



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 13th April, Palm Sunday

This Sunday we have a service of Holy Communion at 8am. At 10am we have a service of Parish Communion, starting with a procession for Palm Sunday, and including a dramatic reading of the Passion. Everyone is warmly invited to worship with us. At 6pm we are invited to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green for a Taize service.

The 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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself
in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross
for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Palm Gospel Reading

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,
'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'
³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.'
⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out'.

Luke 19. 29-40

A Reading from Isaiah

The servant of the LORD said: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Isaiah 50. 4-9a

Sunday's Hymns:

P: sht We have a king who rides on a donkey (unacc)
 160 Make way, make way
 159 All glory, laud and honour (omit vv. 6, 7)
O: 489 From heaven you came helpless babe
HC: 811 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
R: 161 Ride on, ride on, in majesty



Thought for the week:

One of the things that I love about holy week is the drama that is played out. It is a week of action as we follow Jesus through the unfolding events that lead to his death and resurrection. It is a highly charged week, fast moving, and highly emotional. We see Jesus in control at the start of the week, leading his friends into Jerusalem for what he surely knows is to be his final act. By the end of the week Jesus is passive, quiet, waiting on others to seal his fate (do read W H Vanstone's classic, *The Stature of Waiting* over Holy Week to explore this concept further), obedient to what he knows he must do.

And the liturgy (the services and activities) of the church invites us to journey with Jesus through the whole week, to participate and reflect, to wonder and to weep as we reflect on the events of each unfolding day. We move from the exultation of the triumphal entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through Jesus' righteous anger as he clears the Temple, to gentle listening to his teaching Monday through Wednesday. On Thursday, like Peter, we wrestle with our pride as we allow our hands or feet to be washed before sharing gently together in Jesus' last meal and then keeping silent watch in the garden (our high altar becomes the most beautiful 'garden'). Our hearts break with the pain of hearing again the story of Jesus' death on Good Friday, before they have a first glimpse of the hope of resurrection at Dawn on Easter day.

It never ceases to amaze me that it is possible to attend church on Palm Sunday and not again until Easter Day - missing out so much of the story.

This year I would encourage us all to really engage with every day of holy week in some way – there are lots of different opportunities – and walk the way of the cross – and resurrection – with Jesus.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our own keeping of Holy Week, and growth in personal and corporate faith.
- For all those impacted by the earthquake in Myanmar.
- For all affected by the current global economic situation.
- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming interregnum.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For Bishop Mary Gregory, our new Bishop of Reading.
- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Market Street
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in April: Abigail Porro, Jazmin Porro, Iris Bithell, Albert Bithell
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Mandy Salter, Mair Bright, Tina Botting, Ralph Hinchliffe, Paul Bader, Colette Baxter.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Mary Clark, Rob Allan.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: Peter Brown, Philip Agnew, Peter Petter, Roy Howton, Helen Poynter, Roger Bevitt, Virginia Mzorori-Murwisi, Dorothy Main, Philip Davies, Alan Coombs, Keith Morris, Ernie Thomas, Brenda Clark, Brian Pitts, Patricia Lovering, Brian Beard, Rita Redhead, Maureen Williams, Reginald Jacobs, Francis Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Haywood, John McLean, Barbara Lewis, Eileen Daniel, Janet Whitlock.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 13th April 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 61,62	Zachariah 9. 9 -12	1 Corinthians 2. 1-12
Monday	Psalm 41	Lamentations 1. 1-12a	Luke 22. 1-23
Tuesday	Psalm 27	Lamentations 3. 1-18	Luke 22. 24-38, 39-53
Wednesday	Psalm 102	Jeremiah 11. 18 -20	Luke 22. 54- end
Thursday	Psalm 42, 43	Leviticus 16. 2-24	Luke 23. 1-25
Friday	Psalm 69	Genesis 22. 1-18	Hebrews 10. 1-10
Saturday	Psalm 142	Hosea 6. 1-6	John 2. 18-22

Rotas for next week

Sunday 20th April: Easter Day: Parish Communion

Read: Shula Tajima Intercede: n/a Chalice: Nicola B Sound: duty warden
Welcomers: Michael, Don, Kim Coffee: Helen, Carl Children:

Our church is floodlit at night.

The flood lighting has been sponsored this week by Iris Brown:

In memory of my husband Peter

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.



What's on.... This week: please join in all you can in Holy Week

Palm Sunday, 13th April: 8.00 am, Holy Communion.
10.00 am, Procession of Palms, and Parish Communion
with presentation of the Passion, and activities for children.

Monday – Saturday: Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer (8.30 am daily, Sat: 9am)) on zoom or in church

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925 Passcode: 180609

Evening Prayer (5.00 pm – not Friday and Saturday) on zoom

Use MP link

Monday - Wednesday: Quiet and Compline

Church open for quiet 6.30—7.30 pm

8.00 pm, Compline (Night Prayer) on zoom (use MP link)

Wednesday: 10.00 am, Holy Communion
& Stations of the Cross , followed by coffee

Maundy Thursday: 17th April

11.00 am, Chrism mass at Christchurch cathedral

3.00 pm, Keeping Company, bereavement group, in church

8.00 pm, Holy Communion with hand / footwashing, and Watch in church
(Watch till 11.00 pm, stay, come, and go as you wish)

Good Friday: 18th 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: 19th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.30 am Church decorating (all welcome)

4.00 pm Easter egg hunt for children

Easter Sunday: 20th April

6.00 am, Dawn service in Kidwells park,

followed by breakfast in church

8.00 am, Holy Communion with Lighting of the Paschal candle

10.00 am, Festal Holy Communion, and blessing of the Easter Garden

Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

13 th Apr	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
4 th May	Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, at All Saints

18 th May	Choral Sung Evensong, at St. Luke's
1 st June	Desert Island Hymns and Readings, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
15 th Jun	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
6 th July	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
13 th July	NB changed date Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: **9th May**, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Churchyard path: the PCC has submitted a faculty application for a path in the churchyard from the disabled bays to the new bench. The notice is on the PCC board by the church door. If approved it will offer a lovely way for all people to our eco area in the churchyard and space to sit easily and reflect. [The notice will be taken down this week.](#)

Electoral roll: this has now re-opened after the APCM. Forms are on the table at the back of church,. Please do sign up if you didn't before the APCM.

Church care and cleaning morning: THIS Saturday 12th April, from 9.30 am (or join us for Morning Prayer at 9 am). Everyone of any age is welcome to help care for our beautiful building.

EASTER FLOWERS... Fiona and 'her' team will be decorating the church for Easter, if you would like to join them do speak to Fiona - all are very welcome (of all ages).

Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers and lilies are now invited. Please give your cash donations directly to Fiona, or to Bev or Ben, in an envelope labelled 'Easter flowers'. If you prefer to give by card please note 'flowers' on the machine before making the payment. Thank you. You may wish to give to the flowers in memory of loved ones. There is a sheet at the back of church on which you are invited to write their names (last year's list – please tick or cross out or add names). These will be displayed in church as usual at Easter. The list will be removed on Tuesday.

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

April

Saturday 12 th	Church Care session (maintenance)
Sunday 13 th	Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week
Sunday 20 th	Easter Day
Friday 25 th	St. Luke's School in all day
Saturday 26 th	PCC planning morning
Saturday 10 th May	Church breakfast, speaker Revd. Sally: My life and my faith
Sunday 11 th May	Baptism anniversary party (help requested)
Sunday 11 th May	Not the Summer Fair day!
Thursday 15 th May	WAMCF dialogue
Saturday 17 th May	Quiet Day
Saturday 28 th June	Garden Party
Sunday 20 th July	Revd. Sally's Thanksgiving service

May Messy Church

We will be thinking about St. Thomas, the story of Jesus' resurrection, and what it is to have faith. Please note the CHANGE OF DATE – to Friday 9th May. Sign up in the usual way through the office.

Coming up after Easter...

Bible Study: a study of the book of Genesis, Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church, starting 7th May.

Church Breakfast: Saturday 10th May, 8.45 am in church. Revd Sally will talk about: My life and my faith. Tickets £5, available soon.

Baptism Anniversary service and party: Sunday 11th May, 3pm

Not the Summer Fair Day: Sunday 11th May.

Quiet day: Saturday 17th May, venue TBC.

WAMCF Dialogue: Thursday 15th May, 7pm, Thames Hospice – see flyer below.

WAMCF Ladies meeting: Tuesday 6th May, 7.30 pm, here. Speaker: Catherine Williams *Introducing Healthwatch - your local consumer champion for health and social care'*

Garden Party: Saturday 28th June, 3pm in the vicarage garden. Tickets £15 pp, to come.

And Revd. Sally's final services..

Revd. Sally leaves the parish at the end of July. She would like the final Eucharist on Sunday 27th to be a time for current church family and invites us to the vicarage garden for a bring and share picnic afterwards.

Everyone is warmly invited to a Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20th July at 3pm in church. This will be a simple service of Evening Prayer and will be followed by afternoon tea. A number of other guests will also be invited, recognising those wider links that Sally has developed during her time here. To assist with catering and places please book your place by signing up on the list that will soon be in church.

Our Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

Midweek Holy Communion is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee

Baby and Toddler group meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am term time only. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 2nd May 2025 admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Pram Service is a monthly simple service of songs and story for ages 0-4 and their carers. Followed by coffee for adults, snack and crafts for little ones. Second Friday, 9.30am- 10.30am. Next one 11th April
Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on Jeant-d2@outlook.com for further details.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. 4th Thursdays monthly.

Please note that for Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

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**Churches Together in Maidenhead
Walk of Witness**



Good Friday 18th April 2025

Start: 11.00am Providence Place (outside Sainsbury's)

Finish: High Street Methodist Church with tea and hot cross buns



Procession with hymns, readings and prayers along the High Street. This event will be BSL interpreted for deaf people.

**Please come and join us
in this united act of Christian
witness**



...Working Together to Show God's Love & Care



**WAMCF Spring Dialogue
Thursday 15th May 2025**

**What do you find most
meaningful in your life?**

Join us to explore this topic

7pm – 8.30pm (followed by refreshments)

Thames Hospice, Windsor Road,
Maidenhead, SL6 2DN

Free Admission



**St. Luke's Church
Easter Egg Hunt
Tea and prayer**



Saturday 19th April

4pm

All welcome



Messy Church

St Luke's Church
Norfolk Road
Maidenhead
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9th May (NB changed date)
4.00-5.30pm



Thomas

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book

Craft, worship, 2 course tea

£2.00 per child

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