

Good Friday, 10th 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, 11th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer
Church decorating

Easter Sunday, 12th April

6.00 am, Dawn Service in Kidwells Park
8.00 am, Holy Communion
with Lighting of the Paschal candle
10.00 am, Festal Holy Communion,
and blessing of the Easter Garden



Further details of all Lenten activities from the Parish Office:
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Reading suggestions on our website:
www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk



St. Luke's Church,
Maidenhead

Lent 2020

Easter is the oldest festival kept by the church and a time when many Christians were baptised. Lent was, at first, the time when candidates were prepared for baptism and tested by the bishop. Now it is a period of six and half weeks in which Christians can prepare for Easter by thinking about their faith more deeply and learning about it.

It recalls Jesus' forty days of temptation in the desert just before the start of his ministry. Often Christians give up a luxury or give some money to charity as an act of self discipline. Far more positive is do something extra during this time. This helps us to grow in our faith. This year we are particularly encouraged to engage with care for creation through the Live Lent booklets, available in church. The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book: 'Saying yes to God' by Ruth Valerio, also explores these themes.

As a church we will have three Lent Sunday Lunches at which we have simple soup, cheese and bread meals and give the money we have saved to Christian Aid. All ages are welcome.

All the synoptic gospels tell the story of Jesus' temptations. This year we are following Matthew's Gospel, see Matthew 4. 1-11. See also Luke 4.1-12 and Mark 1.9-15 for other accounts.

Lent course: Exploring God's mercy

The great mystery of the human condition and God's action to save us is too vast to be contained in a single image or one kind of language. The Bible uses a kaleidoscope of word pictures of human life and God's intervention in it.

Exploring God's Mercy focuses on five classic images of the Christian gospel which are woven through scripture and the Christian tradition: Lost and finding the way; Trapped and set free; Sick in soul and healed; In turmoil and being at peace; Barren and becoming fruitful.

Each chapter explores one of these images through stories, popular culture, biblical material and Christian tradition, supported by YouTube clips and further film suggestions. Books available in church at £3 each.

Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Thursdays at 8.00 pm

Ash Wednesday, 26th February

Holy Communion, with ashing and addresses
10.00 am and 8.00 pm.

Lent Lunches

Sundays: 1st, 15th and 29th March, all at 12.30 pm

Sundays at Six

Shared services with the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (ChOGS) and All Saints, at 6pm.

1 March	Eucharist for St. David's Day, at All Saints
8 March	Compline, with address, at St. Luke's
15 March	Iona Evening Service,, at ChOGS
22 March	Mothering Sunday, no services
29 March	Stations of the Cross, at All Saints
5 April	Taize service for Palm Sunday, at ChOGS

Mothering Sunday

22nd March, at 10.00 am,
an All Age Service of the Word, with gifts for mums

Lenten Quiet Day

Saturday 29th February 10.15 am - 4.00 pm, at Ascot Priory, reflecting on God's creation. £8 pp., bring your own lunch. Sign up in church.

Messy Church

Fridays 6th March and 3rd April, 3.30-5.30pm
Crafts, worship and a meal, on themes. For all the family.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, 5th April, 10.00 am, Procession of Palms, and All Age Holy Communion with presentation of the Passion
3.00 pm Keeping Company, space for the bereaved

Morning Prayer (8.30 am) and Evening prayer (5.00 pm) daily

Monday 6th April midday, Holy Communion,
8.00 pm, Compline with address

Tuesday 7th April 8.00 pm, Holy Communion & meditation

Wed. 8th April 10.00 am, Holy Communion & address
8.00 pm, Stations of Cross

Maundy Thursday, 9th April

11.00 am, Chrism mass at Christchurch cathedral
8.00 pm, Holy Communion with hand / footwashing,
and Watch in church
(Watch till midnight, stay, come, and go as you wish)