



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 16th February, Third Sunday before Lent

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The Collect

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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,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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Post Communion Prayer

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4 th May	Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, at All Saints
18 th May	Choral Sung Evensong, at St. Luke's
1 st June	Desert Island Hymns and Readings, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
15 th Jun	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
6 th July	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
20 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November



Church displays & decorations

You are warmly invited to join us at the next meeting of the 'flower-power' team, to help plan our displays and decorations for the coming year.

Date: 9 March

Time: 11.30 (after service, before Lent lunch)

All are welcome – no previous experience needed.



Our APCM (the church's annual business meeting)

Will be held after the morning service on Sunday 2nd March. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend. The full set of accounts is currently with the inspector and will be available asap. The Bulletin – the informal parish record of church life in 2024 (which includes the agenda for the APCM and minutes of the last meeting) – is now available as a pdf on the website and attached to the weekly email. Hard copies are available on request for those without email.

From the PCC / Standing Committee

Highlights of the recent meetings, FYI:

- The eco group was congratulated on achieving the Silver award
- Plans for a path round part of the church are with the DAC, seeking approval (funded by a legacy and CoOp Community Fund grant)
- We have a small regular cleaning team
- Our MAP (mission Action Plan) was further updated to include ways of becoming more financially viable on a day to day basis
- The Prayers of Love and Faith (for same sex couples in church) would probably reach General Synod in July. As an Inclusive church the PCC affirmed support.
- Financial statements for 2024 were approved (and Bev - and Dave – thanked for their hard work on them)
- The main charities in 2024 had been:
 - o Embrace the Middle East; Green Christians. Foodshare, with also: Kori, Inclusive Church and New Brainstorm school in Uganda
- Key charities for 2025-7 were agreed as
 - o Embrace the Middle East; Christians Against Poverty; The Baby Bank
- It was agreed that the chapel should be re-carpeted, using a gift for this purpose
- The impact of Ministry Team members leaving / away from post was discussed
- An in-house Basic Safeguarding training would be provided for all who need to do it
- Theology week had taken place at St. Luke's school – and been amazing.

Basic Safeguarding Training

A number of people are required to do the Church of England Basic Safeguarding course (e.g. welcomers, pastoral team...). To make that easier Barbara and Revd. Sally will lead a session on this course after church on Sunday 16th March. It will not take long but will fulfil our legal requirements and it will be good to do the course together. You will be notified if you must do this but it is open to anyone at all.

Not the Alpha course! - Christian Enquirers

Rather than run an Alpha course this year we have decided to run a shorter course for those wanting to know more about the Christian faith. It runs from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on Wednesday evenings, in the vicarage, started 5th February, last session 19th March (week off for Ash Wednesday).

It will cover: God as Father, Jesus, Trinity / Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer, and Church and sacraments. Coffee and biscuits and a chance to explore the basics of Christian belief.

Please sign up via an email to office or in church. Do tell others about this opportunity.

And also... Taking it Further...

A day for those who attended Alpha or who would simply like to explore more about Christianity and living as a disciple of Jesus. Saturday 8th March, 10 am – 3pm (with lunch) in church. Please sign up via the office or in church.

Spring and Summer Recital series

We are planning a short series of recitals by young people at various times this year. Admission will either be free, with a retiring collection and refreshments to purchase, or by prior bought ticket if numbers are needed for catering. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Booked so far:

Friday 28th March, pupils from Queen Anne's School, Caversham, 12.15 pm recital, lunch available to purchase from 1pm.

Sunday 6th April, Andrew Gallacher on piano , following the last Lent Lunch (lunch donations to Christian Aid, recital to church)

More to come...

World Day of Prayer

This year the service takes place on Friday 7th March at St Marks Crescent Methodist Church at 2pm. It has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands as they celebrate 200 years of Christianity in the group of 15 islands in the Pacific Ocean. The theme is 'I made you wonderful' and is based on the words of Psalm 139. They invite us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care.

All are warmly invited to attend this beautiful service with its uplifting message. The women have prepared it but men are welcome too! Tea will be served after the service.

We now have three St Luke's members on the committee as Gill Curry and I are pleased to welcome Smita Bora to join us. Further details from any of us or from the poster at the back of the church.

Ruth Sheppard

New Bishop of Reading: The Bishop-Designate Mary Gregory's Service of Welcome is planned for Sunday 2nd March at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please save this date in your diaries.

More details to follow. This is also an open public service, all are welcome.

Lent 2025

The Church programme for Lent...is now available as a leaflet – attached to this weekly sheet – and a hard copy can be found in church too. Do join in with some ways of keeping Lent.

Lent Lunches, are held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of Lent. Please do sign up to help provide lunches – see the sign-up sheet in church.

Come and See

We will be using this diocesan course for our Lent course this year. You can join in a group on Wednesday mornings or receive daily emails yourself (or both). We will use the videos on Sundays.

See more here:

Come and See

Over the next few weeks we want to offer a warm, open welcome to everybody across the diocese to explore the Christian faith, or to look again at the foundations of your faith.

This year, Come and See looks at what it means to be human, exploring our baptism through the beautiful pictures of earth, water, wind and fire. Bishop Steven invites you to join us for this year's Lent journey [in a special video.](#)



What is Come and See?

Now in its fifth year, Come and See is a daily Lent course, joined by people in every corner of the diocese. Register below and we'll send you a short email to read/listen to each day, Monday to Saturday, in Lent. Each Sunday you'll receive a short video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail.

Who's it for?

Come and See is for everyone, whether you're exploring these themes for the first or 50th time. It's great to do alone or in a small group – or a bit of both!

How do I get involved?

Sign up for the Come and See emails using one of the buttons below. You'll then receive daily emails starting on Ash Wednesday, 5 March.

Come and See is completely free and all are welcome. Sign up: [Sign up for Come and See 2025](#)

Eco Church... thanks to Katty for these tips...

Eco-Friendly Gardening Tips for Everyone

Inspired by BBC Gardeners' World, here are some fun and eco-friendly gardening tips to help you get started:

What is Eco-Friendly Gardening?

Eco-friendly gardening means creating a garden that supports nature and uses resources wisely. It's great fun and anyone can do it, regardless of age or experience!

Composting

What: Composting turns kitchen scraps and garden waste into nutritious compost for your garden.

How: - Start: Gather items like fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, and garden clippings.

- Set Up: Put these materials in a compost bin or pile in your garden.
 - Maintain: Turn the compost regularly to help it break down faster.
- Why: Composting reduces waste, enriches your soil, and helps plants grow healthy.

Community News

At **Healthwatch Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead**, the local consumer champion for health and social care, we are thinking about our priorities for our working year starting 1st April. Our prioritisation survey 'What Matters Most' is now live - should we be focusing on people's experiences of dementia care, of hospital outpatient service, of waiting times? What else?

Please could you share our survey for local residents with your clients/contacts and include in any newsletter you are sending out soon, asking for replies by 31st March?

It will take less than 5 minutes for people to give us their thoughts and it is so valuable to have as many local views as possible to help our Advisory Group to work with us on our developing work plan.

RBWM website link- [What Matters Most | Healthwatch Wam](#)

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, 4-5.30pm. Next is 7th March 2025 admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Pram Service is a monthly simple service of songs and story for ages 0-4 and their carers. Followed by coffee for adults, snack and crafts for little ones. Second Friday, 9.30am- 10.30am. Next one 14th Feb.

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

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on Jeant-d2@outlook.com for further details.

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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 27th February.

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

February

Sunday 16th, 1pm

Church lunch to say farewell to Revd. Phyl and Dave Sopp

Thursday 27th,

Consecration of the Bishop of Reading (details to come)

March

Sunday 2nd,

11.15 am (ish) Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 5th

Ash Wednesday: 10 am and 8 pm services of Holy Communion with Ashing

Sundays 9th, 23rd

Lent lunches

Wednesday 12 th	11.00 am, Lent course starts (5 weeks)
Friday 28 th	12.15 pm Recital and lunch
Sunday 30 th , 10 am	Mothering Sunday service (Word)

April

Tuesday 1 st , 11 am	School service
Sunday 6 th	Last Lent lunch, Recital
Saturday 12 th	Church Care session (maintenance)
Sunday 13 th	Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week
Sunday 20 th	Easter Day
Friday 25 th	St. Luke's School in all day
Saturday 26 th	PCC planning morning

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

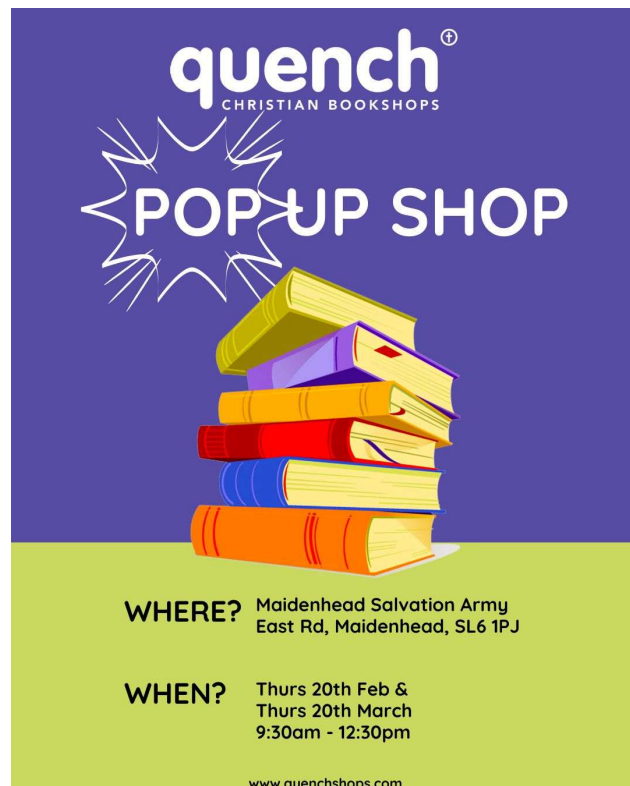
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Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

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The poster features the Quench Christian Bookshops logo at the top, with the text 'quench' in a large, white, lowercase font and 'CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOPS' in a smaller, uppercase font below it. A stylized white starburst graphic is positioned behind the words 'POP-UP SHOP' in a large, white, uppercase font. Below the text is an illustration of a stack of five books with colorful spines (yellow, purple, orange, red, blue) and a white cover. The background is split into a dark purple upper half and a light green lower half.

WHERE? Maidenhead Salvation Army
East Rd, Maidenhead, SL6 1PJ

WHEN? Thurs 20th Feb &
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9:30am - 12:30pm

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Sundays 9th, 23rd

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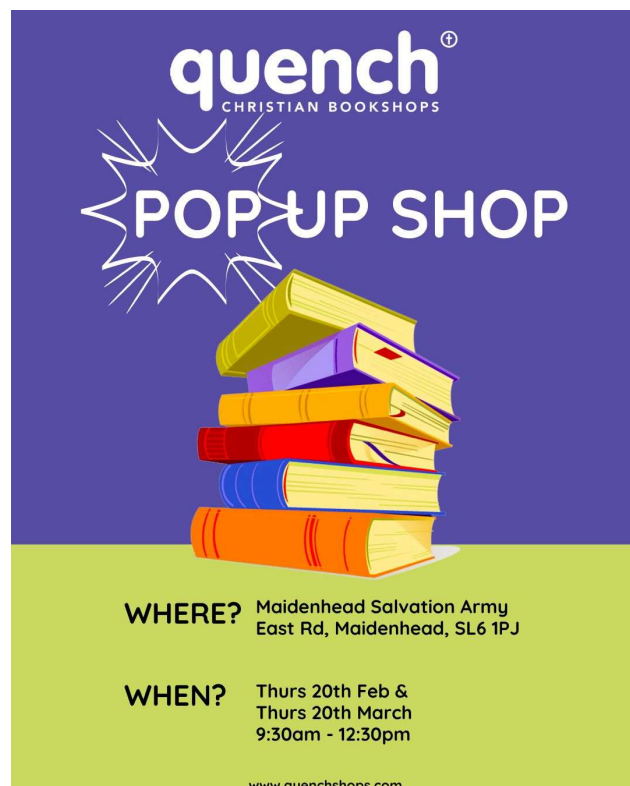
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Week Commencing: 16th February, Third Sunday before Lent

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The Collect

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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;
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Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
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the bread of life,
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should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
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First Reading

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1 Corinthians 15. 12-20

Gospel Reading

¹⁷Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

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Luke 6. 17-26

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 584 All my hope on God is founded
G: 602 Blest are the pure in heart
O: 557 Beauty for brokenness
HC: 725 Make me a channel of your peace
R: 712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us



Thought for the week:

What do we understand by resurrection? Is it, for us, just an historical concept that can inform our understanding of the Jesus story? Or is it at the heart of our living faith?

That was an issue that was challenging our very first Christian sisters and brothers, and which Paul addressed in a letter to the church at Corinth.

We can understand why the whole idea of resurrection was tough for them to grasp. There were a variety of beliefs about the afterlife in ancient Jewish belief, and in the world of the ancient near east. Whilst you could restore objects to re-use, restoring a person to life was both unheard of and unnatural and therefore not all people believed in life after death / eternal life / resurrection of the body. That was one reason why Jesus' raising of his friend Lazarus was so offensive to the Jewish leaders of the day.

But the heart of the Christian faith IS hope and belief in the resurrection – not just of Jesus – but of all who believe in him. And this is more than just restoring someone to life on earth, as Jesus did with Lazarus – he still had to die ultimately – our belief is about what happens after death – for ever. Paul's statement about resurrection may seem overly simplistic: I believe in God, so I believe I will rise in Christ. But as we haven't yet been there, why worry about the details of resurrection? We believe in Christ now and we believe in the promise of what is to come. There are so many people who are driven to achieve great things by their belief. Perhaps we might learn to fully live as resurrection people and that will enable us to rise up to all that life throws at us – and to help others do the same.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Leo to Sam and Marcus
- For our preparations for our APCM
- For Revd. Phyl and Dave as they prepare to move to Harrogate
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Revd. Canon Mary Gregory, as she prepares to become Bishop of Reading (and the Revd Canon Dave Bull who will be the Bishop of Buckingham).
- That the ceasefire between Israel and Palestine might hold and further hostages and prisoners be released.

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- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Laggan Road.
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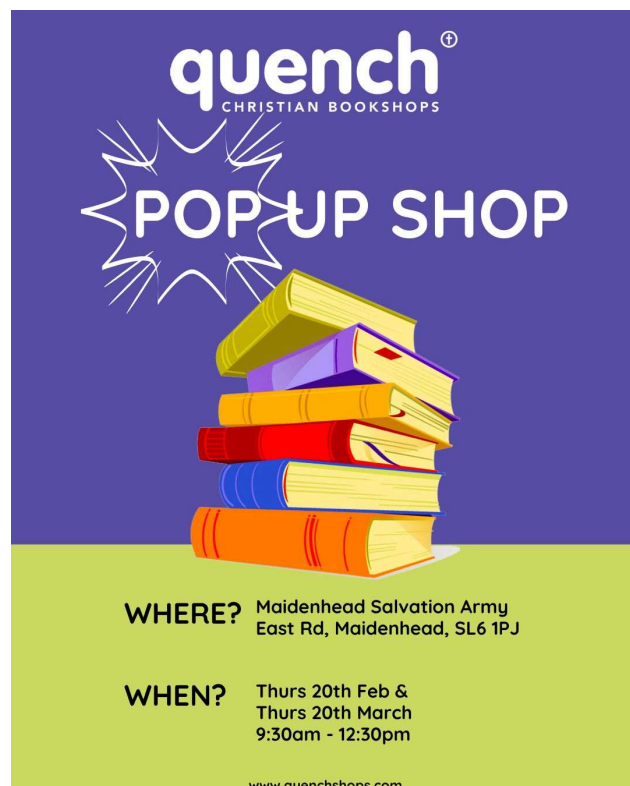
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Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Leo to Sam and Marcus
- For our preparations for our APCM
- For Revd. Phyl and Dave as they prepare to move to Harrogate
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Revd. Canon Mary Gregory, as she prepares to become Bishop of Reading (and the Revd Canon Dave Bull who will be the Bishop of Buckingham).
- That the ceasefire between Israel and Palestine might hold and further hostages and prisoners be released.

- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Laggan Road.
- For Isabel Nixon, Keeon Obianwu and Cole Brooks who were all baptised in December
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- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Pauline Norris, Jean Meadows, Marina Andrian.
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Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 16th February 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 7	Jeremiah 30. 1-3, 10-22	Acts 6
Monday	Psalm 44	Ecclesiastes 1	John 17. 1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Ecclesiastes 2	John 17. 6-19
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Rotas for next week

Sunday 23rd February: Parish Communion

Read: Ben Darracott Intercede: Dorothy Chalice: Jacqueline Sound: Raja
 Welcomers: Ralph, Sue, Shula Coffee: Jeanette and Kate Children: TBC

Our church is floodlit at night.

The flood lighting has been sponsored this week
In thanksgiving for the ministry of Dave and Revd. Phyl Sopp



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:
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It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15. There are lots of weeks available.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 16th 10.00am Parish Communion
 1.00pm, Parish lunch
 6.00pm, Sundays at Six: Evensong and Benediction at All Saints

Tuesday 18th 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
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Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

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2 nd Mar	Eucharist for St. David, at All Saints
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20 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November



Church displays & decorations

You are warmly invited to join us at the next meeting of the 'flower-power' team, to help plan our displays and decorations for the coming year.

Date: 9 March

Time: 11.30 (after service, before Lent lunch)

All are welcome – no previous experience needed.



Our APCM (the church's annual business meeting)

Will be held after the morning service on Sunday 2nd March. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend. The full set of accounts is currently with the inspector and will be available asap. The Bulletin – the informal parish record of church life in 2024 (which includes the agenda for the APCM and minutes of the last meeting) – is now available as a pdf on the website and attached to the weekly email. Hard copies are available on request for those without email.

From the PCC / Standing Committee

Highlights of the recent meetings, FYI:

- The eco group was congratulated on achieving the Silver award
- Plans for a path round part of the church are with the DAC, seeking approval (funded by a legacy and CoOp Community Fund grant)
- We have a small regular cleaning team
- Our MAP (mission Action Plan) was further updated to include ways of becoming more financially viable on a day to day basis
- The Prayers of Love and Faith (for same sex couples in church) would probably reach General Synod in July. As an Inclusive church the PCC affirmed support.
- Financial statements for 2024 were approved (and Bev - and Dave – thanked for their hard work on them)
- The main charities in 2024 had been:
 - o Embrace the Middle East; Green Christians. Foodshare, with also: Kori, Inclusive Church and New Brainstorm school in Uganda
- Key charities for 2025-7 were agreed as
 - o Embrace the Middle East; Christians Against Poverty; The Baby Bank
- It was agreed that the chapel should be re-carpeted, using a gift for this purpose
- The impact of Ministry Team members leaving / away from post was discussed
- An in-house Basic Safeguarding training would be provided for all who need to do it
- Theology week had taken place at St. Luke's school – and been amazing.

Basic Safeguarding Training

A number of people are required to do the Church of England Basic Safeguarding course (e.g. welcomers, pastoral team...). To make that easier Barbara and Revd. Sally will lead a session on this course after church on Sunday 16th March. It will not take long but will fulfil our legal requirements and it will be good to do the course together. You will be notified if you must do this but it is open to anyone at all.

Not the Alpha course! - Christian Enquirers

Rather than run an Alpha course this year we have decided to run a shorter course for those wanting to know more about the Christian faith. It runs from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on Wednesday evenings, in the vicarage, started 5th February, last session 19th March (week off for Ash Wednesday).

It will cover: God as Father, Jesus, Trinity / Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer, and Church and sacraments. Coffee and biscuits and a chance to explore the basics of Christian belief.

Please sign up via an email to office or in church. Do tell others about this opportunity.

And also... Taking it Further...

A day for those who attended Alpha or who would simply like to explore more about Christianity and living as a disciple of Jesus. Saturday 8th March, 10 am – 3pm (with lunch) in church. Please sign up via the office or in church.

Spring and Summer Recital series

We are planning a short series of recitals by young people at various times this year. Admission will either be free, with a retiring collection and refreshments to purchase, or by prior bought ticket if numbers are needed for catering. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Booked so far:

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Sunday 6th April, Andrew Gallacher on piano , following the last Lent Lunch (lunch donations to Christian Aid, recital to church)

More to come...

World Day of Prayer

This year the service takes place on Friday 7th March at St Marks Crescent Methodist Church at 2pm. It has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands as they celebrate 200 years of Christianity in the group of 15 islands in the Pacific Ocean. The theme is 'I made you wonderful' and is based on the words of Psalm 139. They invite us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care.

All are warmly invited to attend this beautiful service with its uplifting message. The women have prepared it but men are welcome too! Tea will be served after the service.

We now have three St Luke's members on the committee as Gill Curry and I are pleased to welcome Smita Bora to join us. Further details from any of us or from the poster at the back of the church.

Ruth Sheppard

New Bishop of Reading: The Bishop-Designate Mary Gregory's Service of Welcome is planned for Sunday 2nd March at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please save this date in your diaries.

More details to follow. This is also an open public service, all are welcome.

Lent 2025

The Church programme for Lent...is now available as a leaflet – attached to this weekly sheet – and a hard copy can be found in church too. Do join in with some ways of keeping Lent.

Lent Lunches, are held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of Lent. Please do sign up to help provide lunches – see the sign-up sheet in church.

Come and See

We will be using this diocesan course for our Lent course this year. You can join in a group on Wednesday mornings or receive daily emails yourself (or both). We will use the videos on Sundays. See more here:

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Over the next few weeks we want to offer a warm, open welcome to everybody across the diocese to explore the Christian faith, or to look again at the foundations of your faith.

This year, Come and See looks at what it means to be human, exploring our baptism through the beautiful pictures of earth, water, wind and fire. Bishop Steven invites you to join us for this year's Lent journey [in a special video.](#)



What is Come and See?

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How do I get involved?

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Eco Church... thanks to Katty for these tips...

Eco-Friendly Gardening Tips for Everyone

Inspired by BBC Gardeners' World, here are some fun and eco-friendly gardening tips to help you get started:

What is Eco-Friendly Gardening?

Eco-friendly gardening means creating a garden that supports nature and uses resources wisely. It's great fun and anyone can do it, regardless of age or experience!

Composting

What: Composting turns kitchen scraps and garden waste into nutritious compost for your garden.

How: - Start: Gather items like fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, and garden clippings.

- Set Up: Put these materials in a compost bin or pile in your garden.
 - Maintain: Turn the compost regularly to help it break down faster.
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Community News

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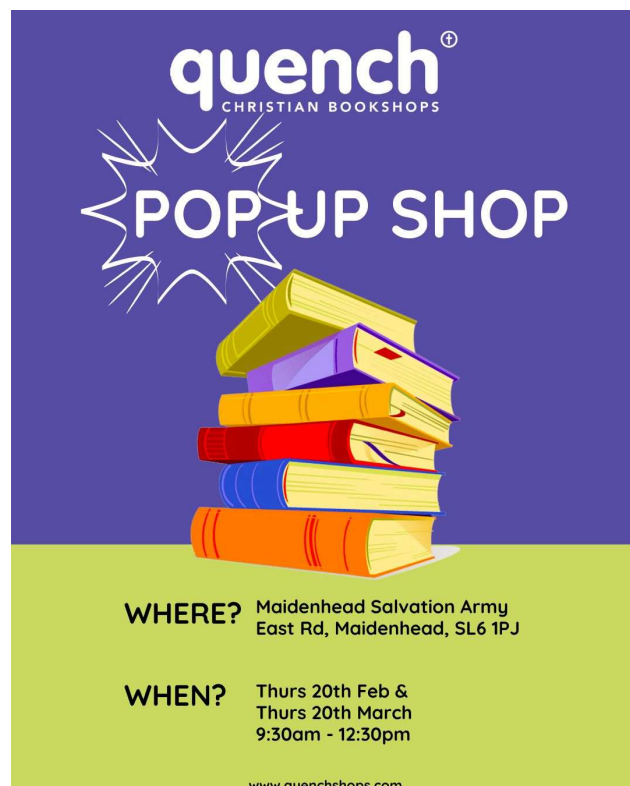
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More to come...

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Ruth Sheppard

New Bishop of Reading: The Bishop-Designate Mary Gregory's Service of Welcome is planned for Sunday 2nd March at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please save this date in your diaries.

More details to follow. This is also an open public service, all are welcome.

Lent 2025

The Church programme for Lent...is now available as a leaflet – attached to this weekly sheet – and a hard copy can be found in church too. Do join in with some ways of keeping Lent.

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We will be using this diocesan course for our Lent course this year. You can join in a group on Wednesday mornings or receive daily emails yourself (or both). We will use the videos on Sundays. See more here:

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Over the next few weeks we want to offer a warm, open welcome to everybody across the diocese to explore the Christian faith, or to look again at the foundations of your faith.

This year, Come and See looks at what it means to be human, exploring our baptism through the beautiful pictures of earth, water, wind and fire. Bishop Steven invites you to join us for this year's Lent journey [in a special video.](#)



What is Come and See?

Now in its fifth year, Come and See is a daily Lent course, joined by people in every corner of the diocese. Register below and we'll send you a short email to read/listen to each day, Monday to Saturday, in Lent. Each Sunday you'll receive a short video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail.

Who's it for?

Come and See is for everyone, whether you're exploring these themes for the first or 50th time. It's great to do alone or in a small group – or a bit of both!

How do I get involved?

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Eco Church... thanks to Katty for these tips...

Eco-Friendly Gardening Tips for Everyone

Inspired by BBC Gardeners' World, here are some fun and eco-friendly gardening tips to help you get started:

What is Eco-Friendly Gardening?

Eco-friendly gardening means creating a garden that supports nature and uses resources wisely. It's great fun and anyone can do it, regardless of age or experience!

Composting

What: Composting turns kitchen scraps and garden waste into nutritious compost for your garden.

How: - Start: Gather items like fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, and garden clippings.

- Set Up: Put these materials in a compost bin or pile in your garden.
 - Maintain: Turn the compost regularly to help it break down faster.
- Why: Composting reduces waste, enriches your soil, and helps plants grow healthy.

Community News

At **Healthwatch Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead**, the local consumer champion for health and social care, we are thinking about our priorities for our working year starting 1st April. Our prioritisation survey 'What Matters Most' is now live - should we be focusing on people's experiences of dementia care, of hospital outpatient service, of waiting times? What else?

Please could you share our survey for local residents with your clients/contacts and include in any newsletter you are sending out soon, asking for replies by 31st March?

It will take less than 5 minutes for people to give us their thoughts and it is so valuable to have as many local views as possible to help our Advisory Group to work with us on our developing work plan.

RBWM website link- [What Matters Most | Healthwatch Wam](#)

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, 4-5.30pm. Next is 7th March 2025
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Pram Service is a monthly simple service of songs and story for ages 0-4 and their carers. Followed by coffee for adults, snack and crafts for little ones. Second Friday, 9.30am- 10.30am. Next one 14th Feb.

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

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on Jeant-d2@outlook.com for further details.

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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 27th February.

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

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Thursday 27th, Consecration of the Bishop of Reading (details to come)

March

Sunday 2nd, 11.15 am (ish) Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 5th Ash Wednesday: 10 am and 8 pm services of Holy Communion with Ashing

Sundays 9th, 23rd Lent lunches

Wednesday 12th 11.00 am, Lent course starts (5 weeks)
Friday 28th 12.15 pm Recital and lunch
Sunday 30th, 10 am Mothering Sunday service (Word)

April

Tuesday 1st, 11 am School service
Sunday 6th Last Lent lunch, Recital
Saturday 12th Church Care session (maintenance)
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Please note that for Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

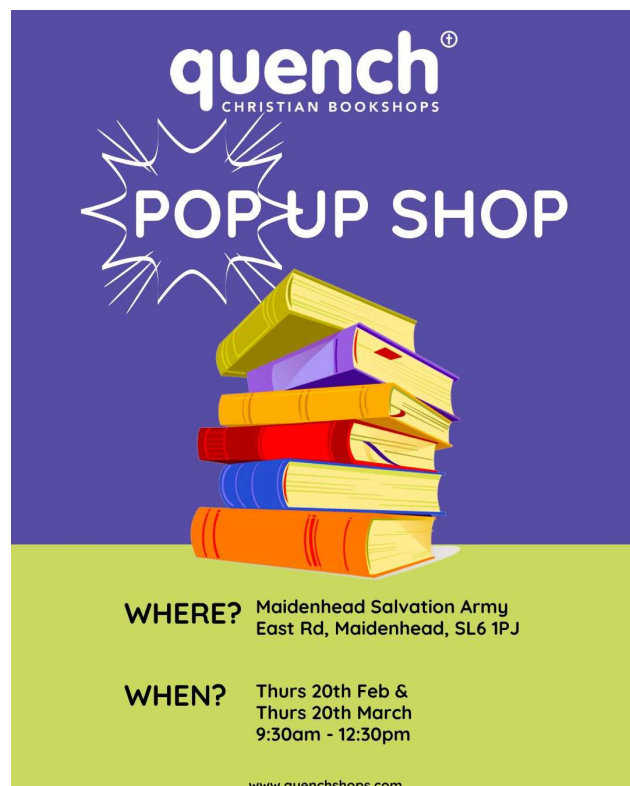
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The Collect

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who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
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that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
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Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
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draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
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¹²If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15. 12-20

Gospel Reading

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Luke 6. 17-26

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P: 584 All my hope on God is founded
G: 602 Blest are the pure in heart
O: 557 Beauty for brokenness
HC: 725 Make me a channel of your peace
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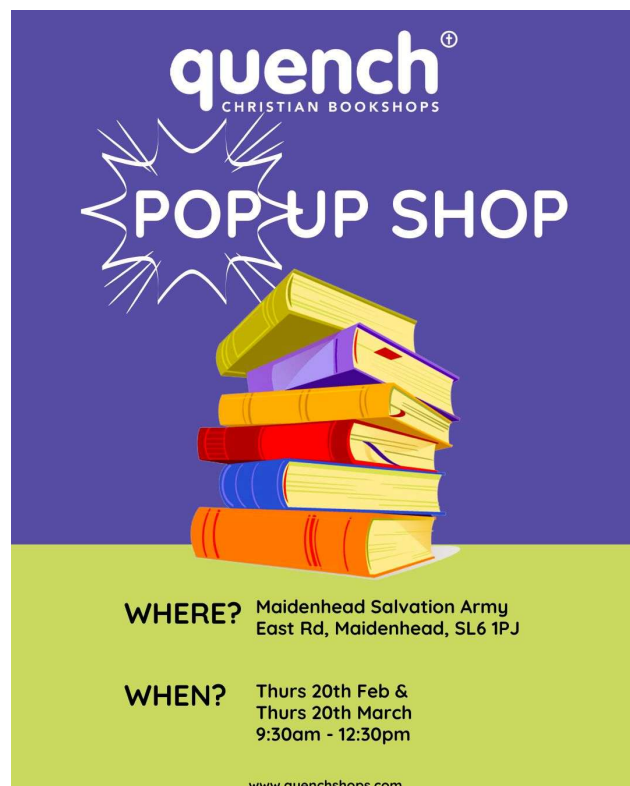
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The Collect

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
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through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us
the bread of life,
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should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
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First Reading

¹²If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15. 12-20

Gospel Reading

¹⁷Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

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'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

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Luke 6. 17-26

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 584 All my hope on God is founded
G: 602 Blest are the pure in heart
O: 557 Beauty for brokenness
HC: 725 Make me a channel of your peace
R: 712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us



Thought for the week:

What do we understand by resurrection? Is it, for us, just an historical concept that can inform our understanding of the Jesus story? Or is it at the heart of our living faith?

That was an issue that was challenging our very first Christian sisters and brothers, and which Paul addressed in a letter to the church at Corinth.

We can understand why the whole idea of resurrection was tough for them to grasp. There were a variety of beliefs about the afterlife in ancient Jewish belief, and in the world of the ancient near east. Whilst you could restore objects to re-use, restoring a person to life was both unheard of and unnatural and therefore not all people believed in life after death / eternal life / resurrection of the body. That was one reason why Jesus' raising of his friend Lazarus was so offensive to the Jewish leaders of the day.

But the heart of the Christian faith IS hope and belief in the resurrection – not just of Jesus – but of all who believe in him. And this is more than just restoring someone to life on earth, as Jesus did with Lazarus – he still had to die ultimately – our belief is about what happens after death – for ever. Paul's statement about resurrection may seem overly simplistic: I believe in God, so I believe I will rise in Christ. But as we haven't yet been there, why worry about the details of resurrection? We believe in Christ now and we believe in the promise of what is to come. There are so many people who are driven to achieve great things by their belief. Perhaps we might learn to fully live as resurrection people and that will enable us to rise up to all that life throws at us – and to help others do the same.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Leo to Sam and Marcus
- For our preparations for our APCM
- For Revd. Phyl and Dave as they prepare to move to Harrogate
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Revd. Canon Mary Gregory, as she prepares to become Bishop of Reading (and the Revd Canon Dave Bull who will be the Bishop of Buckingham).
- That the ceasefire between Israel and Palestine might hold and further hostages and prisoners be released.

- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Laggan Road.
- For Isabel Nixon, Keeon Obianwu and Cole Brooks who were all baptised in December
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in February: Harry Ford, Oscar Ford, Zara Mean, Lucy Walwyn Salisbury, Harriet Walwyn Salisbury, Daniel Hulse
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Mandy Salter, Mair Bright.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Pauline Norris, Jean Meadows, Marina Andrian.
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Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 16th February 2025:

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Tuesday	Psalm 48	Ecclesiastes 2	John 17. 6-19
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Rotas for next week

Sunday 23rd February: Parish Communion

Read: Ben Darracott Intercede: Dorothy Chalice: Jacqueline Sound: Raja
 Welcomers: Ralph, Sue, Shula Coffee: Jeanette and Kate Children: TBC

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The flood lighting has been sponsored this week
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From the PCC / Standing Committee

Highlights of the recent meetings, FYI:

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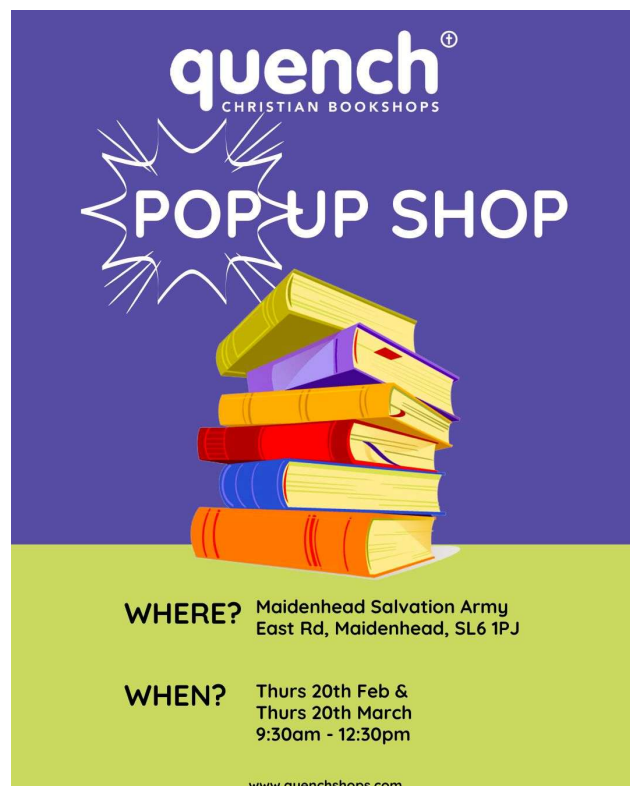
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20 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November



Church displays & decorations

You are warmly invited to join us at the next meeting of the 'flower-power' team, to help plan our displays and decorations for the coming year.

Date: 9 March

Time: 11.30 (after service, before Lent lunch)

All are welcome – no previous experience needed.



Our APCM (the church's annual business meeting)

Will be held after the morning service on Sunday 2nd March. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend. The full set of accounts is currently with the inspector and will be available asap. The Bulletin – the informal parish record of church life in 2024 (which includes the agenda for the APCM and minutes of the last meeting) – is now available as a pdf on the website and attached to the weekly email. Hard copies are available on request for those without email.

From the PCC / Standing Committee

Highlights of the recent meetings, FYI:

- The eco group was congratulated on achieving the Silver award
- Plans for a path round part of the church are with the DAC, seeking approval (funded by a legacy and CoOp Community Fund grant)
- We have a small regular cleaning team
- Our MAP (mission Action Plan) was further updated to include ways of becoming more financially viable on a day to day basis
- The Prayers of Love and Faith (for same sex couples in church) would probably reach General Synod in July. As an Inclusive church the PCC affirmed support.
- Financial statements for 2024 were approved (and Bev - and Dave – thanked for their hard work on them)
- The main charities in 2024 had been:
 - o Embrace the Middle East; Green Christians. Foodshare, with also: Kori, Inclusive Church and New Brainstorm school in Uganda
- Key charities for 2025-7 were agreed as
 - o Embrace the Middle East; Christians Against Poverty; The Baby Bank
- It was agreed that the chapel should be re-carpeted, using a gift for this purpose
- The impact of Ministry Team members leaving / away from post was discussed
- An in-house Basic Safeguarding training would be provided for all who need to do it
- Theology week had taken place at St. Luke's school – and been amazing.

Basic Safeguarding Training

A number of people are required to do the Church of England Basic Safeguarding course (e.g. welcomers, pastoral team...). To make that easier Barbara and Revd. Sally will lead a session on this course after church on Sunday 16th March. It will not take long but will fulfil our legal requirements and it will be good to do the course together. You will be notified if you must do this but it is open to anyone at all.

Not the Alpha course! - Christian Enquirers

Rather than run an Alpha course this year we have decided to run a shorter course for those wanting to know more about the Christian faith. It runs from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on Wednesday evenings, in the vicarage, started 5th February, last session 19th March (week off for Ash Wednesday).

It will cover: God as Father, Jesus, Trinity / Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer, and Church and sacraments. Coffee and biscuits and a chance to explore the basics of Christian belief.

Please sign up via an email to office or in church. Do tell others about this opportunity.

And also... Taking it Further...

A day for those who attended Alpha or who would simply like to explore more about Christianity and living as a disciple of Jesus. Saturday 8th March, 10 am – 3pm (with lunch) in church. Please sign up via the office or in church.

Spring and Summer Recital series

We are planning a short series of recitals by young people at various times this year. Admission will either be free, with a retiring collection and refreshments to purchase, or by prior bought ticket if numbers are needed for catering. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Booked so far:

Friday 28th March, pupils from Queen Anne's School, Caversham, 12.15 pm recital, lunch available to purchase from 1pm.

Sunday 6th April, Andrew Gallacher on piano , following the last Lent Lunch (lunch donations to Christian Aid, recital to church)

More to come...

World Day of Prayer

This year the service takes place on Friday 7th March at St Marks Crescent Methodist Church at 2pm. It has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands as they celebrate 200 years of Christianity in the group of 15 islands in the Pacific Ocean. The theme is 'I made you wonderful' and is based on the words of Psalm 139. They invite us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care.

All are warmly invited to attend this beautiful service with its uplifting message. The women have prepared it but men are welcome too! Tea will be served after the service.

We now have three St Luke's members on the committee as Gill Curry and I are pleased to welcome Smita Bora to join us. Further details from any of us or from the poster at the back of the church.

Ruth Sheppard

New Bishop of Reading: The Bishop-Designate Mary Gregory's Service of Welcome is planned for Sunday 2nd March at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please save this date in your diaries.

More details to follow. This is also an open public service, all are welcome.

Lent 2025

The Church programme for Lent...is now available as a leaflet – attached to this weekly sheet – and a hard copy can be found in church too. Do join in with some ways of keeping Lent.

Lent Lunches, are held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of Lent. Please do sign up to help provide lunches – see the sign-up sheet in church.

Come and See

We will be using this diocesan course for our Lent course this year. You can join in a group on Wednesday mornings or receive daily emails yourself (or both). We will use the videos on Sundays. See more here:

Come and See

Over the next few weeks we want to offer a warm, open welcome to everybody across the diocese to explore the Christian faith, or to look again at the foundations of your faith.

This year, Come and See looks at what it means to be human, exploring our baptism through the beautiful pictures of earth, water, wind and fire. Bishop Steven invites you to join us for this year's Lent journey [in a special video.](#)



What is Come and See?

Now in its fifth year, Come and See is a daily Lent course, joined by people in every corner of the diocese. Register below and we'll send you a short email to read/listen to each day, Monday to Saturday, in Lent. Each Sunday you'll receive a short video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail.

Who's it for?

Come and See is for everyone, whether you're exploring these themes for the first or 50th time. It's great to do alone or in a small group – or a bit of both!

How do I get involved?

Sign up for the Come and See emails using one of the buttons below. You'll then receive daily emails starting on Ash Wednesday, 5 March.

Come and See is completely free and all are welcome. Sign up: [Sign up for Come and See 2025](#)

Eco Church... thanks to Katty for these tips...

Eco-Friendly Gardening Tips for Everyone

Inspired by BBC Gardeners' World, here are some fun and eco-friendly gardening tips to help you get started:

What is Eco-Friendly Gardening?

Eco-friendly gardening means creating a garden that supports nature and uses resources wisely. It's great fun and anyone can do it, regardless of age or experience!

Composting

What: Composting turns kitchen scraps and garden waste into nutritious compost for your garden.

How: - Start: Gather items like fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, and garden clippings.

- Set Up: Put these materials in a compost bin or pile in your garden.
 - Maintain: Turn the compost regularly to help it break down faster.
- Why: Composting reduces waste, enriches your soil, and helps plants grow healthy.

Community News

At **Healthwatch Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead**, the local consumer champion for health and social care, we are thinking about our priorities for our working year starting 1st April. Our prioritisation survey 'What Matters Most' is now live - should we be focusing on people's experiences of dementia care, of hospital outpatient service, of waiting times? What else?

Please could you share our survey for local residents with your clients/contacts and include in any newsletter you are sending out soon, asking for replies by 31st March?

It will take less than 5 minutes for people to give us their thoughts and it is so valuable to have as many local views as possible to help our Advisory Group to work with us on our developing work plan.

RBWM website link- [What Matters Most | Healthwatch Wam](#)

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, 4-5.30pm. Next is 7th March 2025
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Pram Service is a monthly simple service of songs and story for ages 0-4 and their carers. Followed by coffee for adults, snack and crafts for little ones. Second Friday, 9.30am- 10.30am. Next one 14th Feb.

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

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on Jeant-d2@outlook.com for further details.

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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 27th February.

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

February

Sunday 16th, 1pm

Church lunch to say farewell to Revd. Phyl and Dave Sopp

Thursday 27th,

Consecration of the Bishop of Reading (details to come)

March

Sunday 2nd,

11.15 am (ish) Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 5th

Ash Wednesday: 10 am and 8 pm services of Holy Communion with Ashing

Sundays 9th, 23rd

Lent lunches

Wednesday 12th 11.00 am, Lent course starts (5 weeks)
Friday 28th 12.15 pm Recital and lunch
Sunday 30th, 10 am Mothering Sunday service (Word)

April

Tuesday 1st, 11 am School service
Sunday 6th Last Lent lunch, Recital
Saturday 12th Church Care session (maintenance)
Sunday 13th Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week
Sunday 20th Easter Day
Friday 25th St. Luke's School in all day
Saturday 26th PCC planning morning

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

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

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

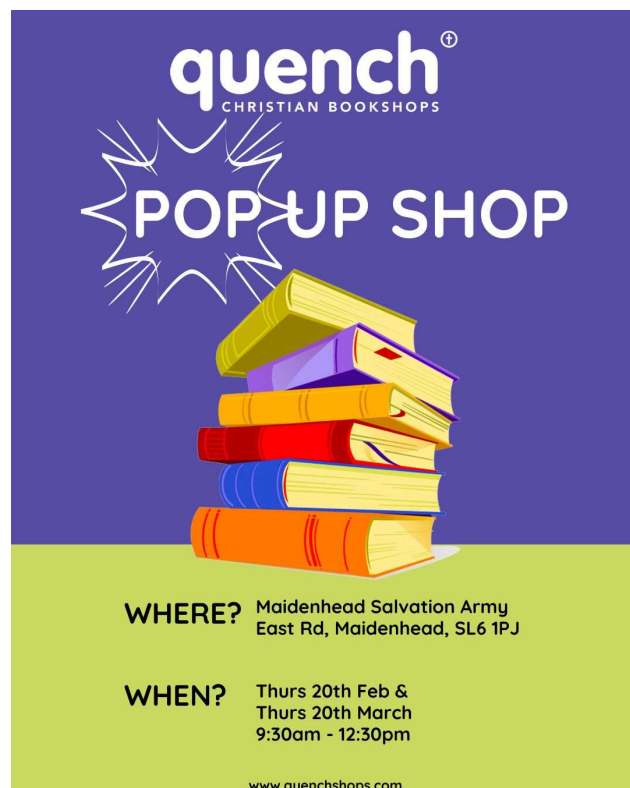
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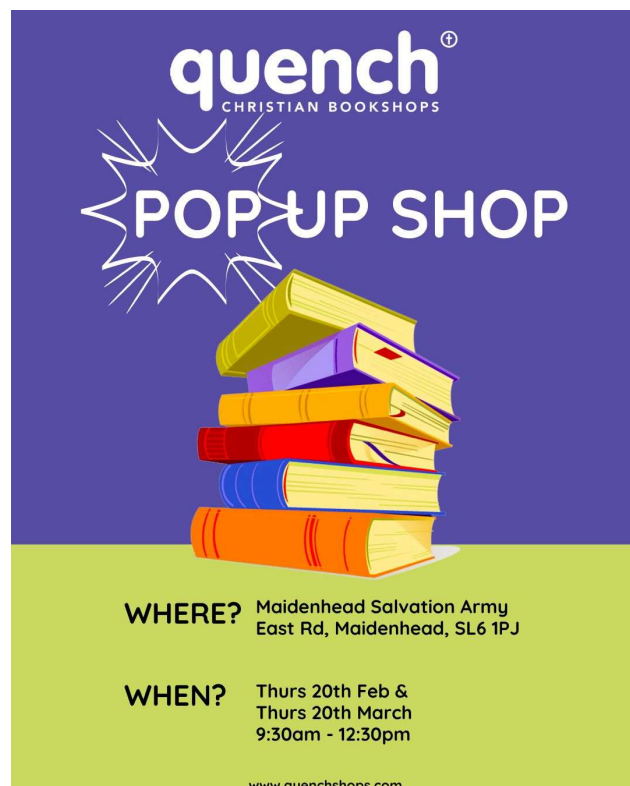
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Week Commencing: 16th February, Third Sunday before Lent

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The Collect

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who alone can bring order
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give your people grace
so to love what you command
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that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
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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
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First Reading

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1 Corinthians 15. 12-20

Gospel Reading

¹⁷Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

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‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

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Luke 6. 17-26

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 584 All my hope on God is founded
G: 602 Blest are the pure in heart
O: 557 Beauty for brokenness
HC: 725 Make me a channel of your peace
R: 712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us



Thought for the week:

What do we understand by resurrection? Is it, for us, just an historical concept that can inform our understanding of the Jesus story? Or is it at the heart of our living faith?

That was an issue that was challenging our very first Christian sisters and brothers, and which Paul addressed in a letter to the church at Corinth.

We can understand why the whole idea of resurrection was tough for them to grasp. There were a variety of beliefs about the afterlife in ancient Jewish belief, and in the world of the ancient near east. Whilst you could restore objects to re-use, restoring a person to life was both unheard of and unnatural and therefore not all people believed in life after death / eternal life / resurrection of the body. That was one reason why Jesus' raising of his friend Lazarus was so offensive to the Jewish leaders of the day.

But the heart of the Christian faith IS hope and belief in the resurrection – not just of Jesus – but of all who believe in him. And this is more than just restoring someone to life on earth, as Jesus did with Lazarus – he still had to die ultimately – our belief is about what happens after death – for ever. Paul's statement about resurrection may seem overly simplistic: I believe in God, so I believe I will rise in Christ. But as we haven't yet been there, why worry about the details of resurrection? We believe in Christ now and we believe in the promise of what is to come. There are so many people who are driven to achieve great things by their belief. Perhaps we might learn to fully live as resurrection people and that will enable us to rise up to all that life throws at us – and to help others do the same.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Leo to Sam and Marcus
- For our preparations for our APCM
- For Revd. Phyl and Dave as they prepare to move to Harrogate
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Revd. Canon Mary Gregory, as she prepares to become Bishop of Reading (and the Revd Canon Dave Bull who will be the Bishop of Buckingham).
- That the ceasefire between Israel and Palestine might hold and further hostages and prisoners be released.

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- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Laggan Road.
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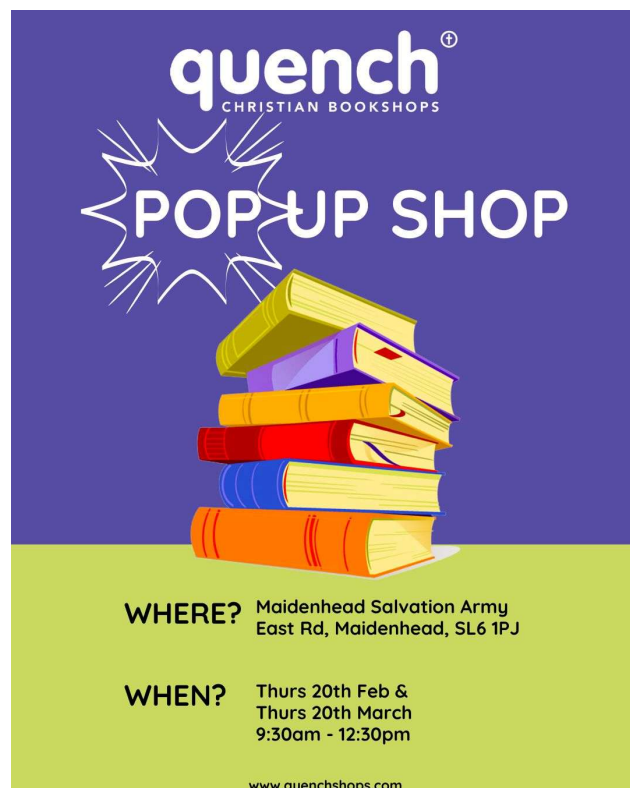
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Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Leo to Sam and Marcus
- For our preparations for our APCM
- For Revd. Phyl and Dave as they prepare to move to Harrogate
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Revd. Canon Mary Gregory, as she prepares to become Bishop of Reading (and the Revd Canon Dave Bull who will be the Bishop of Buckingham).
- That the ceasefire between Israel and Palestine might hold and further hostages and prisoners be released.

- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Laggan Road.
- For Isabel Nixon, Keeon Obianwu and Cole Brooks who were all baptised in December
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- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Pauline Norris, Jean Meadows, Marina Andrian.
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Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 16th February 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 7	Jeremiah 30. 1-3, 10-22	Acts 6
Monday	Psalm 44	Ecclesiastes 1	John 17. 1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Ecclesiastes 2	John 17. 6-19
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Rotas for next week

Sunday 23rd February: Parish Communion

Read: Ben Darracott Intercede: Dorothy Chalice: Jacqueline Sound: Raja
 Welcomers: Ralph, Sue, Shula Coffee: Jeanette and Kate Children: TBC

Our church is floodlit at night.

The flood lighting has been sponsored this week
In thanksgiving for the ministry of Dave and Revd. Phyl Sopp



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:
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It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15. There are lots of weeks available.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 16th 10.00am Parish Communion
 1.00pm, Parish lunch
 6.00pm, Sundays at Six: Evensong and Benediction at All Saints

Tuesday 18th 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
 Wednesday 19th 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
 10.00 am, Holy Communion
 12.00 pm, Funeral of Pauline Norris
 7.30 pm, Christian Enquirers course (vicarage)
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Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

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2 nd Mar	Eucharist for St. David, at All Saints
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20 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November



Church displays & decorations

You are warmly invited to join us at the next meeting of the 'flower-power' team, to help plan our displays and decorations for the coming year.

Date: 9 March

Time: 11.30 (after service, before Lent lunch)

All are welcome – no previous experience needed.



Our APCM (the church's annual business meeting)

Will be held after the morning service on Sunday 2nd March. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend. The full set of accounts is currently with the inspector and will be available asap. The Bulletin – the informal parish record of church life in 2024 (which includes the agenda for the APCM and minutes of the last meeting) – is now available as a pdf on the website and attached to the weekly email. Hard copies are available on request for those without email.

From the PCC / Standing Committee

Highlights of the recent meetings, FYI:

- The eco group was congratulated on achieving the Silver award
- Plans for a path round part of the church are with the DAC, seeking approval (funded by a legacy and CoOp Community Fund grant)
- We have a small regular cleaning team
- Our MAP (mission Action Plan) was further updated to include ways of becoming more financially viable on a day to day basis
- The Prayers of Love and Faith (for same sex couples in church) would probably reach General Synod in July. As an Inclusive church the PCC affirmed support.
- Financial statements for 2024 were approved (and Bev - and Dave – thanked for their hard work on them)
- The main charities in 2024 had been:
 - o Embrace the Middle East; Green Christians. Foodshare, with also: Kori, Inclusive Church and New Brainstorm school in Uganda
- Key charities for 2025-7 were agreed as
 - o Embrace the Middle East; Christians Against Poverty; The Baby Bank
- It was agreed that the chapel should be re-carpeted, using a gift for this purpose
- The impact of Ministry Team members leaving / away from post was discussed
- An in-house Basic Safeguarding training would be provided for all who need to do it
- Theology week had taken place at St. Luke's school – and been amazing.

Basic Safeguarding Training

A number of people are required to do the Church of England Basic Safeguarding course (e.g. welcomers, pastoral team...). To make that easier Barbara and Revd. Sally will lead a session on this course after church on Sunday 16th March. It will not take long but will fulfil our legal requirements and it will be good to do the course together. You will be notified if you must do this but it is open to anyone at all.

Not the Alpha course! - Christian Enquirers

Rather than run an Alpha course this year we have decided to run a shorter course for those wanting to know more about the Christian faith. It runs from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on Wednesday evenings, in the vicarage, started 5th February, last session 19th March (week off for Ash Wednesday).

It will cover: God as Father, Jesus, Trinity / Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer, and Church and sacraments. Coffee and biscuits and a chance to explore the basics of Christian belief.

Please sign up via an email to office or in church. Do tell others about this opportunity.

And also... Taking it Further...

A day for those who attended Alpha or who would simply like to explore more about Christianity and living as a disciple of Jesus. Saturday 8th March, 10 am – 3pm (with lunch) in church. Please sign up via the office or in church.

Spring and Summer Recital series

We are planning a short series of recitals by young people at various times this year. Admission will either be free, with a retiring collection and refreshments to purchase, or by prior bought ticket if numbers are needed for catering. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Booked so far:

Friday 28th March, pupils from Queen Anne's School, Caversham, 12.15 pm recital, lunch available to purchase from 1pm.

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More to come...

World Day of Prayer

This year the service takes place on Friday 7th March at St Marks Crescent Methodist Church at 2pm. It has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands as they celebrate 200 years of Christianity in the group of 15 islands in the Pacific Ocean. The theme is 'I made you wonderful' and is based on the words of Psalm 139. They invite us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care.

All are warmly invited to attend this beautiful service with its uplifting message. The women have prepared it but men are welcome too! Tea will be served after the service.

We now have three St Luke's members on the committee as Gill Curry and I are pleased to welcome Smita Bora to join us. Further details from any of us or from the poster at the back of the church.

Ruth Sheppard

New Bishop of Reading: The Bishop-Designate Mary Gregory's Service of Welcome is planned for Sunday 2nd March at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please save this date in your diaries.

More details to follow. This is also an open public service, all are welcome.

Lent 2025

The Church programme for Lent...is now available as a leaflet – attached to this weekly sheet – and a hard copy can be found in church too. Do join in with some ways of keeping Lent.

Lent Lunches, are held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of Lent. Please do sign up to help provide lunches – see the sign-up sheet in church.

Come and See

We will be using this diocesan course for our Lent course this year. You can join in a group on Wednesday mornings or receive daily emails yourself (or both). We will use the videos on Sundays. See more here:

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Over the next few weeks we want to offer a warm, open welcome to everybody across the diocese to explore the Christian faith, or to look again at the foundations of your faith.

This year, Come and See looks at what it means to be human, exploring our baptism through the beautiful pictures of earth, water, wind and fire. Bishop Steven invites you to join us for this year's Lent journey [in a special video.](#)



What is Come and See?

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How do I get involved?

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Eco Church... thanks to Katty for these tips...

Eco-Friendly Gardening Tips for Everyone

Inspired by BBC Gardeners' World, here are some fun and eco-friendly gardening tips to help you get started:

What is Eco-Friendly Gardening?

Eco-friendly gardening means creating a garden that supports nature and uses resources wisely. It's great fun and anyone can do it, regardless of age or experience!

Composting

What: Composting turns kitchen scraps and garden waste into nutritious compost for your garden.

How: - Start: Gather items like fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, and garden clippings.

- Set Up: Put these materials in a compost bin or pile in your garden.
 - Maintain: Turn the compost regularly to help it break down faster.
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Community News

At **Healthwatch Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead**, the local consumer champion for health and social care, we are thinking about our priorities for our working year starting 1st April. Our prioritisation survey 'What Matters Most' is now live - should we be focusing on people's experiences of dementia care, of hospital outpatient service, of waiting times? What else?

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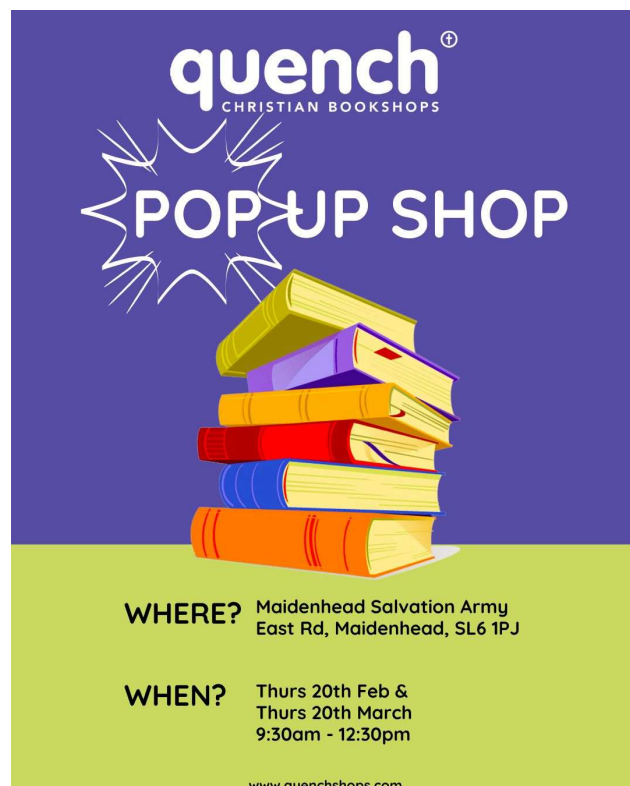
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More to come...

World Day of Prayer

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We now have three St Luke's members on the committee as Gill Curry and I are pleased to welcome Smita Bora to join us. Further details from any of us or from the poster at the back of the church.

Ruth Sheppard

New Bishop of Reading: The Bishop-Designate Mary Gregory's Service of Welcome is planned for Sunday 2nd March at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please save this date in your diaries.

More details to follow. This is also an open public service, all are welcome.

Lent 2025

The Church programme for Lent...is now available as a leaflet – attached to this weekly sheet – and a hard copy can be found in church too. Do join in with some ways of keeping Lent.

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Come and See

We will be using this diocesan course for our Lent course this year. You can join in a group on Wednesday mornings or receive daily emails yourself (or both). We will use the videos on Sundays. See more here:

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Over the next few weeks we want to offer a warm, open welcome to everybody across the diocese to explore the Christian faith, or to look again at the foundations of your faith.

This year, Come and See looks at what it means to be human, exploring our baptism through the beautiful pictures of earth, water, wind and fire. Bishop Steven invites you to join us for this year's Lent journey [in a special video.](#)



What is Come and See?

Now in its fifth year, Come and See is a daily Lent course, joined by people in every corner of the diocese. Register below and we'll send you a short email to read/listen to each day, Monday to Saturday, in Lent. Each Sunday you'll receive a short video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail.

Who's it for?

Come and See is for everyone, whether you're exploring these themes for the first or 50th time. It's great to do alone or in a small group – or a bit of both!

How do I get involved?

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Eco Church... thanks to Katty for these tips...

Eco-Friendly Gardening Tips for Everyone

Inspired by BBC Gardeners' World, here are some fun and eco-friendly gardening tips to help you get started:

What is Eco-Friendly Gardening?

Eco-friendly gardening means creating a garden that supports nature and uses resources wisely. It's great fun and anyone can do it, regardless of age or experience!

Composting

What: Composting turns kitchen scraps and garden waste into nutritious compost for your garden.

How: - Start: Gather items like fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, and garden clippings.

- Set Up: Put these materials in a compost bin or pile in your garden.
 - Maintain: Turn the compost regularly to help it break down faster.
- Why: Composting reduces waste, enriches your soil, and helps plants grow healthy.

Community News

At **Healthwatch Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead**, the local consumer champion for health and social care, we are thinking about our priorities for our working year starting 1st April. Our prioritisation survey 'What Matters Most' is now live - should we be focusing on people's experiences of dementia care, of hospital outpatient service, of waiting times? What else?

Please could you share our survey for local residents with your clients/contacts and include in any newsletter you are sending out soon, asking for replies by 31st March?

It will take less than 5 minutes for people to give us their thoughts and it is so valuable to have as many local views as possible to help our Advisory Group to work with us on our developing work plan.

RBWM website link- [What Matters Most | Healthwatch Wam](#)

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, 4-5.30pm. Next is 7th March 2025 admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Pram Service is a monthly simple service of songs and story for ages 0-4 and their carers. Followed by coffee for adults, snack and crafts for little ones. Second Friday, 9.30am- 10.30am. Next one 14th Feb.

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

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm.

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on Jeant-d2@outlook.com for further details.

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. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 27th February.

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

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Sunday 16th, 1pm

Church lunch to say farewell to Revd. Phyl and Dave Sopp

Thursday 27th,

Consecration of the Bishop of Reading (details to come)

March

Sunday 2nd,

11.15 am (ish) Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 5th

Ash Wednesday: 10 am and 8 pm services of Holy Communion with Ashing

Sundays 9th, 23rd

Lent lunches

Wednesday 12th 11.00 am, Lent course starts (5 weeks)
Friday 28th 12.15 pm Recital and lunch
Sunday 30th, 10 am Mothering Sunday service (Word)

April

Tuesday 1st, 11 am School service
Sunday 6th Last Lent lunch, Recital
Saturday 12th Church Care session (maintenance)
Sunday 13th Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week
Sunday 20th Easter Day
Friday 25th St. Luke's School in all day
Saturday 26th PCC planning morning

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

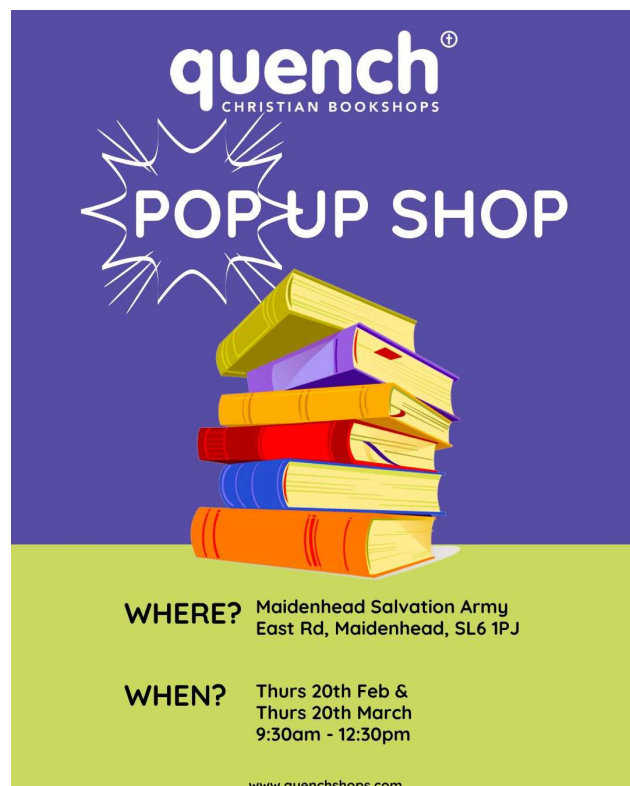
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The Collect

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who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
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our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
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the bread of life,
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draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
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First Reading

¹²If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15. 12-20

Gospel Reading

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Luke 6. 17-26

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P: 584 All my hope on God is founded
G: 602 Blest are the pure in heart
O: 557 Beauty for brokenness
HC: 725 Make me a channel of your peace
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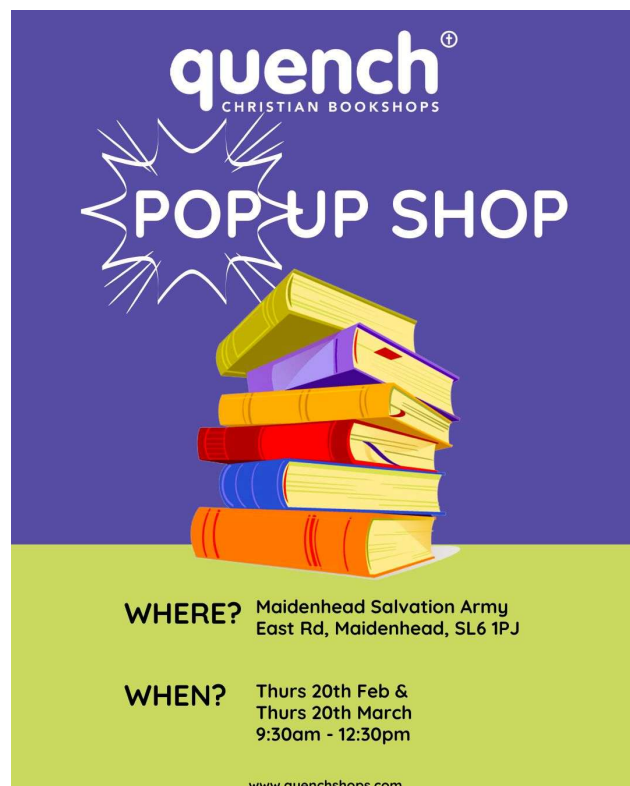
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The Collect

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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
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Post Communion Prayer

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the bread of life,
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should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
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First Reading

¹²If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15. 12-20

Gospel Reading

¹⁷Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

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‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

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Luke 6. 17-26

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 584 All my hope on God is founded
G: 602 Blest are the pure in heart
O: 557 Beauty for brokenness
HC: 725 Make me a channel of your peace
R: 712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us



Thought for the week:

What do we understand by resurrection? Is it, for us, just an historical concept that can inform our understanding of the Jesus story? Or is it at the heart of our living faith?

That was an issue that was challenging our very first Christian sisters and brothers, and which Paul addressed in a letter to the church at Corinth.

We can understand why the whole idea of resurrection was tough for them to grasp. There were a variety of beliefs about the afterlife in ancient Jewish belief, and in the world of the ancient near east. Whilst you could restore objects to re-use, restoring a person to life was both unheard of and unnatural and therefore not all people believed in life after death / eternal life / resurrection of the body. That was one reason why Jesus' raising of his friend Lazarus was so offensive to the Jewish leaders of the day.

But the heart of the Christian faith IS hope and belief in the resurrection – not just of Jesus – but of all who believe in him. And this is more than just restoring someone to life on earth, as Jesus did with Lazarus – he still had to die ultimately – our belief is about what happens after death – for ever. Paul's statement about resurrection may seem overly simplistic: I believe in God, so I believe I will rise in Christ. But as we haven't yet been there, why worry about the details of resurrection? We believe in Christ now and we believe in the promise of what is to come. There are so many people who are driven to achieve great things by their belief. Perhaps we might learn to fully live as resurrection people and that will enable us to rise up to all that life throws at us – and to help others do the same.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Leo to Sam and Marcus
- For our preparations for our APCM
- For Revd. Phyl and Dave as they prepare to move to Harrogate
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Revd. Canon Mary Gregory, as she prepares to become Bishop of Reading (and the Revd Canon Dave Bull who will be the Bishop of Buckingham).
- That the ceasefire between Israel and Palestine might hold and further hostages and prisoners be released.

- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Laggan Road.
- For Isabel Nixon, Keeon Obianwu and Cole Brooks who were all baptised in December
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in February: Harry Ford, Oscar Ford, Zara Mean, Lucy Walwyn Salisbury, Harriet Walwyn Salisbury, Daniel Hulse
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Valerie Bosley, Bridget Morris, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin, Baby Keeon, Aram Hakobian, Joan Lynch, Alicia Little, Mandy Salter, Mair Bright.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Pauline Norris, Jean Meadows, Marina Andrian.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Rodgers Murwisi, Peter Curtis, Joan Bartholomew, Harvey Lovegrove, Stanley Swansborough, Christine Dawson, Walter Horwood, Judy Galvin, Oliver Mercer, Barbara Stevens, Douglas Thomson, Julienne Grobler, Leslie Timmins, Beryl Sankey.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 16th February 2025:

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Monday	Psalm 44	Ecclesiastes 1	John 17. 1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Ecclesiastes 2	John 17. 6-19
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Rotas for next week

Sunday 23rd February: Parish Communion

Read: Ben Darracott Intercede: Dorothy Chalice: Jacqueline Sound: Raja
 Welcomers: Ralph, Sue, Shula Coffee: Jeanette and Kate Children: TBC

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The flood lighting has been sponsored this week
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You are warmly invited to join us at the next meeting of the 'flower-power' team, to help plan our displays and decorations for the coming year.

Date: 9 March

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Our APCM (the church's annual business meeting)

Will be held after the morning service on Sunday 2nd March. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend. The full set of accounts is currently with the inspector and will be available asap. The Bulletin – the informal parish record of church life in 2024 (which includes the agenda for the APCM and minutes of the last meeting) – is now available as a pdf on the website and attached to the weekly email. Hard copies are available on request for those without email.

From the PCC / Standing Committee

Highlights of the recent meetings, FYI:

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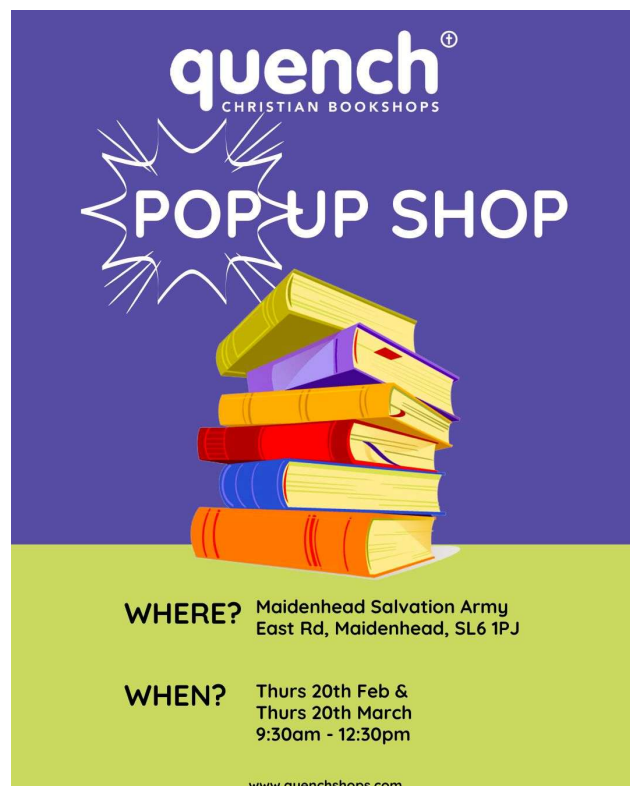
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