



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 25th February 2018

Lent 2

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Phyl Sopp

12.00 noon Baptism

6.00 pm Sundays at Six: Taize Service, 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 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 Hinchliffe in the first instance (01628 784724).

The Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

A Reading from Romans

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Romans 4. 13-end

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Mark 8. 31-end

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our
bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in
error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's
religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their
profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Bridget Morris

In memory of my lovely Dad, Graham



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

A Year of Mission: The first main activity of our Year of Mission will be from 18th—28th March, when Riding Lights Theatre Company will be resident with us and Roughshod will lead a variety of activities in the churches and in our schools and other places. The Launch is at St Luke's on Sunday 18th March with a Breakfast and evening performance on Saturday 24th March We will share Palm Sunday 25th March (The People's Passion) morning worship that day at the Desborough Suite.

Roughshod will be visiting our Schools, Care Homes and other places - the open (some ticketed) events are listed below.

Do join us for the following events, and invite friends too:-

LAUNCH EVENT SUNDAY 18TH MARCH AT ST LUKE'S

(SUNDAYS AT SIX) 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Evening service with music and hymns and an opportunity to meet the five Roughshod Players with an introduction and sketch.

MESSY CHURCH AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Friday 23rd March 3:30PM - 4:45PM Messy Church with Roughshod Sketch and crafts.

BREAKFAST WITH ROUGHSHOD AT ST LUKE'S

Saturday 24th March- 8:45AM - 10:30AM

Meet Roughshod over our usual excellent breakfast. Ticketed event - £3 - Tickets available from Parish Office or after church.

ROUGHSHOD PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AT ST LUKE'S : DELIVER

Saturday 24th March - DOORS 6:40 FOR 7:00PM START TO 9:30PM

An entertaining evening with the Roughshod players.

This event promises to be one of the highlights of Roughshod' s 10 day visit to Maidenhead.

Make a note in your diaries and invite your friends!!

Tickets £5 from Eventbrite <https://tinyurl.com/roughshod2018>

Have a word with Revd. Sally if you don't have a computer.

ROUGHSHOD: DELIVER:

Five young people in search of their futures reveal some surprising stories of hope in their new faith-filled show for 2018.

A passenger on a train gets help from an unexpected stranger, a community is transformed by a shattering lesson, a small time crook gets an offer he can't refuse...

Mixing comedy, dramatic storytelling, spoken word and the personal experience of the actors themselves, Riding Lights Roughshod deliver a show that asks: what happens when God intervenes in ordinary lives? In an anxious world of mixed messages it can be hard to find truth among the headlines.

Join our five performers for an energetic, entertaining show about faith, hope and everything in between. **Saturday 25th March, 7.00 pm, here at St.**

Luke's Church. Tickets £5 pp, available from Eventbrite

<https://tinyurl.com/roughshod2018> or go to Eventbrite and search for Riding Lights. Make a note in your diaries and invite your friends.

JOINT PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE DESBOROUGH SUITE - TOWN HALL **Sunday 24th March- 9:45AM - 11:30AM -**

All three Churches morning worship will be combined with Roughshod at the Town Hall on Palm Sunday.

The worship will incorporate the Liturgy of Palm Sunday will commence with the distribution of Palm Crosses as we arrive.

Roughshod will lead "The Peoples Passion" which will be a fitting and contemplative start to Holy Week.

Please do join us for this wonderful opportunity to begin Holy Week.

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

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.

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.

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

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 (including men) are welcome.

Ruth Sheppard and Gill Curry

Dedication Service: A reminder of the Dedication Service on 8th March at 7.30pm. All welcome please do come.

INFORMATION

Monica Macaulay Brown, RIP. Monica's funeral will take place here at St. Luke's on Tuesday 6th March at 11.45 am.

Jean Glossop, RIP. Jean's funeral will take place here on Monday 12th March at 1pm

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

Bach to Baby: This Tuesday 11.00am in church. Concert for parents and babies.

Tea and Tunes: a new venture for 'our older members'. The first tea and tunes event is a concert in church by Gaslights, on Wednesday 14th March at 2.30 pm. Tickets are just £2 each and available from the office or after church. Do encourage other people to come along.

Summer Fair: this will be on Saturday 19th May from 2-5pm in the vicarage garden – and will (not surprisingly!) have a royal theme, including a regal tea. Please book this date in your diary now and see Sonya for offers of help. We will soon have a list of stalls and of things we will need.

Kori Fundraiser in St Luke's Community Hall on Saturday 10th March, from 2-4 pm. Entrance fee £5, drink and snacks included. 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

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: On the last Tuesday of every month from 5.30pm– 6.30pm in the Fellowship area of church, everyone is welcome. The next one is this week.

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

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
- A deeper desire to read God's Word
- Karen, Oliver and Susan as they prepare for confirmation on 11th March
- 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
- All those who live and work in Lyton Green
- 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: Monica Macaulay 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, 4th March 2018



8.00 am **Holy Communion**

10.00 am **Parish Communion**

President: Revd Nicola Hulks

Preacher: Revd Sally Lynch

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Eucharist for St David's Day
at All Saints

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: Dave Sopp

Reader OT: Ann Burdett NT: Tony Lane

Intercessor: Dorothy Strack-Hankey **Chalice:** Johanna Raffan, James Ellins

Acolytes: Monique Masango and Hilary Masango

Server at 8am: Roger Clarke **Crucifer at 10am:** Ben Darracott

Elements: Stars and Sparks

Coffee: Rita and John Salter

Welcomers: 8.00 am Ann Hockham

10.00 am: John and Rita Salter, Rebecca Bryant, Chris, Kristina, Isla, Scarlett

This week at St. Luke's -

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 26th Feb

Office 9.30am-11am

Tuesday 27th Feb

Office 9.30am-11am

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Bach to Baby

2.30pm Lent Group

5.30pm Community Meal

7.00pm WAMCF Dialogue - Synagogue

Wednesday 28th Feb

Office 9.30am-11am

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Lent Group

Thursday 1st March

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

8.00pm Lent Course

Friday 2nd March

Office closed

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.15am Stretch and Breathe

2.00pm Women's Day of Prayer at St Edmund Campion Church

3.30pm Messy Church

Saturday 3rd March

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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