



St. Luke's Church,
Maidenhead
Lent 2018



Easter is the oldest festival kept by the church and a time when many Christians were baptised. Lent was, at first, the time when candidates were prepared for baptism and tested by the bishop. Now it is a period of six and half weeks in which Christians can prepare for Easter by thinking about their faith more deeply and learning about it.

It recalls Jesus' forty days of temptation in the desert just before the start of his ministry. Often Christians give up a luxury or give some money to charity as an act of self discipline. Far more positive is do something extra during this time. This helps us to grow in our faith.

All four gospels tell the story of Jesus' temptations. This year we are following Mark's Gospel, see Mark 1.9-15. Mark's account is very succinct. See also Matthew 4.1-11 and Luke 4. 1-12 for more detail.



Lent course: Bible to go!

This book, by Sister Elizabeth Pio, and available from Amazon, is a practical encouragement to use the Bible in everyday life. We will use it to deepen our own study of the Bible.

Three groups will meet weekly for five sessions, starting in the week beginning 19th February. Each group may be slightly different so we suggest that you join one group.

Tuesdays at 2.30pm, at 22 Sheringham Court,

Host: Phyllis Sigsworth, Leader: Sonya

Wednesdays at 11.00 am, at Church, Leader: Revd. Nicola

Thursdays at 8.00 pm, at 42 Ray Lea Road,

Host: Johanna Raffan Leader: Revd. Sally

St. Luke's Church Lenten journey....

Lent takes us on a journey, reflecting on Jesus' offering of himself and giving us space to think about our own faith. At St. Luke's there will be formal opportunities offered to explore our faith in discussion, services where we may join in worship to deepen our knowledge of Jesus' love for us, and other activities to help us grow in faith. Reading a specific 'Christian' book is also a good way of going deeper into our faith. On Easter Sunday we will have the opportunity to renew our Baptismal promises together, having thought about what they mean to us.



Please do consider how you will travel through Lent this year, and make the most of opportunities offered to us all - of all ages—to deepen our faith.



Ash Wednesday, 14th February

Holy Communion, with ashing
10.00 am (with address) and 8.00 pm.

Lent Lunches

A simple soup, bread and cheese lunch in the fellowship area, at midday, after church. Money offering to FACE (Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia). All ages welcome
Sundays: 18th February, 4th and 18th March

Sundays at Six

Shared services with the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (ChOGS) and All Saints, at 6pm.

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| 18th February | Reflective service, ChOGS |
| 25th February | Taize service, here |
| 4th March | Eucharist for St. David's Day, All Saints |
| 11th March | 4pm, Confirmation service, St. Stephen's Windsor |
| 18th March | Roughshod Theatre Company, introduction to a week of mission, here |
| 25th March | Stations of the Cross, All Saints |
| 8th April | Stations of the Resurrection, ChOGS |
| 22nd April | Choral Evensong, here |





Mothing Sunday
11th March, at 10.00 am,
an All Age Service of the Word, with gifts for mums

Lenten Quiet Morning

Saturday 24th March, 10.15 am - 1.00 pm, in church.

Messy Church

Fridays 2nd March and 6th April, 3.30-5.30pm

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, 25th March, 9.45 am, at The Town Hall
The People's Passion - shared worship with ChOGS
and All Saints, led by Roughshod Theatre Company.

Morning Prayer (8.30 am) and Evening prayer (5.00 pm) daily

Monday 26th March, 9.00 am, Holy Communion,
8.00 pm, Compline with address

Tuesday 27th March 8.00 pm, Holy Communion & meditation

Wednesday 28th March 10.00 am, Holy Communion & address
8.00 pm, Stations of Cross

Maundy Thursday, 29th March

11.00 am, Chrism mass at Christchurch cathedral

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

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

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

Holy Saturday, 31st March

9.00 am Morning Prayer

4.00 pm All Age Saving Stories service

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Easter Sunday. 1st 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

Suggested Reading and Resources

Some people like to read through specially written material for Lent, or just to read a spiritual book. This list is a very brief selection:

Journey to the Empty Tomb,

Paula Gooder, pub Canterbury Press 2014

Abiding, *Ben Quash*, pub: Bloomsbury Continuum, 2013

Love Unknown, *Ruth Burrows*, pub: Burn and Oates 2012

Our Sound is our Wound, *Lucy Winkett*, pub: Continuum, 2010

Pray, Love, Remember, *Michael Mayne*,

pub: Darton, Longman and Todd, 1998

Eggs and Ashes, *Ruth Burgess*, Pub: Wild Goose, 2004

Learning to Walk in the Dark,

Barbara Brown Taylor, HarperOne, 2014

Why go to Church? *Timothy Radcliffe*, pub. Continuum, 2008

Struggling to be Holy, *Judy Hirst*, pub: Darton, Longman & Todd, 2006

The Stature of Waiting, and, Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense

W. H. Vanstone, pub: Darton, Longman & Todd. 1962 1977

Abundant Life, reflections on the raising of Lazarus:

by Bishop Steven and available via the Oxford diocesan website

Google: Church House Bookshop or Amazon for more Lent resources

OR: why not read through a whole gospel during Lent (or all four!)

OR: come to Sundays at Six / Morning or Evening Prayer

Also... See the website www.livelent.net and the associated material:

Love Life, Live Lent

OR: the CofE material at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/lent>

OR: pick up and use the **Christian Aid, Count Your Blessings**

leaflet, available in church or on the Christian Aid website

Further details of all Lenten material from the Parish Office:

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www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk