



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 19th March 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion with Baptism of Olivia Carter

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch

12.00 noon Baptism of Robyn Nash

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Choral Evensong, here

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 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 Third Sunday of Lent

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5.1-11

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

John 4.5-42

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up
to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he
was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in
the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way
of life and peace;
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

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to
withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the
devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to
follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.”*

Johanna

“Sandy- Rest in Peace 24/03/12”



**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: Today and 2nd April. Please sign up to provide soup, bread and cheese.

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 Boulders 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/>

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 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

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 – Thank you to everyone who helped Spring clean the church yesterday.

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 2nd 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 contd....

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.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Ladies' Breakfast: Our next breakfast will be on Saturday 8th April. Doors open at 8.45 am and our speaker will be Bev Botting, Head of Research and Statistics at the Church of England. Tickets are £5 and now available from church.

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.

Theatre trip: Shirley Valentine at Wycombe Swan, Saturday matinee on April 22nd. I have made a provisional booking to see Shirley Valentine, starring Jodie Prenger at Wycombe Swan on Saturday 22nd April at 2.30pm. The seats are very good ones and tickets are likely to be £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) Cheques should be payable to St. Lukes PCC. (Don't let lack of transport put you off booking - because, as usual, lifts can be organised for everyone unable to drive.)

Our next Couch Potatoes meeting is Thursday 23rd March in the Parish Centre at 7pm. New members welcome do come and join us, we are a small friendly group all trying to encourage each other to lose a few pounds and stay healthy. No pressure, we all understand the difficulties in losing weight and support each other.

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

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](http://www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk)

Consistory Court

Thank you to everybody who helped and supported the smooth running of the court case. We are still waiting for the ruling to be issued. 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 Boulters Gardens
- 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, Sandy Raffan





Next Sunday, 26th March

Mothering Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Mothering Sunday Word Service

Officiant: Revd Sally Lynch

Next week's readings at 10am:

I Samuel 1. 20-end John 19. 25b-27

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Peter Goford

Intercessor: Ministry team

Elements: N/A

Coffee: Sally Somerville and Sue Harbour

Welcomers: 8.00 am: Joan Harnby

10.00 am: Don Luff, Jilly Bevitt

Ben Darracott, John Cox

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 20th 7.30pm WAMCF Ladies Group

Office 9.30-11

Tuesday 21st 8.30am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30-11 7.15pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 22nd 8.30 am Morning Prayer

Office 9.30-11 10.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Lent Course

8.00 pm Lent Course

Thursday 23rd 8.30am Morning Prayer

Office closed 11.00am Funeral

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 24th 8.30 am Morning Prayer

Office closed 5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 25th 9.00 am Morning Prayer

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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