



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 16th April 2023

We are now entering the second Sunday of Easter and this week our 10 am service is a Parish Communion service.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away
the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

Post Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Chr

Readings for Sunday

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ²²'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

Acts 22-32

The Gospel reading

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *John 20.19-end*

Hymns for Sunday

- 194 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven...
- 203 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing
- 678 In Christ alone
- 209 Loves' redeeming work is done
- 818 To God be the glory

Thought for the week

Easter Morn

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
and now he blesses hers who stood and wept
and would not be consoled, or leave her love's
last touching place, but watched as low light crept
up from the east.

A sound behind her stirs
a scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
or recognise the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?',
or sees the play of light
that brightens as she chokes out her reply
'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name,
she hears Love say
The Word
that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

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Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That resurrection joy may fill our hearts
- For staff and children returning to school.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders.
- For all who are worried and struggling with the cost of living, for those who are hungry, or who eat alone every day.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For a new Director of Music / organist and a Children and Family leader.
- For our care for creation for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in April: Abigail and Jazmin Porro and the forthcoming baptisms of Iris and Albert Bithell
- For all those who live and work in Blackamoor lane.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Kathy Marsden, Pauline Norris, Bridget Morris, Nicholas.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Christopher Druce, Barbara Lewis
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: Peter Brown, Philip Agnew, David Sherwood, Elsie Taplion, Josephine Aldridge, Myra Ford, Peter Petter, Leonard Reynolds, Paul Hill, Joan Carpenter, Muriel (Betty) Smith, Irene Weller, John Henry, Penelope Lawrence, Fiona Nunn, John Quinn, Lesley Griffiths, Doreen Headington, John Rogers, Vivienne Sewell, Roy Howton, Helen Poynter, Alma Rookie, Roger Bevitt, Diana Philps, Elsie Cummings, Pamela Neville, Bertha Selby, Dorothy Main, Philip Davies, Alan Coombs, Keith Morris, Ernie Thomas, Brenda Clark, Brian Pitts, Patricia Lovering, Brian Beard, Rita Redhead, Maureen Williams, Reginald Jacobs, Francis (Frank) Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Hayward, John McLean

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 16th April 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 81.1-10	1 Corinthians 5. 6b-8	
Monday	Psalm 19	Deuteronomy 1.3-18	John 20.1 -10
Tuesday	Psalm 8	Deuteronomy 1.19-40	John 20.11-18
Wednesday	Psalm 30	Deuteronomy 3.18-end	John 20.19-end
Thursday	Psalm 28	Deuteronomy 4.1 -14	John 21.1-14
Friday	Psalm 61	Deuteronomy 4.15-31	John 21.15-19
Saturday	Psalm 84	Deuteronomy 4.32-40	John 21.20-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 23rd April in church and on zoom

Read: Peter Goford

Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Ben

Coffee: Helen and Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by: Claire Mundy

"In memory of all the families, special memories and reflections at this time of year"

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk The 2023 form is now available.

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.



What's on... This week:

Sunday 16 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
Monday 17 th	
Tuesday 18 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 19 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 20 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 3.00pm, keeping company
Friday 21 st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 17.00pm, Evening prayer on zoon
Saturday 22 nd	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

23 rd April	Easter reflections, on zoom Led by St Luke's
14 th May	Reflections for Christian Aid week, on zoom led by St. Luke's, Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076
28 th May	Evensong and Benediction for Pentecost, in church at All Saints
11 th June	Desert Island hymns and readings, in church, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
25 th June	International Taizé service, in church and on zoom at St. Luke's Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076
9 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

And on the 4th Sunday monthly: 3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on Friday 28th April when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus calms a storm. 4pm. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book places (so we know how many to cater for).

Keeping Company: is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 20th April.

APCM: Sunday 30th April, at 11.15 (ish) after the 10 am service.

Church Electoral Roll: The Roll is now closed and the current Roll can be viewed at the back of church.

Coronation Celebrations: do book Sunday 7th May in your diaries for a church family bring and share lunch – details to come.

Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III: the Church of England has produced a booklet of prayers, one for each day of the month leading up to the coronation. They start on Easter Sunday - a good day to begin praying for our King. We have 100 copies of the booklet and will be giving them out during Holy Week. do ask for one if you do not receive one.

DISCOVER WHAT JOSEPHUS REPORTED ABOUT JESUS

You are invited to a talk on Josephus: hero or villainfor Jews and for Christians? Why is Josephus - chronicler of the 1st century - so controversial...but also so important for both faiths?

It will be given by Professor Martin Goodman, of Oxford University and a leading expert on the 1st century period.

His talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews on Tuesday 16th May at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to him in person. There is no charge, but it is important you book a place, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: admin@maidshul.org

We have been chosen by the CoOp as a recipient of their **Community Fund** for the coming year. By shopping in the CoOp now you can support this church.

St. Luke's Church is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here : <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/68757>

Hosting Ukrainian families: There is a small number of Ukrainian families in Maidenhead who need our support. Can you help?

We are looking for six families who can each host a family of two or three Ukrainians who are at risk of becoming homeless. The government offers financial support to hosts of £350 per month rising to £500 per month for Ukrainians who have been in the UK for a year or more. The support should be enough to help offset the rising cost of living.

There is hope that the situation in Ukraine is starting to stabilise. If so, it should be safe enough for the families to return in the coming months. By providing a temporary home, you can make a significant difference in the lives of these families who have likely experienced trauma and stress due to the ongoing conflict.

If you are able to host, please email nigel@openarms.charity with your details. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

Thames Valley Police Race Action Plan: Below is a link for Thames Valley Police race action plan on the public TVP website. The link on the site is for anonymous feedback, which we would appreciate being submitted. <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/au/about-us/our-commitment/our-race-action-plan/>

Our Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

Midweek Holy Communion is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee

Baby and Toddler group meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am term time only. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 28th April and then 2nd

June e-mail admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 20th April.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 11th May

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 27th April.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

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

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZ09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142