18th February) from 2-4pm. We are all invited to pop in.

A year of Mission: the PCC has agreed that we will work with All Saints and Cox Green to have a year focussing on mission our parishes. Bishop Andrew has some (generous) funding to enable us to put on some specific activities and events and to reflect on how we might share our faith with those around us—and then do it more effectively.

The first main activity will be from 18th—28th March, when Riding Lights Theatre Company will be resident with us and lead a variety of activities in the churches and in our schools and other places. We will share Palm Sunday morning worship that day at the Desborough Suite (The People's Passion). If anyone thinks they might be able to offer accommodation to one of the team of five please do have a word with Nicola or Sally NOW.

Other events will be a day in the early summer on living as a Christian 24/7, a day on the Psalms at the start of Advent, and a day on prayer at the start of Lent 2019. We believe we have engaged some well known speakers for these days. More to follow. Please pray about all of this.

Women's World Day of Prayer: the Women's World Day of Prayer service will take place on Friday 2nd March at 2 pm at St Edmund Campion Church in Altwood Road. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Suriname. The theme is 'All God's Creation is very good'. There will be refreshments served afterwards and all are welcome; it is not just for women so it would be good to see some men at this particular lovely service. Ruth Sheppard and Gill Curry

INFORMATION

We have had notification of two sad deaths this week:

Monica Macaulay Brown, RIP. Monica passed away on 12th February at Harwood House, aged 90 Her funeral will take place here at St. Luke's on Tuesday 6th March at 11.45 am.

Jean Glossop, RIP. Jean was Roger Clarke's mother and passed away on 15th February, aged 95.

We extend our love and prayers to Mac Macaulay Brown and his family and to Roger and Sonya and their family.

Roger and Jill should like to thank all those members of our St. Luke's family who have shown concern and prayer regarding Roger's illness and their overwhelming practical care, good wishes and love. Thank you all. Jilly B

Inspire: The next issue of our church magazine will be out in time for Easter and I would love to see a range of contributions from the congregation. This is your magazine! Please email your articles, ideas and/or photos to inspire@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk **by 9pm on Wednesday 7th March**. If email isn't possible, I can also accept paper submissions before the deadline. Please note, anything received after this date will not be included in this issue. Louisa Ellins, Editor.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Food for Thought: Joan and Sally will also be speaking at the Food For Thought evening at ChOGS, Cox Green, on Saturday 3rd March about their Ethiopian Pilgrimage. Tickets are £8.50 for a two course meal and the are available from the office: 632567 or goodshepherd@chogs.plus.com. 7pm.

Thursday Lunches: This Thursday (22nd Feb) we will be going to the Carvery. Meet at 11.50am at church. All welcome. Phyllis

Kori Fundraiser in St Luke's Community Hall on Saturday 10th March , from 2-4 pm. Entrance fee £5 , drink and snacks included. Lots of photos, stories of our adventures. Good variety of stalls with interesting things to buy. The ladies who visited Kori Chiefdom in Sierra Leone last October are raising funds to build toilets and a Women's Room behind the Sandy Raffan library in Taiama. Come along and join in the fun. Gill Curry

WAMCF Ladies: will now be meeting monthly. The next meetings is: Wednesday 21st February, from 1.30—3.00 pm, here at St. Luke's: Gill Curry will speak about her visit to Kori in Sierra Leone. Due to the dialogues there will be no March meeting.

Parish Holiday 2018: Saturday 5th May - Monday 7th May, a weekend trip to Chester, Llandudno, and Snowdonia. A brochure is available from Richard Burdett or from the back of church, to whom completed forms should be returned asap.

Community meal: Starts again on the last Tuesday of every month from 5.30pm– 6.30pm in the Fellowship area of church, everyone is welcome.

Seated Stretch and Breathe: Weekly Friday Morning Stretch and Breathe from 10.15 am to 12 noon - 45 minute weekly sessions followed by refreshments - optional). The cost is £35 for 5 sessions (taken over a seven-week period to allow for life) or £9 per single session. For more information contact Paula Clayton 07843016641. Email: paula@theapplestudio.eu

You are warmly invited to the dedication
by the Right Reverend Andrew Proud,
Bishop of Reading,
of the re-ordered fellowship area, servery,
glazed doors and administrative areas
of St. Luke's Church

on Thursday 8th March 2018

at 7.30 pm

the dedication service

will be followed by light refreshments

RSVP

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**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, and our year of mission.
- Our keeping of Lent
- The Orthodox and Anglican church in Ethiopia and especially the work of FACE (Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia)
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in February: Isaac Smalley, Elsie-Rae Macrae, Harry Blackwell
- Ruth and Aiden Tibble, who celebrated their first wedding anniversary recently
- All those who live and work in Lower Cookham Road
- The sick and those who care for them: Nick Morris, Ben Francis, Stephen Sands, Tim Williams, John Francis, Sheila Tallent, Rose Dolan, Roger Bevitt
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Elisabeth Mobbs, Monica McCauley-Brown, Jean Glossop
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Peter Sharp, Peter Joyce, David Bateman, Edward Dobson, Mark Willard, Leonard Lynch, Beryl Horsham, Roy Smith, Doreen Leverkus



Sunday, 25th February 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Phyl Sopp

12.00 noon Baptism

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Taize Service, here

Next weeks readings at 10am

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 Romans 4.13-end, Mark 8.31-end

Next week's rota under Duty Warden: Ruth Sheppard

Reader OT: Shula Tajima **NT:** Peter Goford

Intercessor: Dorothy Strack-Hankey **Chalice:** Sue Harbour, Johanna Raffan

Acolytes: Michaela Masango, Roger Clarke

Server at 8am: Sue Harbour **Crucifer at 10am:** Gerry Knight

Elements: Mary Pennington and Helen Petter

Coffee: Ann Darracott and Joan Harnby

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Don Luff, Emma Shenton, Shula Tajima, Ben Darracott, Jilly Bevitt

This week at St. Luke's -

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 19th Feb

Office 9.30am-11am

Tuesday 20th Feb

Office 9.30am-11am

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.30pm Lent Group

7.15pm Holy Communion

8.00pm Task Groups

Wednesday 21st Feb

Office 9.30am-11am

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Lent Group

1.30pm WAMCF Interfaith Women's Group-

Thursday 22nd Feb

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.50pm Thursday lunches (meet at church)

5.00pm Evening Prayer

8.00pm Lent Course

Friday 23rd Feb

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.15am Stretch and Breath

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 24th Feb

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am-1pm Quiet Morning

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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