



St. Luke's Church,

Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 14th March 2021, Mothering Sunday

As we come to Mothering Sunday, our worship will be an All Age service on Zoom. I do hope that families will be able to join us, alongside our regular – and always welcome - new folk. You may like to have a candle handy (real or LED) to use during the service. The order of service is attached with this week's email, and also a sheet called *Mothering Sunday paper flower blessings*. You may like to print this out and have it handy too (one paper flower each, there are two per sheet) – with a pair of scissors, pen and paper clip. All will be revealed on Sunday!

Morning Prayer continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am; **Evening Prayer**, Friday at 5pm. Why not join in during Lent?

Sundays at Six continues on Zoom at 6pm on first and third Sundays each month. The next will be on 21st March, when we are invited to the Riding Lights Passion Play, see later.

Roots at Home: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22434/roots-at-home-14-march.pdf>

Thought for the week: Love and Loss

Mothering Sunday is always a bittersweet day. For those who keep Lent strictly it is a day off from our Lenten fast – you can enjoy your favourite tippie or snack. For children (of all ages) it is a time to show mums just how much they care and appreciate the love given, often sacrificially, to them.

But it is also a day of sorrow for those who have lost children or mothers, who are unable to have children, or for whom parents did not offer the best start in life.

It is a day of love, and of loss.

This year that tension will be felt more keenly than ever.

One of my favourite images at this time is that of the pieta – the image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, holding the body of her dead son as he was taken down from the cross. She was there at his birth and at his death - constant, faithful, gentle, loving through the pain that old Simeon had warned her of when Jesus was just 40 days old – a tiny babe in her arms in the Temple.

I bought the pieta here in Israel last time we were there. It is made of olive wood, smooth to the touch and evocatively faceless. It could be any woman holding her beloved child. You may like to spend some time reflecting on what it says to you.

To me, I am reminded that Mary knows our pains – as well as our joys – and can bring them to God for us in prayer.



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 14th March are:

Sunday	Psalm 27	John 9. 1-25	
Monday	Psalm 77	Jeremiah 17. 5-18	John 9. 18-end
Tuesday	Psalm 79	Jeremiah 18. 1-12	John 10. 1-10
Wednesday	Psalm 90	Jeremiah 18. 13-end	John 10. 11-21
Thursday	Psalm 86	Jeremiah 19. 1-13	John 10. 22-end
Friday (St. Joseph)	Psalm 147.1-12	Isaiah 11.1-10	Matthew 13. 54-end
Saturday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 20. 7 – end	John 11. 17-27

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for vaccines for Covid19 and pray for those rolling out the programme
- For our schools, and especially for St. Luke's and St. Piran's schools, and Riverside.
- For our government, and our nation, as we slowly 'unlock'; for patience
- For every family bereaved through Covid 19, and all others too
- For our keeping of a holy Lent, and our engagement with the LLF materials
- That we might be kind to each other – in 'thought, word and deed'
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For our care for God's world
- For our prayer shawl ministry, and those who will receive shawls, in love
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the Synagogue, Mosques, Gurdwara and elsewhere
- For the people of Myanmar, Yemen, Ethiopia, Syria, Armenia and other places of conflict
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash,
- For all those who live and work in Keble road
- The sick and those who care for them: Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Mick Curley, Brenda Windass, Katharine McKay
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Christine Dawson, Susan Robinson, Mick Hine
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anthony Wright, Anna Meredith, Rex Hugo, Audrey Eggleton, Arthur Harris, Brian King, Sandy Raffan, Ernest Gammon, Dora Newcombe, Marjery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Victor Garroway, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Beryl Bintcliffe, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Gillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis.

Rotas for next week: 21st March, Passion Sunday

Read: Jean TD Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by Lisa Sharp:

" Looking forwards – with hope – to brighter and longer days."

To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally. All weeks are now available for the rest of this year!



What's on...

Keeping Lent

We listed suggested reading in previous weekly sheets (back copies available on the website).

Lent Lunches will not be possible again this year, but you are invited to have your own soup, bread and cheese lunch on three Sundays during Lent in place of your usual Sunday roast (or whatever you normally eat on Sundays!) and make a donation to the work of Christian Aid. You can donate via an envelope through the vicarage door, or Richard's door or by bacs with the reference: Lent Lunch.

National Day of Reflection: Tuesday 23rd March marks a year since the start of Lockdown#1. A National Day of Reflection will be kept, and the church will be open all day from 10 am – 4 pm. We have so much to be grateful for and folk to remember too. Do consider popping into church at some point to light a candle, be quiet and reflect, or take a flower from the porch. There will be a book to list names to remember at Easter – recently passed or further ago. Also an opportunity to donate towards church Easter flowers (only via the box in church).

Messy Church: our next session is on Zoom (email Revd. Sally for the link) from 4-5pm today, when we will think about the story of the Lost Son / Forgiving Father. Do let Revd. Sally know if you'd like a craft pack in advance. Then 9th April.

Lent and Holy Week plans

Sunday 21st March, 6pm, Tuesday 30th, 3pm: Breaking Day, a virtual passion play

With our friends at All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Join us to reflect on the Passion in a different way - from the comfort of your armchair. Link available via our weekly email next week (it will not be in the sheet).

NB: Clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night 27th March

Palm Sunday: 28th March

8.00 am, service of Holy Communion in church (with usual Covid security - distancing, masks etc)

10.00 am, Zoomed service with shared reading of the Passion

6.00 pm, Zoomed Stations of the Cross, led by Fr. Jeremy.

Monday - Thursday of Holy Week

Church open for an hour daily for private prayer (times TBC) 9pm, daily, Zoomed Night Prayer

Maundy Thursday: 1st April,

7.30 pm, Holy Communion in church and zoomed (sadly no foot washing).

Watch until 10 pm. For those who wish to stay.

Prayer Stations in the front church garden, drop by to see

Reflective videos on our website, use at any time

Good Friday, 2nd April

1.30 - 3.00 pm At the foot of the Cross,

a service of reflection, music, reading and silence

Easter Day, 4th April

10.00 am, in church and zoomed Holy Communion, with blessing of the Easter garden and lighting of the Paschal candle

NB: in-church places MUST be booked: sally514@btinternet.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry it is never too late to join in this beautiful simple knitting ministry. Details are on our website and Revd. Terrie can tell you more. Next get together: 3pm, Thursday 18th March:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84874518710?pwd=eFFwSEd5SS9NdmdTdDVIQXICRIBWUT09>
Meeting ID: 848 7451 8710 Passcode: 078376

Church cleaning: in the hope that we can have some in-person worship at Easter we will have a church cleaning party on Friday 26th March from 10 am – midday. Please come along and help out if you can. Face coverings needed and you may wish to bring your own tools.

Have you got your census letter?

The census is coming, and it's about you. Without the information you share, it'd be more difficult to understand your community's needs and to plan and fund public services.

By taking part and encouraging your congregation to do the same, you will help inform decisions about the services you and your community need, like doctors' surgeries and new schools.

Census day is on March 21, but households will now be receiving letters with online codes explaining how they can complete their forms. If you don't get one in the next couple of weeks, please get in touch with the census contact centre. You can also request a paper questionnaire if you'd prefer to complete your census that way.

There is lots of support available such as a help area on the census website and a contact centre that can give you help over the phone and guidance in a range of languages and accessible formats, including paper questionnaires and large print. You can also use your postcode to find local census support centres on the census website.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) runs the census in England and Wales and is independent from the government. All information is held securely for 100 years. Statistics are only compiled based on anonymised data and personal information is not shared with any organisation and is never sold.

For more information, and to find out how to get help, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk) or call the contact centre on 0800 141 2021. Or contact one of the ministry team.



*The 40th Anniversary Year of the
Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum*



Why do humans suffer?
A WAMCF Zoom Webinar
Tuesday 23rd March 2021
7pm - 815pm Webinar opens at 645pm
A Christian, Humanist & Islamic perspective
followed by a Q&A.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 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 9 am Tuesday - Saturday

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

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810

Passcode: 171263

Sundays at Six:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRIZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349

Passcode: 945101

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033