



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 15th March 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.00am Parish Communion

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch

11.30am APCM followed by Lent lunch

6.00pm **Sundays at Six: Iona Evening Service**

at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green



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:

*We come to you, O Lord, recognising that
only you can quench our thirst,
only you can satisfy our hunger.
As we approach your throne,
may we recognise that your life-giving Spirit dwells within us.
Draw us closer to you today.*

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.

**Have you washed your hands before coming to church?
Please use the hand gel at the door if you do not have your own**

Please check the church coronavirus updates regularly

The Readings for Today

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Exodus 17.1-7

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but

you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’ *John 3.1-17*

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
one God, now and for ever.

The Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand
the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to
follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

This mornings hymns at 10am:

P: 455	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
G: Sht	As the deer pants for the water
O: 262	O Lord my God
HC: 469	I heard the voice of Jesus say
R: 376	And can it be

Winifred Reynolds RIP: Winifred sadly died at the end of last month. Her funeral is on 18th March at 1.30pm at the Forest of Dean Crematorium. On Thursday 26th March at 2.15pm there will be a celebration of Winifred's life with a tea-party at St. Luke's Community Hall. All those who knew Winifred are invited to attend. **Now TBC**

#LiveLent App: The Church of England has created a free Lent app with daily reflections centred around 'Care for God's Creation'. You can sign up at <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

WAMCF Dialogues: The next WAMCF Interfaith dialogue on Wednesday 18th March is now cancelled

Lent The Lent course runs on Wednesdays at 11am and Thursdays at 8pm. The two sessions are the same each week so that you can attend one or the other as convenient week by week. .

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Revd. Sally is leading a pilgrimage from 21-30th Sept 2021. Flyers and details at the back of church or from Sally herself.

Easter Lilies: As usual we will have lilies in church on Easter Sunday to commemorate lost loved ones. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of someone add their name to the list at the back of church and add your donation to the pot. (As a guide, lilies cost around £3 each). We are really not sure what the state of play will be by Easter but do still write names down and we will update you. We WILL ensure that loved ones are remembered in some way at Easter.

Save the date : Week of accompanied prayer— an exciting opportunity to further our relationship with God through exploring prayer. Fun and Rewarding. Sunday 25th— Friday 30th October. Details to come—do put the date in your diary now. There will be opportunities to help as well as participate.

Coronavirus Updates, 2 and 3, 11th / 13th March.

Common cup and physical contact

As of last Tuesday evening, we are asked to cease using the common cup (chalice) at communion, and refrain from ALL physical contact. The Archbishops have written to all clergy, a copy of their letter is on the board at the back of church. So we will

- *Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine;*
- *suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace;*
- *suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands'.*

Further, as of Thursday:

- *Catering in church is suspended*
- *The collection plate will not be passed around*
- *The altar rails will be kept out*

Continuity Plan

Every parish in the diocese has been asked to draw up a continuity plan, using a template provided. I have met with John, our first churchwarden, and Ruth, our administrator, and we have drawn up our plan (which will be constantly updated as necessary) We will share the details as appropriate with the relevant people and provide a paper copy in church (without personal details for GDPR). This is a previously unknown situation, hence the precautions being taken. The plan is:

‘... to ensure as far as possible the continued mission and ministry of parishes, and the maintenance of the critical ongoing business of the parish’.

Your part is crucial:

- Please do not attend church or church activities if you have a cough, cold or other symptoms.
- Please do notify myself if you are self-isolating or unwell – I will arrange pastoral and spiritual support as appropriate (by phone etc). No one will be visiting those who are sick, for obvious reasons!
- If you would like me to have your next of kin details (especially if you are alone) then please do get them to me in any form. You may like to let them, have my church contact details too.

In the first instance please use ME and my phone / email as first port of call – the office is not staffed daily: 01628 783033 (I can access this remotely) sally514@btinternet.com. If you do have my mobile number please do not pass it to others without checking with me. Please check your emails regularly for updates—and act on them!

SOME OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES,

Prayer Meeting: First Wednesday monthly at 3pm.

Keeping Company (previously Seeking Solace) : suspended
Generations Café suspended

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 3rd April TBC

Thursday Teas: Second Thursday monthly in the Community Hall at 2pm.

Thursday Lunches: Lunch in a local pub on the last Thursday of the month .
Leaving church at 11.45pm. The next one is Thursday 2nd April
Speak to Jean T D or Phyllis S for more details.

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

Christenings: Baptism preparation is now via Play and Stay'
sessions for families. Next one is Saturday 2nd May at 9.45am-11.00am TBC

Gradual Hymn

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone will my spirit yield
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship you*

I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

You're my friend and you are my Father
Even though you are my King
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything

**For your own reading, the other lectionary readings set for today
are:** Romans 5.1-11 Psalm 95



All Church Key Holders: We have a Quinquennial Inspection later in the year and to be prepared it is necessary to update the Key Register. Please could all key holders contact John Salter, Church Warden with their keys so he can verify or add their name to the Register. Thank you.

Inspire: The next issue will be out in April. Please send articles, pictures etc to stlukes.inspire@gmail.com (or give me paper copies) by 9pm on Wednesday 1st April. Please remember this is a new email address. Thank you, Louisa

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 all those currently affected by the coronavirus outbreak and for a calm response, and for those who are now self isolating
- For a fruitful Lent, that we may all recognise God's mercy to us, and in this challenging time find peace
- For the most vulnerable in our society
- For all NHS and medical staff
- For ALL leaders who have difficult decisions to make
- For all in prison, finding life very tough with all visiting stopped
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in March: Henry Weber, Olivia Carter, and Robyn Nash
- For all those who live and work in Cherwell Close
- 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: Joan Bartholomew, Win Reynolds, Elaine Williams
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Lillian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anthony Wright, Anna Meredith, Rex Hugo, Audry Eggleton, Arthur Harris, Brian King, Sandy Raffan, Ernest Gammon, Marjery Lawson, Dora Newcombe, Ellen Ritson, Victor Garroway, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy Alan Moss, and Beryl Bintcliffe

This week at St. Luke's-

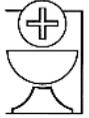
Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities

Monday 16th March

Office open 9.30am-11am

Tuesday 17th March

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Wednesday 18th March

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Thursday 19th March

Friday 20th March

Saturday 21st March

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.15pm Holy Communion

8.00pm Vision Meeting - probably not!

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10.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Lent Course

8.30 am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

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8.00pm Choir Practice

9.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Word Service

President: The Revd. Sally Lynch

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Next weeks readings: 1 Samuel 1.20-end John 19.25b-27

Rota for Sunday 22nd March under Duty Warden: Sue Hinchliffe

Reader: OT: Rachel Beaumont **NT:** Sally Somerville

Acolytes: n/a **Elements:** n/a **Chalice:** n/a - from now on

Intercessor: Ministry Team **Coffee:** n/a from now on

Server at 8am: Ralph Hinchliffe **Crucifer at 10am:** Matthew Burdett

Welcome Team: 8am: Joan Harnby

10am: Don Luff, Laura and Aaron, Shula Tajima, Nikola, Natasha and Charlie

Church Cleaning: Judith Edwards, Sue Houlston, Sally Somerville -16th March

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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