



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Easter 5

I hope that you are continuing to hold-up under lock-down, and that you will be able to celebrate and commemorate VE Day today in some way.

On Thursday Bishop Steven emailed all incumbents and churchwardens with details of the decisions that he has made as restrictions begin to lift just a little. He permits ONE person to access the church (that will be myself) to lead worship online, or recorded, and to pray alone. I will not be making any changes to the way that we worship right now. I have no wish to go back into church alone to lead worship, without the rest of you! What we are doing is working well, so for now we will keep it going. Full funeral fees have also been restored for newly booked funerals.

We are, I suspect, entering another short period of rapidly changing guidance from diocesan and national church, and we expect further guidance next week. This tends to be time consuming and adds to workload! Watch this space!

What is clear, is that, having started to 'do things differently', we will need to reflect on how that will impact on what we offer in the future. Do keep praying about how we can best 'be church' as God's people gathered here. And please don't pay too much heed to what is reported by the press – accurately, or otherwise! We will do what is right for us, in our context and within the national restrictions.

You may like to join this Saturday's Quiet Morning to allow some space to think about these important issues, and see what God might be saying to us collectively and individually

Here is this week's worship offering from St. Luke's.

This week's attachments are:

- An order of service for tomorrow morning
- A poster advertising an online Christian Aid service

These will also all be available on our website (address at top) with the recorded service, as usual. All our previously recorded services and orders of service are also still available on the website, along with a snippet of Messy Church Online, thanks to Elena.

A reminder that you can now join Zoom Morning Prayer on Sunday at 9am, as well as Tuesday to Saturday.

The Zoom link for Sundays is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86877300933?pwd=cmNKR96SXBGmWpoa00yNVJva1NZUT09> (weekdays a little further on)

And the order of service for Eastertide can be found on our website,

or via the Daily Prayer App (<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>)

or on the Church of England website (<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/morning-prayer-contemporary-sunday-3-may-2020>).

Or just ask me to drop you off a hard copy!!

The Apps and website put in all the relevant readings and prayers so all you have to do is log on. 😊

Lighting candles and prayers: As we are unable to access the church building, I have a candle tray and prayer basket in the vicarage. Do email me or call if you'd like me to light a candle for you or anyone you know, or add any prayer to the prayer basket. Some of these prayers are read at Morning Prayer and some by myself daily.

Sunday's worship from St. Luke's Church

This Sunday we have a Word service for the 5th Sunday of Easter. Terrie is giving this week's reflection. Roger Clarke reads the first lesson, and Phyl the second. Dorothy Strack-Hankey has prepared our intercessions.

To access the service, and all our recorded worship, go onto our website and click on the right-hand side for 'recordings of Sunday worship', and 'order of services'. We are now using the copyright free music prepared by singers from St. Martin in the Fields, London, so everything you need should be in the recording. The readings and collect for this week are in the order of service.

And during the week....Morning Prayer continues using Zoom at 9 am from Tuesday to Sunday. This link should get you into it on weekdays:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77299700733?pwd=K01jTkdCZmh2WERXTldwSExsVnRZZz09>

Readings for this week are: (including Monday if you are doing it at home)

Monday	Psalm 145	Numbers 9.15-end, 10. 33-end	Luke 4.38-end
Tuesday	Psalm 19	Numbers 11.1-33	Luke 5. 1-11
Wednesday	Psalm 30	Numbers 12	Luke 5. 12-26
Thursday (St. Matthias)	Psalm 16	1 Sam. 2.27-35	Acts 2.37-end
Friday	Psalm 138	Numbers 14.1-25	Luke 6.1-11
Saturday	Psalm 146	Numbers 14. 26-end	Luke 6. 12-26
Sunday	Psalm 30	John 5. 19-29	

Virtual worship and other activities coming up: everyone is welcome to join in any of these activities:

- Calendared **Bible study** 4 week series, Thursdays in May, 8pm, on Zoom. All welcome. Have a Bible in front of you for our study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88495847133?pwd=eXEwVktCcGZqdDI3YXNiOFRRMldrUT09>
- **An Agape Meal.** We are not having communion services at the moment and many of us are missing that. As a way of at least eating together, we will offer an Agape meal from time to time, on a Tuesday evening, roughly when we would have had the community meal / Communion service. This will be Zoomed and you can join via the link below, or use the service on your own / as a family in your own time. You will need some bread and something to drink. The order of service is on our website. The next Agape meal will be at 7pm on Tuesday 12th May. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89775909185?pwd=RXg3T0J6TjZSS2hjdM9PNlVlWWRtQT09>

Prayer suggestions for this week:

See also our Facebook page for daily prayer intentions

- Give thanks for the 75th anniversary of VE Day and pray for peace throughout the world, and our current relationship with Europe
- For our government and bishops, making difficult decisions about the current situation
- For those who are very sick in hospital, and for those who have died
- For the most vulnerable in our society and for those in isolation
- For all NHS and medical staff, Police and Armed service personnel
- For Dr. Harriett Burdett, Hannah Hirst (paramedic, TV Air Ambulance), Eleanor Kershaw (frontline nursing), Phyl Sopp (nurse practitioner), Dr Chris Moulton
- For all in prison, finding life very tough with all visiting stopped
- For staff and patients at Huntercombe Clinic
- For all the volunteer counsellors at Number 22 and Youth Talk, supporting

people in difficult times

- For Adam Went as he oversees care homes now under huge pressure
 - For all Funeral Directors and arrangers, under huge pressure, and for families unable to attend funerals.
 - For our schools as children learn at home and teachers under pressure teaching online, and parents / grandparents home schooling
 - Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in May: Elise Rutland, Harry Portsmouth, Daisy Stevens, Travis Romero.
 - For all those who live and work in College Avenue
 - The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, and Susan Smith
 - Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Reginald Jacobs, Maureen Williams, Jack Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Hayward and John Mclean
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: Bernard Kellerman, John Wells, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, Helen Bailey, Kathleen Heskith, Gerald Gunner, John Crampin, Ronald Birch, Geoffrey Hutson, Michael Poynter, Terence Comley, Glyn Jackson, Alicia Teare, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Priscilla Evans, David Trinkwon, Edwina Richardson and Ivy Trillow.

The church is still floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by

Susan Wilson, in memory of Edwina Richardson



To sponsor the floodlighting just email Revd. Sally

Diocesan worship continues to be offered via the usual link and Facebook and website. **It is also available to people dialling in by phone as well.**

- The number to dial each week is 01865 920930
- press zero for the short service and 1 for the full Church at Home service
- it takes a few seconds to retrieve the recording then the service will start.

This Sunday:

10th May, 10am - Church at Home

The order of service will be posted on the diocesan website

(<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>) on Friday 8 May

ready for download. A link to the view the service online will be posted on the diocesan website on Sunday.

You may also like to follow **Bishop Steven's podcast: Reflections for a church in lockdown**, available from the diocesan website, or: <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/>

CTiM Christian Aid week service, 5pm Sunday, by Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2557731522>

Meeting ID: 255 773 1522

Dial by your location

0203 481 5237, or 0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 255 773 152

Roots at home this week:

www.rootsontheweb.com/adultsathome10may for adults

and

www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome10may for families

For more worship options see our website.

Please do email me links to anything that you are finding really helpful so that we can share that with others.

This week's suggestion from Don Luff: **Retreat: meditations from a monastery**

A series of three BBC4 programmes on Sunday evenings. This week's is 10.30 pm. For more details, see: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09c0hwb>

This week's news and information

A reminder that the **church is still closed completely.**

Do email prayer requests to: sally514@btinternet.com

Or requests for books, DVDs and CDs

You should know who your **contactor** is. If you don't have one do also make contact and we will set you up with someone.

Thy Kingdom Come – prayer for our nation.

As usual, our Archbishops are calling us to pray for our nation during the ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (21st – 31st May). You might like to look at the TKC website to find out more: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Joan, Jeremy and myself have agreed that we will work together as three churches to pray for 12 hours continuously on one day as our response to Thy Kingdom Come. So... on Saturday 30th May we are committing our churches to pray from 8 am – 8pm, with individuals (or families) offering to pray in 30 minute or one hour slots (starting on the hour and half hour) in whatever way suits them, at home. We aim to cover the whole time and it may be that there are six people praying at any one time, or one, across our three churches. We can offer prayer booklets if that would help, but just being quiet with God is also good.

We will start with a very short Zoom prayer at 8 am for anyone who wishes to join, and end with Zoom Compline / Night Prayer at 8pm.

Please do consider joining in and encouraging others to do so too. Clearly we can't have the ubiquitous sign up sheet, ***so please do email me with the time slot(s) that you would be willing to cover*** – or even better, if you could offer any time so that we can slot you in where needed. We will then get the list of who is praying when out nearer the time.

If you have never done this before, why not give it a go!

Generous Giving: if you usually give to the work of the church through your bank, this is unaffected. If you give by cash or envelopes, we suggest that you put this aside somewhere safe and bring to church when we meet again. If you would like to start giving by direct debit please contact our treasurer: richard@arembe.com

You may also wish to give online / by bacs and Richard has kindly updated the details to allow for this. There are details on our website.

The PCC has pledged that we will continue to pay our parish share so that we can fully support the whole ministry and mission of God's church in this diocese.

Thank you to everyone who is keeping giving.

Foodshare: please don't forget to give what you can to Foodshare – there is great need at the moment. Sadly, we can no longer collect in church but do use a local collection point, or the supermarkets. If you are stuck for where to donate you can always call me and I will collect from you. Sally. I am also attaching a list of possible drop off points across town.

Mission Planning Tool: for the last three weeks I have sent a mid-week email with cards from the new Parish Planning Tool, inviting your responses to three questions. Please do take part in this. Please use the office email to respond to the Planning Tool question. Thank you to those who have replied to the third question this week ... keep your thoughts coming in.

And you might like to think about... what will church look like in a year, ten years, twenty years from now, given that going back to exactly what we were is not an option? What might the 'new normal' church look like?

Faculty application: We have been kindly offered a gift of new legillum hangings in memory of May Reeve and to match the nave altar frontals. I draw your attention to the faculty application for these on the website (Under About us / Our Church Building). A copy is also on the main church noticeboard. The closing date for comments is 17th May.

Christian Aid Week, 10th – 16th May

Roger Clarke reports:

Please be aware that Christian Aid Week has not been cancelled, but because of the COVID-19 outbreak it has been changed. This year none of the usual activities, including 'House to House' collections will take place but there will still be opportunities to worship together and to donate.

- There is an online service at 5pm Sunday. A poster giving details is attached.
- A Justgiving page has also been set up for donations, this can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MAIDENHEADCHRISTIANAID2020>
There are a variety of ways to donate, including E-envelopes and directly to the Christian Aid website or by post, and it would be great if as many people as possible could use the Justgiving page. By so doing, Christian Aid will be able to monitor the response from our area, which in past years' has been excellent.
Roger Clarke (Tel: 01628 632626)

The money from our Easter lilies has been donated to Christian Aid this year.

Week of accompanied prayer Joan, Jeremy and I feel that, sadly, we need to postpone this exiting opportunity until 2021 to allow us time to plan fully.

Prayer booklets from the Church of England: the CofE has produced some useful little prayer booklets for this time of national concern. Phyl Sopp has kindly bought 50 and is distributing them across the parish. If you have not received one and would like one please ring or email me and we will get one to you.

Your news

Please email news of what you are up to at home to Revd. Sally so that we can share it!

Jeanette Lock has sent this suggestion for knitters among you:

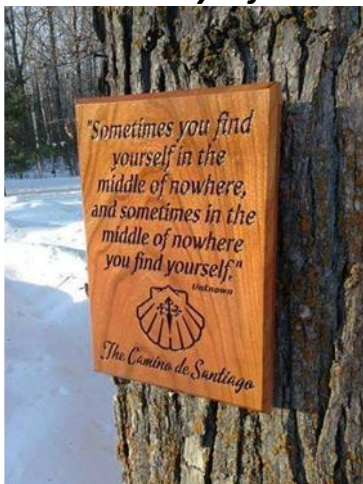
There is an appeal to knit hearts for patients and their families. This one is specifically for the London Nightingale Hospital.

<https://guildofnurses.co.uk/free-knitted-heart-pattern-nhs-appeal-to-crafters/>



Knitted sheep...and if you are into knitting, and need something to occupy you, why not start knitting some sheep for the Advent Knitivity flock.. it's never too early to prepare for Christmas! As our knitted Nativity set is passed around the parish in Advent (assuming that is considered safe this year!), each family keeps one of the sheep from the flock. The flock is very low in numbers this year so a few new lambs would be great. Here is the pattern:

Sent to me by a friend:



Sofia's beautiful rainbow says it all – well done Sofia!



SHEEP

Body

(Make 1 piece.) With cream cast on 15 sts and cont in g-st. Work 2 rows. **Next row:** inc in every st. (30 sts). Work 37 rows. **Next row:** [K 2 tog] to end. (15 sts). Work 1 row. Cast off

Head

(Make 1 piece.) With cream cast on 14 sts and K 2 rows. **Next row:** inc in every st. (28 sts). K 4 rows. Change to grey and P 1 row. **Next row:** [K 2, K 2 tog] to end. (21 sts). P 1 row. **Next row:** [K 1, K 2 tog] to end. (14 sts). P 1 row. **Next row:** [K 2 tog] to end. (7 sts). T&D.

Legs

(Make 4 pieces.) With grey cast on 10 sts and work 9 rows. **Next row:** [P 2 tog] to end. (5 sts). T&D.

Ears

(Make 2 pieces.) With grey cast on 4 sts. Cast off.

To make up

Fold body in half and join side seam and across one end. Stuff firmly, then join opening. Join head seam, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff firmly, position and sew onto body. Join leg seams, leaving cast-on edges open, stuff firmly, then sew in place. Sew ears to sides of head and embroider eyes with French knots in black yarn.

Further information about online worship opportunities and local help information can be found on our website (under latest news).

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.

Likewise, if you know of anyone who would like to receive this by email, please ask them to email me (not the office for now) to be added to the mailing list.

Please do keep us up to date with both how you and your family are faring at this time, and with your own health. You can call or email Revd. Sally or your contactor at any (reasonable!) time. Please note that the church office is now completely closed and all communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email.

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