



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 31st March 2019

Mothering Sunday



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All Age Saving Stories Service
Officiant: Ministry Team

There is no Sundays at Six service today

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 slip 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 at 8.00 am today

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, 9The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

10While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. 11On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Joshua 5.9-12

A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke

1All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. 2And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' 3So he told them this parable: 11'There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. 13A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

14When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

25Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound."

28Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" 31Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

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.

The Post Communion Prayer

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:
Genevieve Usher**

*“In memory of my dear sister Ingrid who passed away on
Mothering Sunday two years ago.”*



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

This morning's hymns at 10am:

Morning has broken
If I were a butterfly
Who built the ark
Any dream will do
Go down Moses
How did Moses cross the red sea?
Go down Jonah
Father God I wonder
Thank you Lord

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.

Maudy 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!

Seeking Solace is a monthly space for any who have been bereaved at any time to get together for chat (about all sorts of things!), tea and cake and a short act of reflective worship. 3pm on Sunday 7th April and Monday 13th May. All welcome—do tell other people about this opportunity.

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.

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.

Church Care Day. On Saturday 6th April, 9:45am until lunchtime, there is planned a church care day working in the churchyard. Having spoken to Sally Somerville, it is also hoped to have a big clean in the church on the same day ready for Easter. Many hands make light work and it would be good if we could have as many people as possible to help. Several lights need changing and numerous cobwebs removed. There is also a large branch down in the churchyard after the recent high winds, that needs sawing up. Thank you. Sue Hinchliffe

Lent and Holy Week 2019

Lent course: Fruitfulness on the Frontline, all 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: 7th April, all at 12.30 pm

Sundays at Six

7th April Stations of the Cross, All Saints

14th April Taize service, ChOGS (Cox Green)

Messy Church

Friday 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

Maundy Thursday, 18th April

11.00 am, Chrism mass at Dorchester Abbey

6.30 pm, Seder (Passover) meal - please sign up

8.30 pm, Holy Communion with footwashing, and Watch
(Watch till midnight, stay, come, and go as you wish)

Good Friday, 19th April

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, church locked and sealed

Holy Saturday, 20th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

Church decorating followed Wedding blessing

Easter Sunday, 21st April

6.00 am, Dawn Service in Kidwells Park

8.00 am, Holy Communion with Lighting of the Paschal candle

10.00 am, All Age Communion, and blessing of the Easter Garden

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

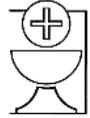
(to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)



- A deeper desire to grow as disciples
- For our political leaders especially throughout the Brexit debacle.
- Our keeping of Lent and Passiontide
- 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 Thames Crescent
- 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 1st April

Office closed

Tuesday 2nd April

Office open 9.30—11.30 am

School in all day

8.30 am Morning Prayer

2.30 pm Lent Course (in parish office)

6.00 pm Interfaith Community Meal

7.15 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 3rd April

Office open 9.30—11.30 am

8.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Lent Course

Thursday 4th April

8.30 am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm Lent Course

Friday 5th April

8.30 am Morning Prayer

10.15am Stretch and Breathe

3.30 pm Messy Church

8.00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 6th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.45 am Church and Churchyard care morning

Sunday, 7th April, Passion Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion (NB: Not All Age)

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd. Nicola Hulks

3.00 pm Seeking Solace

6.00 pm Stations of the Cross, at All Saints Church

Next weeks readings:

Isaiah 43. 16-21 John 12. 1-8

Rota for Sunday 31st March, under Duty Warden: Dave Sopp

Reader: Michaela Murwisi

Acolytes: Nicola Buckland, Hillary Murwisi

Intercessor: Stars & Sparks Elements: Michelle & Tony Lane

Chalice: Johanna Raffan, Shula Tajima Coffee: Sally Somerville, Kim Rumble

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

Welcome Team: 8am: Ann Hockham

10am: Chris & Kristina, Scarlett & Isla Smith, John & Rita 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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