



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 24th March 2019

Lent 3

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Evensong and Benediction at All Saints

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

... 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 the Third Sunday of Lent

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55.1-9

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell

in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" *Luke 13.1-9*

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

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:
Johanna**

Sandy, 24th March



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

This morning's hymns at 10am:

P: 498 Let us with a gladsome mind
G: 605 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
O: 586 The God of Abraham praise (omit * verses)
HC: Taize 32 My soul finds rest in God alone
R: 268 Timeless love

Holy Communion Hymn:

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace
In God my peace and joy
Only in God my soul can find its rest.
Find its rest and peace.

Stations of the Cross: we now have the fourteen stations of the cross up on the pillars in church and you are warmly invited to use them for prayer at any time that the church is open. There is a simple guide to them by the first station (front right / south) – do help yourself.

Mothering Sunday: is on 31st March when we will have an interactive All Age service of the Word, with flowers for children to give to their mothers and Simnel cakes with our coffee afterwards. Please do encourage families that you know of to come along.

Mothering Sunday Flowers: Next week we will as usual be offering flowers for children to give to their mothers. Sometimes we give those left over to ladies in church. We are conscious that Mothering Sunday is not easy day for some ladies and if you would prefer not to be offered flowers please speak to Sally before next Sunday's service

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal: The sign up sheet for this meal is now 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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: 17th –26th September 2019. Anyone who would like to join us on the pilgrimage please have a word with Sally this week so we can determine if we have sufficient people to go. We are very nearly there!

INFORMATION

Terrorist attack in NZ: we have written to our local mosque to express our condolences on the recent attack on Muslims in New Zealand and to express our solidarity with our brothers and sisters as people faith together. The National police Chiefs Council has issued guidance on such hate crimes; a copy can be found on the board at the back of church. If you have any concerns about suspicious behaviour etc please do contact the Police.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

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.

Church charities 2019:

At the brief meeting following the APCM, the PCC approved three charities for the church to support this year:

- Local –The Homelessness Bus
- National– The Clewer Initiative (anti-modern day slavery)
- International– FACE (The Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia)

We will hear a brief talk about the work of each of these prior to each Lent lunch.

Thursday Lunches: We will be going for lunch at Stafferton Lodge on Thursday , 28th March leaving Church at 11.50am or see you there. Transport will be arranged any queries to Jean T-D on 626671 or Phyllis on 778656

A Rogationtide visit to The Crown Estate Windsor Great Park - May 22nd, 2019: 10am to 4.30pm. Organised by the Diocese of Oxford's Rural Team. The visit includes a tour of the royal farm, Deer Park and the forest operations at Swinley Forest and a soup lunch. Followed by prayers and reflection. £20 each. Email glynevans@gmail.com to book.

Easter Egg Collection: Sergeants Funeral Directors are collecting chocolate Easter Eggs to pass on to Foodshare. See poster at the back of church for more details.

Lent 2019

Lent course: Fruitfulness on the Frontline

The first (brief) of the eight sessions will be held after the Ash Wednesday service on 6th March. Two will have been held at a Lenten Day on Saturday 23rd March (with space for quiet too) and the other five in group sessions.

Three groups are now meeting weekly for five sessions.

You can go to whichever you like each week! All are in church.

Tuesdays at 2.30pm, leader: Revd. Nicola

Wednesdays at 11.00 am, leader: Johanna Raffan

Thursdays at 8.00 pm, leader: Revd. Sally



Lent Lunches

Sundays: 24th March, 7th April, all at 12.30 pm

Sundays at Six

Shared services with the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (ChOGS) and All Saints, at 6pm.

24th March Evensong & Benediction, All Saints

7th April Stations of the Cross, All Saints

14th April Taize service, ChOGS

Mothering Sunday

31st March, at 10.00 am,

The saving Stories of the Old Testament: an All Age Service of the Word, with gifts for mums.

Messy Church

Fridays 8th March and 5th April, 3.30-5.30pm

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, 14th April, 10.00 am, Procession of Palms,
and Holy Communion with presentation of the Passion

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

Monday 15th April 9.00 am, Holy Communion,

8.00 pm, Compline with address

Tuesday 16th April 8.00 pm, Holy Communion & meditation

Wed. 17th April 10.00 am, Holy Communion & address

8.00 pm, Stations of Cross

For more details of all services and activities pick up a Lent leaflet at the back of church.

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

and 7:30pm-Inversion- Organ and Flute

Sunday 23rd June 3pm- tbc

Friday 28th 1:30 – 3:00-Schools concert

and 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)



- A deeper desire to grow as disciples
- For our political leaders especially throughout the Brexit debate.
- Our keeping of Lent
- 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 March: Henry, Olivia and Robyn
- All those who live and work in Tatchbrook Close
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Shula Tajima, Marjorie Falconer, Beryl Darlington, and Richard Burdett
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Alan Moss, and Beryl Bintcliffe
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anthony Wright, Anna Meredith, Rex Hugo, Audry Eggleton, Arthur Harris, Brian King, Sandy Raffan, Ernest Gammon, Dora Newcombe, Marjery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Victor Garroway, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell and Jacqueline Mundy.

This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities



Monday 25th March

Office closed

Tuesday 26th March

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.30pm Lent Course

6.00pm Interfaith Community Meal

7.15pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th March

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Lent Course

Thursday 28th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

8.00pm Lent Course

Friday 29th March

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.15am Stretch and Breathe

5.00pm Evening Prayer

8.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 30th March

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Rehearsal for Mothering Sunday Service

11.00am Music Festival Meeting

Sunday, 31st March 2019 Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Saving Stories Service

Officiant: Ministry Team

Next weeks readings at 8am:

2 Corinthians 5.16-end, Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end

Rota for Sunday 31st March, under Duty Warden: Sue Hinchliffe

Reader: N/A

Acolytes: Hilary Masango, Nicola Buckland

Intercessor: Elements: N/A

Chalice: N/A **Coffee:** Ian and Jan Gilchrist

Server at 8am: Rebecca Bryant **Crucifer at 10am:** Roger Clarke

Welcome Team: 8am: Ann Hockham

10am: Ann Darracott, Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe, Shula Tajima, Dorothy S H

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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