



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 23rd April 2017

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion and Baptism

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Service for St George's Day

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 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 Easter are:

A Reading from the Book of Acts

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

Acts 2. 12a, 22-32

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

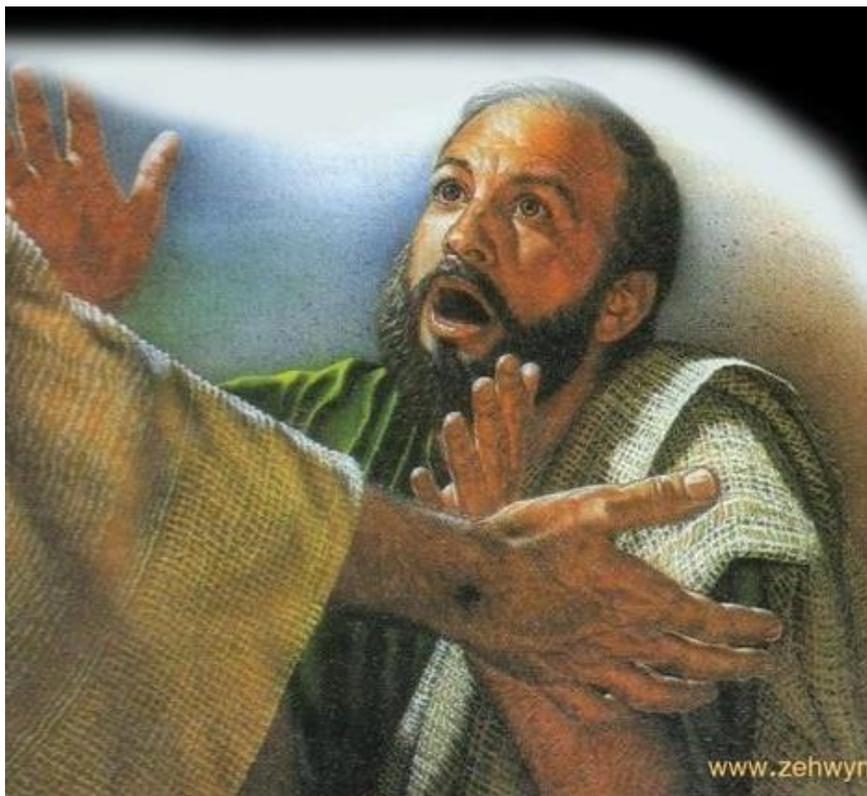
John 20. 19-end

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for
our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ 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

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life
and in baptism have made us one
with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your
love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ.



The floodlighting has been sponsored this week :

*In memory of Christine Sawyers
and Helen Poynter*

&

*In memory of Ingrid Hamilton Nixon whose funeral is
to take place this week. RIP.*



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

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WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Holy Communion: This coming 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 sent invitations to parents to godparents of those baptised here in the last five years. 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 6th 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

Social Media Talks: The next social media talk will be today (23rd April) at 11.30 am.

Helen Poynter RIP: Helen's funeral, to which all are welcome, will take place at Slough Crematorium at 2.00 pm this coming Tuesday, 25th April. Everyone is warmly invited also to a Service of Thanksgiving for Helen's life on Friday 12th May at 6pm in church.

St. Luke's Music Festival 2017 - 10th to 24th June: Brochures are now available in Church for our third Music Festival. Please take some and tell all your friends and relatives, as well as securing your own tickets from Jean T-D early to avoid disappointment. Great music to suit all tastes, starting with a sumptuous orchestral concert of popular classics conducted by John Cotterill, and ending with the award winning Taplow Choirs.

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.

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.

Christian Aid Week 14th-20th May: There are a number of events and services taking place around Maidenhead.

Coffee Morning: Saturday 13th May, 10am-noon at High Street Methodist Church, Maidenhead.

Christian Aid Service: 14th May, 6pm at United Reform Church, West Street, Maidenhead.

Can You Help to Give a Shine to Our Church? Several of the loyal volunteers on the brass cleaning rota have needed to retire leaving only 6 faithful helpers left. I'm pleased to say we've just had one new volunteer but we could do with several more, who will be able to see themselves in the brass they have worked on. One of the present volunteers has been doing it for 40 years, so young and old are welcome. It requires coming in for up to an hour about once every 2 months - day and time are flexible. Please contact me for details. Jilly Bevitt T.633464.

Church Care Time Saturday 13th May. 9.30 – 12.30 We have an ambitious programme of maintenance and repairs this time, inside and out, and would welcome plenty of volunteers of both sexes. Please note the date if you may be able to help, and see the detailed list of tasks and a sign up form at the back of the church. It helps greatly with the planning if we know who is coming and what tasks would suit them, so do talk to me or Don Luff if you have not come before. Thanks, Roger Bevitt T.633464.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Stitch up: Monday 24th April, 2-4pm Parish Centre. A shipment has just gone out to Sierra Leone, so all our recent donations will be there soon. Come along for a sociable two hours with refreshments. Bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks, some wool and bodkin. Contact Gill Curry 01628 625196

Local Walks: All are welcome on these walks of 2.5 to 4.5 miles, which we hope to have most weeks throughout the summer. Please let us know if you would be interested in an occasional easier, flat walk of 1.5 to 2.0 miles. If you wish to be certain that the walk is going to happen, particularly if the weather looks as though it could be wet, please phone the walk leader. Please share cars if possible. We meet as follows :

Wed 26 Apr 7.15pm: Meet at the Golden Ball (GR860830) on the A308 at Pinkneys Green for a 3m flatish walk through fields and a bluebell wood, and visiting the site of a crashed bomber.

Wed 3 May 7.15pm Knowl Hill, Meet at lay-by on N. of A4 (GR823794) (former Seven Stars site) for a 3.2m moderately hilly walk with woods and open views via Star Lane & Pudding Hill. Roger & Jilly Bevitt T.633464.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Creation Care Series: The Diocese of Oxford is joining with partners to present a new course supporting Christians who are engaged – or want to be engaged – in creation care.

Creative Care: Theology, Spirituality and Mission'

A look at the theology of creation care and spiritual practices that can help deepen our love of God and care for God's creations.

29th April in Oxford or 6th May in Reading . For more details about the series and to book please see www.earthingfaith.org or the poster at the back of church.

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

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
- The Coptic and Syrian Churches facing extreme persecution
- All those affected by the recent atrocities in Stockholm, London, Syria and for peace in the world
- 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 who were married here recently: 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 Spens
- 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
- 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 Griffiths, Myra Ford, Brian King, Ernest Gammon, David Sherwood, Philip Agnew, Peter Brown, John Rogers, Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anthony Wright





Next Sunday, 30th April

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Word Service for Godparents Sunday

Officiant: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Stations of the Resurrection,
NB: now at this church

Next week's readings at 10am:

Acts 2. 14a, 36-41 Luke 24. 13-35

Next week's rotas under Duty Warden: Don Luff

Readers: Acts: Phyllis Sopp

Intercessor: Shula Tajima

Elements: n/a

Coffee: Ann Darracott and James Ellins

Welcomers: **8.00 am:** Richard Hannam

10.00 am: Ben Darracott, Janet Trinkwon,
Emma Shenton, Dorothy Strack-Hankey

This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 24th	2.00pm	Stitch up
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	7.30pm	Guild of St Raphael
Tuesday 25th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	2.00 pm	Funeral of Helen Poynter, RIP (Slough Crematorium)
	5.30pm	Community meal
	7.15pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office 9.30-11</i>	9.00 am	Holy Communion (change of time)
	11.00am	St Luke's School Service
Thursday 27th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	11.45 am	Thursday Lunches leaves church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 28th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
<i>Office closed</i>	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
		NB: no parking all day—tree clearance
Saturday 29th	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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