



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 16th March, the Second Sunday of Lent

This Sunday we have a service of Parish Communion at 10am. Everyone is very warmly invited to worship with us. There will be an activity for children at 10 am. Sundays at Six is an Iona service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error
the light of your truth,
that they may return
to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18

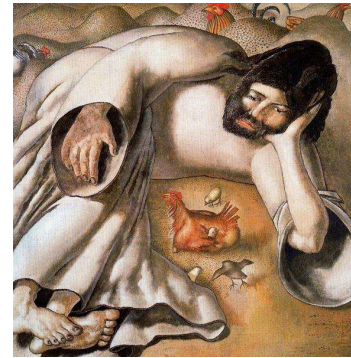
Gospel Reading

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³²He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'"

Luke 13. 31-end

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 4 New evr'y morning is the love
G: 512 Christ's is the world in which we move
O: 683 Jerusalem the golden
HC: 763 Praise to the holiest in the height
R: 595 Be thou my vision



Thought for the week:

In Luke's gospel this soundbite from Jesus' life is placed before his triumphal entry to Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday. He can hear already in his mind the shouts of those welcoming him into the city – blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, - but he knows too how they will turn, and be scattered.

And Jesus longs to gather them in his arms for protection – just as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

Jesus words were used beautifully by Stanley Spencer in one of his wilderness paintings – The Hen. (see above).

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell writes about the painting In his Lent book, Christ in the wilderness, which you may like to read during Lent.

How ready are we to allow Christ to gather us into his arms and care for us?

What does this painting say to you?

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our own keeping of Lent and growth in personal and corporate faith.
- For our new PCC and church officers
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For Bishop Mary Gregory, our new Bishop of Reading.
- 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 Longworth Drive
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Lola-Rose Watkins, Isala Hughes, Christopher Hickman
- 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, Tina Botting, Ralph Hinchliffe, Paul Bader.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Joyce Buckley, Albert Topham.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Sandy Raffan, Anthony Wright, Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anna Meredith, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Beryl Bintcliffe, Francis Garnett, Jillian Sinclair- Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis, Susan Robinson, Jill Cotterill, John Marshall, John Cox, Christopher Druce, Frederick Dawson.

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

Sunday	Psalm 119.161-end	Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16	Romans 11. 13-24
Monday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 7.21-end	John 6. 41-51
Tuesday	Psalm 50	Jeremiah 8. 1-15	John 5. 52-59
Wednesday	Psalm 25. 147-1-12	Isaiah 11. 1-10	Matthew 13. 54 -end
Thursday	Psalm 34	Jeremiah 9. 12-24	John 7. 1-13
Friday	Psalm 41	Jeremiah 10. 1-16	John 7. 14 -24
Saturday	Psalm 25	Jeremiah 10. 17-24	John 7. 25-36

Rotas for next week

Sunday 23rd March: Lent 3: Parish Communion

Read: Malcom Moulton Intercede: Jamie Harle Chalice: Ralph Hinchliffe Sound: Raja Mani
 Welcomers: Ralph, Sue, Ben Coffee: Jeanette, Marc Children: Jamie

Our church is floodlit at night.

The flood lighting has not been sponsored this week

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15. There are lots of weeks available.



What's on.... This week:

Please note the Parish office will be closed all week and will reopen on Tuesday 25th March

Sunday 16 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion
	6.00 pm, Sundays at Six : Iona Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd
Tuesday 18 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
	7.45 pm, PCC
Wednesday 19 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
	10.00 am, Holy Communion
	11.00 am, Lent course

Thursday 20th 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group
 3.00 pm, Keeping Company
 Friday 21st 8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer
 Saturday 22nd 9.00 am, Morning prayer on zoom
 Sunday 23rd 10.00 am, Parish Communion
 12.00, Lent Lunch

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

16 th Mar	Iona service with reflection, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
6 th April	Stations of the Cross, at All Saints
13 th Apr	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
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: 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

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.**

Good Gym

Good Gym will be here on Wednesday 2nd April, from 7-8pm to help cut down brambles and over vegetation in the church yard. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact the parish office.

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)

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.

Lent course we are following the diocesan course: Come and See which explores our baptism. Wednesdays at 11 am in church. All welcome.

Come and See...

A diocesan daily email during Lent and out Lent course this year. Come and See is completely free and all are welcome. Sign up: [Sign up for Come and See 2025](#)
We will also be watching the Sunday videos in place of a sermon during Lent.

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

What is Earth Hour?

Earth Hour is a global movement organised by WWF. It encourages everyone—kids, adults, and businesses—to turn off non-essential lights for one hour to show their commitment to protecting our planet.

How Can You Participate?

1. Turn Off Lights: At 8:30 PM on **22nd March**, turn off all non-essential lights in your home.
2. Enjoy Nature: Spend the hour stargazing, having a candlelit picnic, or simply enjoying the quiet.
3. Spread the Word: Encourage friends and family to join in and share their experiences on social media using #EarthHour.

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 4th April 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 March

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.

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

March

Sunday 23 rd	Lent lunch
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=MTFxVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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



The poster features a central crest of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, depicting a unicorn and a swan. The text is framed by an ornate, golden, Art Nouveau-style border. The main title is 'Mayor's Charity Dinner' in a large, elegant serif font. Below it, the host is identified as 'The Worshipful the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead'. The event details are 'Friday 28 March 2025, 7pm' at 'The Windsor Guildhall'. Ticket information states 'Tickets £70 each' and that the event is 'in aid of the Mayor's Benevolent Fund registered charity no. 269134'. Contact information includes a website 'rbwm.gov.uk/mayoralevent' and an email 'mayors.parlour@rbwm.gov.uk'.

Mayor's Charity Dinner

Hosted by The Worshipful the Mayor of the
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

Friday 28 March 2025, 7pm
The Windsor Guildhall

Tickets £70 each

in aid of the Mayor's Benevolent Fund
registered charity no. 269134

For more information or to make a
booking visit rbwm.gov.uk/mayoralevent

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Mayor's Secretary on 07866 127222 or email
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