



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 26th March 2017
Mothering Sunday

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Mothering Sunday Word Service

Officiant: Revd. Sally Lynch

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 Hincliffe in the first instance (01628 784724).

The readings for Mothering Sunday

A Reading from to the Book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

1 Samuel 1.20-28

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19. 25-27

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of
Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole
human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your
presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the
breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the
food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the
household of faith;
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.”*



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: The next one is on 2nd April. Please sign up to provide soup, bread and cheese and to serve.

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 Boulters 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 go together to the synagogue afterwards. If you’d like to go please let me know and I will reply for us all. Sally

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.



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.

Electoral Roll 2017: Our church’s Roll is now closed until after the Annual Meeting. A copy is on the table at the back of the church for inspection of your entry. Please let me know if there are any errors or updates to addresses. Jill Bevitt, Electoral Roll Officer. T.633464.

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

Annual Church Bulletin: This has been produced and emailed out. There are a few hard copies please speak to Sally if you would like one.

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 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.

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.)

Thursday Lunches: We shall be going out for lunch on Thursday, 30th March leaving Church at 11.50am. Any queries to Jean T.D or Phyllis Sigsworth

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

Consistory Court

We are pleased to report that the Chancellor has handed down judgement on the faculty application for the re-ordering work at this church and has found in favour of the petitioners. A faculty for the work will therefore be issued.

There is one condition, that raised by the DAC in its approval, namely that the additional heating, by chandelier, at the rear of the church, be replaced within ten years.

The judgement itself runs to 13 pages and is a measured judgement. The Chancellor finds that the proposals have very clear advantages for the parish, and that the current arrangements for the office cannot remain.

He also makes it clear that there was not adequate consultation, although he does not believe this was deliberate, and he is concerned that the Re-ordering Group was not integrated into the formal governance structures of the parish.

The Chancellor has made clear his expectation that all significant stages in the development of the proposals should be undertaken by, or under the direct auspices of, the PCC.

We are grateful to the Chancellor for this judgement, and acknowledge the points he has made, which will now be taken to the PCC for consideration. We will inform the relevant parties, particularly the architects, and seek final costings from them, and the builders, in order to bring these to the first meeting of the new PCC in May, when we will seek the approval of the PCC to proceed. Sally, Johanna, Dave

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: Scarlette Whittle, Mia Cherry, Alfie-Ray Marshall-Pullin, Henry Weber
- All those who live and work in College Glen
- 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: 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



