

## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 13<sup>th</sup> March 22**  
**Second Sunday of Lent,**  
**Parish Communion**

*The Hen, Stanley Spencer*

This Sunday we have a said service of Holy Communion at 8 am and a sung Parish Communion service at 10 am. You may like to have a copy of the picture above with you at the 10 am service. We are unable to Zoom the main service this week and so Zoomers may wish to follow the national Church service, which can be found at this link:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>

We will be using the diocesan Come and See video in the service and you can find all of the materials here, and register for a daily email thought:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services>

**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.

We are now using the Lent order or service on the App or in the red book.

### The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### A reading from the book of Genesis

1The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' 2But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' 3And Abram said, 'You have given me no

offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 4But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' 5He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' 6And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' 8But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' 9He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' 10He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

17When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

*Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18*

### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians**

17Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 1Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*Philippians 3. 17-4.1*

### **The Gospel reading**

31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' 32He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*Luke 13. 31-end*

### **Sunday's Hymns:**

396 Christ is the world's true light  
The Lord is my shepherd  
482 Jerusalem the golden

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green,  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,  
And I will trust in you alone,  
For your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And he anoints my head with oil;  
And my cup – it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.  
*And I will trust in you alone...*

And though I walk the darkest path –  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For you are with me, and your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.  
*And I will trust in you alone...*

### **Thought for the week:**

*Children of Abraham, by Sieger Koder*

This beautiful painting depicts today's Old Testament reading. Abram was desperate for a son and heir – so that the promise that God had made to him might be fulfilled. No child was forthcoming.

And so Abram took the matter into his own hands. He legally adopted his foreign slave as heir. Unsatisfactory, but needs must.

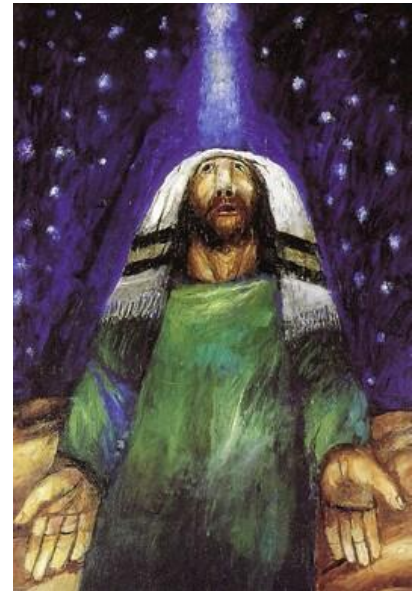
In this vision God promises that he and his wife will have a son of their very own – and not only that but that their descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Have you ever seen the night sky from a land where there are no street lights to conceal its glory? Abram had. He knew what an amazing promise God had made.

And he stopped trying to fix things himself, and left it to God:

‘And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness’.

If only we could do the same thing!



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

Sunday	Psalm 119. 161-end	Romans 11.13-24	
Monday	Psalm 32	Genesis 43.16-end	Hebrews 1
Tuesday	Psalm 50	Genesis 44.1-17	Hebrews 2.1-9
Wednesday	Psalm 35	Genesis 44. 18-end	Hebrews 2.10-end
Thursday	Psalm 34	Genesis 45.1-15	Hebrews 3.1-6
Friday	Psalm 41	Genesis 45. 16 -end	Hebrews 3.7-end
Saturday (St. Joseph)	Psalm 25	Isaiah 11.1-10	Matthew 13. 54-ed

### **Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- For ourselves – for our preparations for Lent and for self-discipline during Lent
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For our ministry with children through Messy Church and Baby and Toddler group.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash, Faith Porro.
- For all those who live and work in Ray Park Lane.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela Rivers, Julianne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Lissa Jane.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Oliver, Barbara Stevens, Jill Cotterill

- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Sandy Raffan, Brian King, Ernest Gammon, Arthur Harris, Audrey Eggleton, Rex Hugo, Victor Garraway, Anna Meredith, Dora Newcombe, Margery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Anthony Wright, Lillian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Beryl Bintcliffe, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis, Susan Robinson.

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### **Rotas for next week:**

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom**

Read: Edgar Hakobayan Intercede: Simon Bader

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Sue and Ralph

**Please do check the rotas each week and let Revd. Sally know if you are unable to read or intercede. Thank you.**

### **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: [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

There are lots of available weeks now to fill.

## **What's on...**

### **This week:**

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 2.00 pm, Teas, in the community hall 7.30 pm, Lent course, on Zoom – link below
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Music Team Meeting
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church only
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.00 pm, Street Party meeting, in church 8.00 pm, PCC meeting
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 11.00 am, Lent course, in church (coffee from 10.30 am)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 3.00 pm, Keeping Company, in church 7.30 pm, Lent course, on Zoom
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	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 10.00 – 2.30, Marriage Preparation Day, in church
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, on zoom only

**Jill Cotterill, RIP:** many of you will have heard that Jill Cotterill, a long - standing member of our church family, passed away very suddenly recently.  
Jill's funeral will take the form of a private family cremation on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, followed by a Thanksgiving Service in church at 1pm, to which all are warmly invited.  
Please pay for John, and for their family.

**Moving on from covid:** as covid numbers ease a little and all national restrictions are lifted, we plan to slowly relax our own precautions. So... from today:

- Coffee after church will be re-introduced every now and then – starting today, 13<sup>th</sup> March. We would encourage those who wish to stay to avoid crowding around the servery and to space out / be seated but do enjoy chatting with each other. Coffee will be brought to you.
- Anti baccing after services will now cease.
- Pews will return to each row being used, which will mean that...
- .. we will receive communion (host only still) from the dais. We will invite folk to walk up the centre in one or two lines to receive standing at the centre / either side and return to seats via the side aisles. The choir will continue to receive in situ.
- Face coverings will remain optional and are strongly advised when singing.
- The Offertory plate will be placed more centrally and blessed (though not yet brought up)

**APCM:** in order to allow more time for the accounts to be finalised and inspected, the PCC has decided to delay the APCM until **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, at 11.15 (ish) after the 10 am service. This will impact the dates for closing the current ...

...**Church Electoral Roll:** If you are not on the Electoral Roll, please ensure that you register asap – there are now forms at the back of church for this purpose, a welcomer can find one for you if you fail!. Please return the form directly to the parish office, the PCC secretary or one of the ministers. Anyone wishing to stand for PCC or to vote at the APCM must be on the Electoral Roll. There is a copy of the current Roll on the table at the back of church if anyone wishes to check it. The Roll will now close on 9<sup>th</sup> April, and then be published (names only) in church before the APCM.

### Lent course: Come and See

This year we are using 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). Starting 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Link for Thursdays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5194847421>

Meeting ID: 519 484 7421



**Lent charity.** It is not possible to hold our usual Lent lunches again this year, but everyone is warmly invited to donate to a Lenten Offertory. This might be by simply giving, by missing a meal or a treat and giving the money it would have cost, or any other means. There will be a Lent Charity Fund box



in church each week between now and Good Friday. Proceeds will be split between the humanitarian relief for Ukraine and the work of FACE (the Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia) where a new diocese of Gambella is being established.

**Easter flowers.** As usual we will be collecting also towards Easter lilies and other flowers. Please place any donations in the box on the table at the back of church. If you would like to give in memory of loved ones you may wish to list their names on the sheet there also.

**Confirmation.** We are delighted that Bishop Olivia will be leading a confirmation service (for the Deanery) at 10 am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Please speak to one on the ministry team asap if you, or anyone you know, would like to be confirmed then.

**Platinum Jubilee Street Party:** the church is planning to host a street party at lunchtime on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We will have a first planning team meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, probably in church, at 7pm. Anyone who would like to be involved in this event is warmly invited come along.

**Holy Land pilgrimage.** Revd Sally will be leading another pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 13<sup>th</sup> -m 22<sup>nd</sup> September this year. There are flyers at the back of church. Sally would be pleased to give you more information if you wish.

#### **Taplow Youth Choir Concert:**

Conductors: Gillian Dibden, David Manners

Saturday 26th March

St Luke's Church , Maidenhead, 7.30 pm

Tickets: £12 adults and £10 students under 16 at the door.

Very varied programme of solo songs, ensembles and full choir,  
including choruses from Haydn's 'Creation'.

**Meet Anne Atkins:** Come and argue with Anne Atkins about her novels, BBC broadcasts and controversial views. Her talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to her in person. There is no charge, but it is important you let us know if you are coming, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office:  
[admin@maidshul.org](mailto:admin@maidshul.org)

#### **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> March, then 1<sup>st</sup> April. 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> March.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**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> March.

**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/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87303393953?pwd=L003Witra0E2RmExeEZiSjJbS9zQT09>

Meeting ID: 873 0339 3953

Passcode: 445440