



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 25th March 2018

Palm Sunday

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



- 8.00 am Holy Communion**
- 9.45 am Shared Worship at Town Hall**
- 3.00 pm Holy Communion at Church of the Good Shepherd**
- 6.00pm Stations of the Cross at All Saints Church**

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.

You might like to know that when we are in church...

... 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 Palm Sunday

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark: The Palm Gospel

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Mark 11.1-11

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple

cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Mark 15. 1-39 (40-47)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
 who in your tender love towards the
 human race sent your Son our Saviour
 Jesus Christ
 to take upon him our flesh
 and to suffer death upon the cross:
 grant that we may follow the example of
 his patience and humility,
 and also be made partakers of his
 resurrection;
 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.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Iris Brown

In memory of Peter Brown



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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Live Lent, let your light shine: CofE daily reading and thought: #LiveLent: Let Your Light Shine OR Sign up on: <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Holy Communion: Please note there will be no 8.00am Holy Communion service on **Sunday 8th April**.

Easter Lilies: As usual we will have lilies in church on Easter Sunday to commemorate lost loved ones. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of someone add their name to the list at the back of church by emailing the office by Monday evening at the latest. Please add your donation to the pot when you are next in church (As a guide, lilies cost around £3 each).

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Messy Church: Messy Church continues on Friday 6th April at 3.30pm with an Easter theme. All welcome.

Maidenhead Deaf Church: Meets for a service of Holy Communion today (25th March) at 3pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd. Cox Green Community Centre. Services are signed and spoken.

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.

Mini Teaching series– Inspiring Music in Worship: Inspiring Music in Worship (rather than the CofE as advertised) which Adam will lead. There are five sessions and four calendared so the last will be 17th May. Starts Thursday 12th April for 5 weeks.

INFORMATION

Saturday breakfast: the PCC has approved the provision of a (free) Saturday Morning breakfast, primarily for the homeless. This will be from (strictly) 8-9 am weekly, for an initial trial two months, being reviewed on 5th June, and commencing on 31st March. Thank you to those who have already offered, if anyone else feels able to offer an hour or so to help, say once a month, please let Revd. Sally know asap so that we can draw up a rota with two 'staff' on each week. Food (tea/ coffee, toast, porridge) will be provided – some from

Tesco's free offering. This is a lovely opportunity to share our new facility and care for all God's people.

APCM: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 11.30am on Sunday 15th April 2018 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. Nominations are now required for the 2 Churchwardens and 4 PCC Members to serve for 3 years and 1 to serve for 2 years.

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 must sign the form agreeing to their nomination. Ralph Hinchliffe, PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 15th April 2018. In order to be able to vote at this meeting which elects the Parochial Church Council you must be on the church's electoral roll. The roll will be open for amendment from Sunday 4th March until Sunday 25th March. It will then be closed until after the APCM If you are not already on the roll and wish to be added application forms are at the rear of church. If you are not sure if you are already on the roll a copy of the current roll is also displayed at the rear of church please check it and pass any amendments to me. You must have been on the electoral roll for a minimum of six months before you can be elected to the PCC. Ralph Hinchliffe PCC Secretary.

Parish Office: Please note that the parish office will be closed for a week from 2nd - 7th April and will open again on Monday 9th April.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING

Local Community Fund: A reminder that in 2018 the Co-op makes a donation to St Luke's on own brand goods for members. The first instalment of £425.35 has just been received. Thank you. Don't forget to join if you shop at the Co-op

Stitch up: The next Stitch up for Kori is on Thursday 19th April, from 2-4pm in St. Luke's Community Hall. There will be tea and cake and sociable chat. Come and join us to keep the flow of much appreciated goods flowing to this rural part of Sierra Leone. Gill Curry.

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.

Easter Egg Collection: Sergeants Funeral Directors are collecting Chocolate eggs and/or chocolate bunnies for Foodshare. Please drop any donations into 118 High Street, Maidenhead or in the box at church.

Community meal: 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). **Please note this is cancelled on Good Friday (30th March).** 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

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The bulletin for 2017 in preparation for the APCM is now available. If you are on the email update list you have received a pdf copy yesterday. There are a very few hard copies available for those who do not have computer access. Please ask Revd Sally for a copy.

Please do participate as fully as you can in the various services and activities during Holy Week so that we can journey with Jesus together. If you would like to come to the Seder meal on Maundy Thursday and have not yet signed up please let Revd Sally know so we can lay sufficient places. Do come along if you can to this lovely start to the Triduum.

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 Holy Week
- A deeper desire to read God's Word
- Oliver and Susan, who were confirmed recently and Karen to be confirmed on Sunday
- 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 March: Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash, Henry Weber
- All those who live and work in Moor Lane
- 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: Doreen Palmer, Robert Russell, Caroline Wood, Jacky Mundy
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Valerie Merkel, Dora Newcombe, Marjory Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Robert Crick, Victor Galloway, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton, Sandy Raffan, Christine Sawyers

This week at St. Luke's- HOLY WEEK

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities

Morning Prayer (8.30 am) and Evening prayer (5.00 pm) every day

Church open daily for prayer and reflection, and...

Monday , 26th March	9.00 am Holy Communion, 8.00 pm Compline with address
Tuesday 27th March,	8.00 pm Holy Communion with meditation
Wednesday 28th March	10.00 am, Holy Communion and address 8.00 pm Stations of Cross
Maundy Thursday, 29th March	6.30pm Seder meal– please sign up in church 8.30 pm Holy Communion with footwashing and Watch 'til Midnight
Good Friday, 30th March	11.00 am, Walk of Witness, town centre 1.00 pm, an Hour at the Cross, 2.00 pm, The Liturgy of the Last Hour 3.15 pm, Evening Prayer and church sealed
Holy Saturday, 31st March	9.00am, Morning Prayer 4.00 pm, All Age Saving Stories service



Sunday, 1st April 2018 Easter Sunday

**6.00 am Dawn Service at Kidwells Park
followed by breakfast in church**

8.00 am Holy Communion with Lighting of Paschal Candle

10.00am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd Nicola Hulks

Next weeks readings at 10am

Acts 10.34-43, John 20. 1-18

Next week's rota under Duty Warden: Dave Sopp

Readers: Phyllis Sigsworth **Intercessor:** None

Elements: Stars and Sparks **Acolytes:** Nicola Buckland, Sue Hinchliffe

Chalice: Johanna Raffan, Shula Tajima

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

Coffee: Bridget Morris, Mary Oubridge

Welcomers: 8.00am Ann Hockham

10.00am: Garth, Dina, Rosa and Carla, Rita and John Salter

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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