



## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 30th April 2017**

### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.00 am Word Service for Godparent Sunday**

Officiant: Revd Sally Lynch

**6.00 pm Sundays at Six:** Stations of the Resurrection, 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 at the back of the 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](mailto: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 the Third Sunday of Easter are:

### A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'

Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Luke 24. 13-35*

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the  
disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence  
with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained  
by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness  
and truth;  
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

Living God,  
your Son made himself known  
to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his  
redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and  
for ever.



**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week :**

*In memory of Michael Hedges.*



**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too**  
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## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**Bishop Steven's visit to the Deanery:** +Steven will spend much of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

**Prayer Meeting** will meet on Wednesday 3rd May from 3.00pm in Church. If you would like a time of peace and quiet why not come along. All are very welcome. Further information from Sonya on 632626.

**Seeking Solace** meets next on Monday 8th May from 3.00pm in church. This is a time for anyone who has been bereaved or is in need of comfort and support. We meet at first sharing tea and cake and then spend some time in quiet reflection. For further information please contact Sonya on 632626.

**Task Groups:** Meet on Tuesdays 9th May (Christening, Music, Bereavement, Weddings) and 23rd May (Social Media, Social Gospel, Our Older Members, Children and Young People). Meetings start at 8pm in church and all are welcome. Each group will have a specific item to follow up / develop.

## **INFORMATION**

**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 by 14th May.

**Christian Aid Week 14th – 20th MAY 2017: ‘SUPPORTING REFUGEES’** Christian Aid Week will be here soon. This year the campaign is looking to highlight the plight of refugees in so many troubled areas of the world. It almost mirrors the origins of Christian Aid’s birth 60 years ago. Last year, the Maidenhead campaign raised almost £13,000. This would not be possible without our dedicated group of church convenors who work tirelessly to make the week so successful, so seriously consider offering to help when the envelopes appear at the back of church.

**Saturday 13th May 2017 10:00-12:00**– Coffee morning at High St. Methodist Church, Maidenhead. This is a chance for refreshment and buying Home Pantry products (jams, marmalade, chutneys, cakes, etc.) Donations of home produced items are welcome and a sign-up sheet will be available at back of church—contact Dorothy (Tel: landline: 311153 or Mobile: 07743 323635 or E-Mail: dorotheyannstrack@gmail.com if you can help with products or your time. **Sunday 14th May 2017 6:00 pm**– Christian Aid Service at United Reformed Church, Maidenhead

**At Easter our Church was shining** according to several comments I heard re the brass, so thanks to the few volunteers on the brass cleaning rota. I’m pleased to say we’ve just had two new volunteers but we could do with several more. One of the present volunteers has been doing it for 40 years, so young and old are both welcome. It requires coming in for up to an hour about once every 2 months - day and time are flexible. Please, 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.

**Prayer Letters:** An answer to prayer-someone has volunteered to organise the prayer letters . As from now it will be in the capable hands of Rebecca . I have enjoyed doing this since it first started , including walking along roads I had never even heard of . A big ' Thank You 'goes to all the people who have helped with the delivery over the years , especially those from the former Wives Group / Thursday Club. It was so easy to turn up to the monthly meeting and find volunteers to deliver all the cards for the following month. If you fancy the occasional walk have a word with Rebecca, you do not have to talk to anyone , just put a few letters through letter boxes. Enid  
And a huge thank you to Enid for everything she has done. Sally

### **BRF will meet on Monday 1st May from 7.15 at 5 Wentworth**

**Crescent:** Anyone who takes BRF New Daylight is very welcome to come along for an evening discussing the previous months readings. Further information from Sonya on 632626.

### **SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING**

**WAMCF Women's Group:** The next meeting of WAMCF Women's group will take place on Monday 22nd May, 7.30-9pm at Maidenhead Synagogue, Ray Park Avenue. Ladies of all faiths and none are welcome to share refreshments and talk about wedding customs. Do bring your wedding photos with you. For more details see Sally

**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 about 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 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. Leaders: Roger & Jilly Bevitt T.633464.

**Thu. 11 May 7.15pm.** Meet at the public car park just beyond the Spade Oak Inn (GR884875) which is signposted down Coldmoorholme Lane a turning south off the A4155 Bourne End to Marlow road. 3.5m flat (with an optional climb for a view) by the Thames and over the railway bridge to Cockmarsh. Leaders: Roger & Jilly Bevitt T.633464

**Children's Society candles:** Please can return your candles so that I can get the money into the charity in May. Thanks Kristina

## 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.

6th May in Reading . For more details about the series and to book please see [www.earthingfaith.org](http://www.earthingfaith.org) or the poster at the back of church.

**Maidenhead Food Bank:** The food bank is in need of some extra help at the in moment. Particularly rice, sauces i.e. Pasta/curry, tinned veg, tinned fruit, spreads, Long life milk. (they have lots of pasta & tinned fish) You can donate directly to the Foodbank at the New Market King St, Sat 9-11am, or via supermarket drop boxes or here in in church. Please contact Katie Hierons, Foodbank Manager [kthierons@gmail.com](mailto:kthierons@gmail.com) for further information or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

### ***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 preparations for the upcoming general election
- 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
- Charlotte, who was baptised here last week
- 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 Waters Reach
- 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, 7th May

**8.00 am NO Holy Communion**  
**10.00 am All Age Holy Communion**

President: TBC

Preacher: Sonya Clarke

6.00 pm Meditative Evening Worship at All Saints

### Next week's readings at 10am:

Acts 42-end John 10. 1-10

**Next week's rotas under Duty Warden:** Dave Sopp

**Readers:** Acts: Darren Ribton (TBC)

**Intercessor:** Stars and Sparks

**Elements:** Eileen and Peter Goford

**Coffee:** Ruth Jones and Joan Harnby

**Welcomers:** **8.00 am:** Ann Hockham

**10.00 am:** Phyl Sopp, Shula Tajima, John Salter, Rita Salter

### This week at St. Luke's

Everyone is welcome to all of our services and activities

Monday 1st

Office 9.30-11

Tuesday 2nd

Office 9.30-11

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

7.15pm

Holy Communion

8.00pm

PCC

Wednesday 3rd

Office 9.30-11

8.30 am

Morning Prayer

10.00 am

Holy Communion

3.00pm

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 4th

Office closed

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.00pm

Evening Prayer

Friday 5th

Office closed

3.30pm

Messy Church

Saturday 6th

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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