



## St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 9th February 2020**

**Third Sunday before Lent**

### **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**10.00am Parish Communion**

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Sonya Clarke, LLM

**4.00pm Café Church**

**6.00pm Sundays at Six: Holy Communion at All Saints Church**

If you are new to St. Luke's please do make yourself known to the ministers or a member of the Welcome Team, who can give you a contact slip to complete and a welcome card with information about our 10am service.

Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee which will be served in the fellowship area at the back of church.

You may like to prepare for worship by praying quietly using your own words or these:

Kindle in our hearts, O God,  
The flame of love which never cease,  
That it may burn in us, giving light to others.  
May we shine for ever in your temple,  
Set on fire with your eternal light,  
Even your Son Jesus Christ,  
Our Saviour and our Redeemer.  
Amen

*We take all aspects of safety very seriously at St Luke's.*

*Please do take care with hot drinks.*

*Details of our safeguarding team are on the noticeboard by the door .*

*Should you have any concerns, please do speak to someone.*

## **The Readings for Today**

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, *Isaiah 58.1-9a*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew**

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

*Matthew 5.13-20*

### **Offertory Hymn**

Jesus Christ is waiting,  
Waiting in the streets;  
No one is his neighbour,  
All alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger,  
Fit to wait on you

Jesus Christ is raging,  
Raging in the streets,  
Where injustice spirals  
And real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes  
Let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,  
Healing in the streets;  
Curing those who suffer,  
Touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I have pity too.  
Let my care be active,  
Healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,  
Dancing in the streets,  
Where each sign of hatred  
He, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I should triumph too.  
On suspicion's graveyard  
Let me dance with you.

### **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,

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

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.  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord.

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Jesus Christ is calling,  
Calling in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
Let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

**For your own reading, the other lectionary readings set for today  
are: I Corinthians 9.24-27                      Psalm 9**



**What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too**

## **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

### **This mornings hymns at 10am:**

P: 507	Lord of all hopefulness
G: 393	Brother, sister, let me serve you
O: page 3	Jesus Christ is waiting
HC: 424	Fill thou my life
R: 396	Christ is the world's true light

**Quiet Day:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 10.15 am – 4.00 pm at Ascot Priory. Cost £8 pp, bring your own lunch. Sign up in church for this gentle day with space for personal silence, reading, walking, praying... and brief led reflections

**Confirmation:** The date of confirmation has been changed to **Sunday 14th June**, at Bray church. This is the only one really available to us this year. If you, or anyone you know of, is thinking about confirmation please have a word with Revd. Sally in the first instance so that we can start preparations.

**WAMCF Dialogues:** The next WAMCF Interfaith dialogues: Wednesday 18th March at St. Edwards Catholic Church, Windsor, and Thursday 30th April at Maidenhead Synagogue.

## **INFORMATION**

**First Aid:** The PCC would like to compile a list of authorised First Aiders within the church so that when we organise events we can ensure there is someone qualified to assist people in the case of an emergency. If you are a Doctor, Nurse or a qualified First Aider can you please let me know.

We are also looking at organising a one day First Aid Training course within the church. This would be a Quallsafe Registered course and held on a Saturday on a date to be arranged. If you would be interested in attending please let me know. Many Thanks Ralph Hinchliffe - Safety Officer.

**Electoral Roll:** Our APCM is on Sunday 15th March. If you are not already on the church electoral roll please ask for a form.

**Fabric Meeting:** There will be a meeting of the fabric committee on Wednesday 19th February at 6.30pm in the parish office (Please use Tower door) Any one interested in joining us in caring for our church will be warmly welcomed, please contact Sue Hinchliffe, by email.

## **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING**

**Breakfast:** our next Church Breakfast is on Saturday 15th February when Gwen Powell will speak about the work of Clean Conscience (who did the "rather different tree" at the CTF). This is open to men as well as ladies. Tickets £5 each, available now. Doors open 8.45 am.

**Stitch up for Kori:** Thursday 20th February, 2-4pm. St. Luke's Community Hall. Come along for a sociable afternoon, and to help this charity in Rural Sierra Leone. 'If you are new to us, bring a pair of size eight knitting needles or crochet hook, and some double knitting yarn. Tea, coffee and cake are provided free, and it is fun. Gill Curry, 625196

**"St Luke's Tours - Holiday to Sussex and Kent:** We are organising a three day coach holiday from Friday May 29th to Sunday 31st (the end of the school summer half-term week) to Sussex and Kent, staying in a seafront hotel in Eastbourne. On the way down we will visit the flower festival in Chichester cathedral, we will have a day visiting Romney Marsh and Rye, and on the way back we will visit Beachy Head, Bexhill on sea, and Scotney Castle. For further details see the brochures at the back of church or speak to Richard or Ann Burdett".

**Saturday Walk:** Calling all walkers, we are re-starting our occasional Saturday rambles and all are invited to join us for a day in the country, enjoying the natural world and socialising en-route. Details of this first excursion as follows: **Saturday 15th February**, meet at church to depart at 10.30 am and car sharing where possible. We will then drive to Marlow to start our walk which will cover around 8 miles and approximately 650' ascent. The walk will include riverside, open fields, woodland and a hillfort! Bring sensible footwear (walking boots advised) waterproofs and a picnic lunch and drink. Bring also a diary so that we can plan a further outing for all interested. Looking forward to seeing you, further details from Roger Clarke 01628 632626/07503 4854

### **Social and Fundraising Events for the year planned so far**

Some of these dates are on the key parish dates sheet, others are new

Sunday 17th May	Wind and Words recital and tea
Sunday 7th June	3pm Concert with synagogue and tea
Sat. 13th June	Summer fair, 2-5pm
Sun. 14th June	Music Sunday with Parish lunch
Sun 5th July,	Church family lunch to celebrate Phyl Sopp's ordination
Sun 23rd August	Garden Party
Saturday 19th Sept, 5pm	Evensong with Quorum
Sat. 26th Sept,	Harvest Supper
7th November	Charities Fair
4th – 6th Dec.	Christmas Tree Festival
Breakfasts: 15th February	16th May 14th November
Lent lunches:	1st 15th and 29th March

## SOME OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Prayer Meeting:** First Wednesday monthly at 3pm. Next one 5th February

**Keeping Company (previously Seeking Solace) :** Monthly get together for the bereaved. Next one is Monday 2nd March

**Generations Café** second Wednesdays 10.45 am - coffee and conversation for mums with young babies and the not so young. Next one 12th February

**Messy Church:** First Friday monthly 3.30pm-5.30pm with craft, storytime and a two course meal for £1.50 per child. Next one Friday 6th March

**Thursday Teas:** Second Thursday monthly in the Community Hall at 2pm. Next one this Thursday (13th February).

**Thursday Lunches:** Lunch in a local pub on the last Thursday of the month . Leaving church at 11.45pm. The next one is 27th February. Speak to Jean T D or Phyllis S for more details.

**Café Church:** Informal worship at 4pm, 2nd Sunday monthly with tea and cake. The next one is today (9th February).

**Interfaith Community meal:** a meal for anyone in the community to join and eat together. Every Tuesday at 6.00pm, here in church. All welcome.

**Baby and Toddler group:** Thursdays, 9.30am-11.15am term time, in the community hall.

**Christenings:** Baptism preparation is now via monthly 'Play and Stay' sessions for families. Next one is Saturday 7th March at 9.45am-11.00am.

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**Britain after Brexit:** Whatever your opinion on Brexit, one of the unfortunate aspects was the outbreak of social tensions and lack of civility resulting from the Brexit referendum in 2016 and subsequent wranglings. In response, there will be a local debate on how to heal the wounds, bring all sides together, look at ways to move forward, and determine what goals we have in common. There will be four (non-political) speakers talking about their vision for the future, both for the country at large and with a special focus on Maidenhead. It will be followed discussion in small groups for everyone there, and ending with a plenum session. The only rule will be that no one talks about the past or says if they were remainer/leaver - as the object is to abandon labels and old divisions and concentrate on positive ways ahead.

It will be held in the Desborough Suite in the Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF on Thursday 26th March at 8.00 pm (ending 9.45 pm) . Entry is free, but you have to register in advance <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/britain-after-brexit-tickets-92326704659>. Places are limited, so please apply as soon as possible.

**The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:**

**Mr T Autos**



**For your prayers**

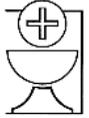
***(to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)***



- For peace between people and nations.
- For Bishop Olivia in the first year of her episcopacy, and for Bishop Colin, 'holding' the diocese during Bishop Steven's sabbatical.
- For the diocesan safeguarding review—for sensitivity, confidentiality and for us all, that by the grace of God, this past cases review will help each of us to learn something of our fragility, to find healthier, safer patterns of ministry, and to witness new manifestations of life in our Church.
- For all victims and perpetrators of abuse
- For peace in our nation, as we leave the E.U. and for generosity in negotiations for a future relationship with Europe.
- For our planning for and living out our mission.
- The ministry of Quench our Christian bookshop
- For children and young people
- For Sebastian and Jonas and Ryan and Ritchie all baptised recently
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in February: Isaac Smalley and Elsie-Rae Jarnak
- For all those who live and work in Camperdown
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Pat Lovering, Tony Lucas, and Revd Richard Holroyd
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Phyllis Boshier
  
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Peter Sharp, Edward Dobson, Beryl Horsham, Valerie Merkel, Robert Crick, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macaulay Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, and Rodgers Murwisi.

## This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities



### Monday 10th Feb

Office open 9.30-11am

### Tuesday 11th Feb

Office open 9.30-11am

### Wednesday 12th Feb

Office open 9.30 am-11am

### Thursday 13th Feb

### Friday 14th Feb

### Saturday 15th Feb

### Sunday 16th February

### Second Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Parish Communion

President: The Revd. Sally Lynch

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6.00pm **Sundays at Six: Desert Island Songs and Readings**

**at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green**

**Next weeks readings:** Genesis 1.1-23 Matthew 6.25-34

**Rota for Sunday 16th February under Duty Warden:** Michael Masango

**Reader: OT:** Jean T-D **Acolytes:** Nicola Buckland, Michaela Murwisi

**Elements:** Phyl and Dave Sopp (and Rachel) **Chalice:** Shula Tajima, Don Luff

**Intercessor:** Roger Clarke **Coffee:** Richard and Ann Burdett

**Server at 8am:** Ben Darracott **Crucifer at 10am:** Ben Darracott

**Welcome Team: 8am:** Richard Hannam

**10am:** Ann Darracott, Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe, Mike and Lisa

**Brass Cleaning:** Eileen and Peter Goford

**Church Cleaning:** Sonya Clarke and Helen Petter (17th February)

St. Luke's Church Office is open Mon Tues, Weds, 9.30 am - 11 am

Deadline for entries for this weekly pew sheet is 9.00 am on Tuesdays.

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