# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk [This sheet is also available on the above website] Church Office: 01628 622733 admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk Vicar: sally514@btinternet.co

# Week commencing: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Third Sunday before Lent, Parish Communion

This Sunday we have a service of Holy Communion at 8 am and Parish Communion at 10 am. We are experimenting for a few weeks with the RHP sheet and hymn books. This week there is not RHP sheet, the collects and readings are in this weekly news and the hymn titles are listed here. We will use hymn books at 10 am this week. Feedback from folk both in church and on zoom would be very helpful over the next few weeks (email Revd. Sally or the office). If zoomers would like to borrow a church hymnbook to use ta home please let me know and I will get one to you.

Although national restrictions are lifted we are encouraging folk to wear face coverings when moving around in church, and particularly when singing. It is good to look out for and protect each other. To that end we will continue to anti-bac after services and if anyone would like to join that small team please speak to Sally S, a churchwarden, or Revd Sally.

Morning Prayer continues: Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom, at 8.30 am (9 am on Sat.) Evening Prayer, on Fridays at 5pm also on zoom, except on the first Friday monthly.

### The Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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. Amen

#### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

# A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

<sup>12</sup>If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

#### The Gospel reading

<sup>17</sup>Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Luke 6.17-26

#### Sunday's Hymns:

368 All my hope on God is founded505 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us137 Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to heaven and voices raise

#### Thought for the week:

The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem (right) is almost certainly not the correct location of Jesus' tomb. However, the tomb that is found there helps us grasp what it was like physically, and the atmosphere in that little oasis of calm right in the midst of the bustle, dust and grime of the city also helps to remind visitors of the central place of Jesus' resurrection to Christian faith. Just as Paul reminded those who received his letters, so we also need to be reminded – our faith is built on hope. The hope and promise of eternal life, made possible by Jesus' death and



resurrection, means that even while we go through the trials of our everyday lives (illness, work drudgery, financial worries... and more) God is with us – the living Jesus beside us in Spirit and leading us always on to a better, fuller and glorious future – ultimately.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 7	Acts 6	
Monday	Psalm 44	Genesis 24.1-28	1 Timothy 6.1-10
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Genesis 24.29-end	1 Timothy 6. 11-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119.57	2-80 Genesis 25.7-11,19-end	2 Timothy 1. 1-14
Thursday	Psalm 57	Genesis 26.34-27.40	2 Timothy 1.15-2.13
Friday	Psalm 51	Genesis 27.41-end of 28	2 Timothy 2.14-end
Saturday	Psalm 68	Genesis 29.1-30	2 Timothy 3

#### Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For ourselves for the courage to trust Jesus with our whole lives and to hope is His
  resurrection
- For our national and church leaders
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For all children, especially those in need, and for the work of the Children's Society and for our work with children through Messy Church and Baby and Toddler group.
- For those who are 'feeling their age'.
- For wisdom for those making decisions about covid restrictions and for a kindness which keeps each other safe.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in February: Isaac Smalley, Elsie-Rae Jarnak,
- For all those who live and work in Ray Mead Road West.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Eunice Moffett, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Ann Darracott, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Lissa Jane.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Judy Galvin, Walter Horwood, Oliver, Barbara Stevens
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Beryl Horsham, Edward Dobson, Peter Sharp, Valerie Merkel, Robert Crick, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macauley Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, Rodgers Murwisi, Peter Curtis, Joan Bartholomew, Harvey Lovegrove, Stanley Swansborough, Christine Dawson.

#### Rotas for next week: 20th February, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Jeanette LockIntercede: Jacqueline LewisWelcomers: Jacqueline, Kim, ShulaAntibac: Sue T

#### Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by Mr T Autos

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email the parish office: <u>admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk</u>



This week:

8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer		
8.00 pm, Choir practice		
9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom		
8.00 am, Holy Communion		
10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom		
8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom		
8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom		
10.00 am Holy Communion		
8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom		
9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church		
3.00 pm, Keeping Company, in church		
8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer		
8.00 pm, Choir practice		



Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
	6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, on zoom

Church Quiz: thanks in advance to James for organising our quiz.

**Church flowers:** thanks to Rita for a wonderful job keeping the church flowers going during the pandemic. As we begin to think about flowers for Easter and beyond, it would be great for former flowers arrangers and for new volunteers to work with Rita to beautify the church (even more than it already is!). No expertise is needed – just a little time of offer to arrange flowers – or help place them around church. Could God be calling you to use your creative gifts or your time in this way? Do speak to Rita to know more: 01628 634439.

**Leading intercessions in church:** thanks also to those who lead intercessions in services on Sundays and Wednesdays. You are all warmly invited to get together for coffee and pastries and a chat about leading intercessions at 10 am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. If you think God might be calling you also to this ministry please do come along too – and / or have a word with Revd. Sally.

**World Day of Prayer:** This year's World Day of Prayer service is on Friday 4th March at 2pm at St Joseph's Church. The theme this year is 'I know the plans I have for you', prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Historically Scotland does its own. It will be another 100 years before the British Isles can do it again so this year is really special and we would love as many to come as possible. Tea will be served after the service. Any enquiries to Gill Curry or Ruth Sheppard.

**The WAMCF 'Joy of Movement'** programme is running again in the Spring. This will be six on-line sessions at 6pm -7pm every Tuesday from 1st February to 8th March 2022. The tutor will again be Anisha Gangotra. These sessions are free to members of our faith communities. To join, email <u>samuelsberks@aol.com</u> for the link.

**Inspire:** the next edition of Inspire will be coming out in the Spring. Ruth would love to receive articles now (of any sort – Christmas reviews, photos, poems, reflections etc). Please email them to the office. Thank you for those that have come in – keep them coming!!

**Maidenhead Festival** is back this year on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July. We are considering whether we should apply to have a stall on the Saturday in Kidwells park. If you have any thoughts on this and what we might do to show God's love in this place please have a word with ministry team.

# Lent course: Come and See

Lent is still four weeks away, but this is advance notice of our Lent course. We will use the diocesan resource: Come and See, which this year focuses on The Lord's Prayer, and is open to anyone. There will be five sessions, on Wednesdays (11 am, in person only, in church) and Thursdays (7.30 pm, on zoom only).



# **Our Regular activities:**

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

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

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

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is 4<sup>th</sup> February. Email Revd. Sally to book a place.

**Keeping Company** is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**Gaynor's Gift** is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. The next is 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Sundays at Six** A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, with a mix of zoom and in-church services. The programme is on our website and here:

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

#### Sunday Morning Worship:

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400Passcode: 526076

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing \*6 (star six)

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmlldU5Hdz09 Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925 Passcode: 180609

#### Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09 Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468 Passcode: 132142

#### Sundays at Six:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09 Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852 Passcode: 936128

**Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry** 3pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, monthly Needs a new link!