



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 19th March, Mothering Sunday

This week we have a Holy Communion service at 8 am (the only service of communion this day) and then an All Age Word service for Mothering Sunday at 10 am, to which everyone is warmly invited.

The Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew
the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace
within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Mothering Sunday Word service

First reading

20 Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

21 The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. 22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' 23 Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. 24 When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. 28 Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD. *1 Samuel 1. 20-end*

Second reading

³³The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' *Luke 2. 33-35*

Hymns for Sunday (all in order of service)

- 365 Let us build a house
604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
747 O God you search me and you know me
God, you hold me like a mother
712 Lord Jesus Christ

Thought for the week

Mothering Sunday is always a bittersweet day. For those who keep Lent strictly it is a day off from our Lenten fast – you can enjoy your favourite tippie or snack. For children (of all ages) it is a time to show mums just how much they care and appreciate the love given, often sacrificially, to them.

But it is also a day of sorrow for those who have lost children or mothers, who are unable to have children, or for whom parents did not offer the best start in life.

It is a day of love, and of loss.

One of my favourite images at this time is that of the pieta – the image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, holding the body of her dead son as he was taken down from the cross. She was there at his birth and at his death – constant, faithful, gentle, loving through the pain that old Simeon had warned her of when Jesus was just 40 days old – a tiny babe in her arms in the Temple.

I bought the pieta here in Israel last time we were there. It is made of olive wood, smooth to the touch and evocatively faceless. It could be any woman holding her beloved child. You may like to spend some time reflecting on what it says to you.

To me, I am reminded that Mary knows our pains – as well as our joys – and can bring them to God for us in prayer.



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For mothers the world over:
 - those who have healthy and happy children
 - those who have lost children of any age
 - those whose children struggle or who are estranged
 - those who long to be mothers and cannot
 - those who struggle to be good mothers
- That we may keep a holy Lent.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders.
- For all who are worried and struggling with the cost of living, for those who are hungry, or who eat alone every day.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For our ministry with children and for our plans to appoint a Children and Family Leader.
- For a new Director of Music / organist.
- For our care for creation for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Faith Porro
- For all those who live and work in Belmont Vale.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Kathy Marsden, Pauline Norris, Barbara Lewis

- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Nicholas Clutterbuck
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Sandy Raffan, Brian King, Ernest Gammon, Arthur Harris, Audry Eggleton, Rex Hugo, Victor Garroway, Anna Meredith, Dora Newcomb, Marjery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Anthony Wright, Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Beryl Bintcliffe, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis, Susan Robinson, Jill Cotterill, John Marshall, John Cox.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 19th March 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 19	Ephesians 2.8-14	
Monday, <i>St. Joseph</i>	Psalm 25	Isaiah 11.1-10	Matthew 13.54-end
Tuesday	Psalm 79	Jeremiah 18.1-12	John 10.1-10
Wednesday	Psalm 90	Jeremiah 18. 13-3 end	John 10.11-21
Thursday	Psalm 86	Jeremiah 19.1-13	John 10.22-end
Friday, <i>St. Patrick</i>	Psalm 102	Jeremiah 19.14-20.6	John 11.1-16
Saturday <i>Annunciation</i>	Psalm 111	1 Samuel 2.1-10	Romans 5.12-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 26th March, Passion Sunday in church and on zoom

Read: Gill Curry

Intercede: Phyl Sopp

Welcomers: Clare, Don and Jeanette

Coffee: Helen and Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Mr T Autos

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

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



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

What's on... This week:

Friday 17 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 2.30 pm, flower wrapping, in church 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 18 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 6.00 pm, Taplow choirs concert in church
Sunday 19 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, All Age Word service for Mothering Sunday
Tuesday 21 st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 12.30 pm, Deanery Chapter meeting, in church 7.30 pm, PCC Standing committee, o zoom
Wednesday 22 nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion 11.00 am, Lent course (church and zoom)
Thursday 23 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift, Prayer shawl knitting, vicarage 7.30 pm, Lent course (parish office)

Friday 24 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 25 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am – 3.15 pm Quiet day, in church
Sunday 26 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
<i>Passion Sunday</i>	6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, Stations of the Cross at All Saints (not on zoom)

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

26 th March	Stations of the Cross, in church at All Saints (Passion Sunday)
2 nd April	Taizé service, in church Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (Palm Sunday)
23 rd April	Easter reflections, on zoom Led by St Luke's

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

Coming up..

'Open the Box' for The Children's Society, Sunday 26 March

Sincere thanks to everyone who keeps a collection box for The Children's Society and so generously supports its vital and life-changing work with children and young people in our country who are most vulnerable and at risk. We would love you to bring your boxes to church on Sunday 26 March, when they will be opened, and funds counted, during coffee. If you can't come along on that day, please let Terrie know (terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com or 01628 634107) and she will arrange something with you.

The funds you have collected in your boxes will help The Children's Society to provide accessible well-being services for young people with nowhere else to turn; work directly with children and young people who don't feel safe, loved, or able to cope; keep the pressure up on people in power to make much-needed policy changes that improve the lives of families, and run programmes that train professionals and police to be better able to safeguard children who have been abused and exploited.

If you don't have a Children's Society collection box but would like one, please let Terrie know. Huge thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Lent course 2023 is now well under way, but its not too late to join in

We are using a course based on Ruth Valerio's book: *Saying yes to life*.

Wednesdays at 11 am in church and on zoom (use the Morning Prayer link), and Thursdays at 7.30 pm in person, in the parish office.

We will also use the diocesan **Come and See** materials on Sundays.

Come and See also has a family resource that you may wish to use:

Family resource: <https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see-for-families>

Messy Church our next Messy church is on Friday 31st March when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus' resurrection. 4pm. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email Revd. Sally to book places (so we know how many to cater for). NB the May Messy Church has moved to 28th April due to the Coronation weekend.

Easter flowers: we have a team who will be decorating the church for Easter, if you would like to join them please let Joan Harnby or Revd Sally know – all very welcome.

Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers and lilies are now invited. Please give your donations directly to Rita Salter, who is collecting them this year. There will NOT be a box in church. If you prefer to give by bacs or by card please will you also drop a note to Rita (jandrsalter@btinternet.com) so that the flower team know how they have in total. Thank you very much.

You may wish to give to the flowers in **memory of loved ones**. There is a sheet at the back of church on which you are invited to write their names. These will be displayed in church as usual at Easter.

Saturday 25th March: Quiet day: the Revd. Canon Geoffrey Connor will lead a in church day focussing on the Anglo Saxon poem: the Dream of the Rood. This is a perfect lead into Passiontide and will allow plenty of space for reflection and quiet. 9.30 am – 3.00pm with lunch provided. Please sign up in church as usual.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Luke's

Palm Sunday, 2nd April

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion, with procession from vicarage to church

6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Taize service at Cox Green

Monday – Saturday

Morning Prayer (8.30 am daily) and Evening Prayer (5.00 pm – not Friday and Saturday) on zoom

Monday 3rd April

Church open for quiet, 7.30 – 9.00 pm

8.00 pm, Stations of the Cross (also on Zoom, use MP link)

Tuesday 4th April

Church open for quiet, 7.30 – 9.00 pm

8.00 pm, Holy Communion, with meditation (also on Zoom, use MP link)

Wednesday 5th April

Church open for quiet, 7.30 – 9.00 pm

8.00 pm, Sung Compline, with meditation (also on Zoom, use MP link)

Maundy Thursday, 6th April

11.00 am, Chrism Mass at Christchurch cathedral (contact clergy to come along)

8.00 pm, Holy Communion followed by Watch until 11.45 pm

11.45 pm, Compline

Good Friday, 7th April

11.00 am, CTiM Walk of Witness, meet outside Sainsburys

1.00 pm, An hour at the cross – quiet service of music, meditation and silence

2.00 pm, The Liturgy of the Last Hour

3.15 pm, Evening Prayer and church 'sealed'

Holy Saturday, 8th April

From 9.30 am, decorate for Easter

4.00 pm, All Age Easter Egg Hunt and service

Easter Day, 9th April

6.30 am, Dawn service – meet in Kidwells Park near the pond

7.15 am, Breakfast in church

8.00 am, Holy Communion and lighting of the paschal candle

10.00 a, Festal Holy Communion

No services 10th -15th April

APCM: in order to allow more time for the accounts to be finalised and inspected, the PCC has decided to delay the APCM until **Sunday 30th April**, at 11.15 (ish) after the 10 am service.

Church Electoral Roll: If you are not on the Electoral Roll, please ensure that you register asap – there are now forms at the back of church for this purpose, a welcomer can find one for you if you fail!. Please return the form directly to the parish office, the PCC secretary or one of the ministers. Anyone wishing to stand for PCC or to vote at the APCM must be on the Electoral Roll. There is a copy of the current Roll on the table at the back of church if anyone wishes to check it. The Roll will close on 9th April, and then be published (names only) in church before the APCM.

Quench pop-up shop: Thursday 30th March, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at the Salvation Army, East Road, SL6 1PJ. Advance orders also taken - see [Quench Latest News \(mailcentric.co.uk\)](http://mailcentric.co.uk)

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

From the PCC

Key issues discussed at the most recent PCC meeting include:

- Our three main charities for 2022 had each received £1300 as the main part of our outward giving: Tear Fund (Ukraine support), A Rocha (Climate support) Brett Foundation (Fuel poverty). Members were asked to consider which three charities we should support this year.
- The laminated notices in pews about how to give to the church were noted.
- The Eco day had been a great success- now for action!
- The Annual Report and Accounts for 2022 were approved and to be sent for inspection
- The number of places vacant for election at the APCM is 9 (including three deanery synod reps)
- Further work is needed on the boiler and spare parts are to be purchased before they become obsolete so that we can keep it going while working on long term plan
- A group will be established to work on the development of the churchyard as a pleasant space
- We have no applications yet for the Director of Music or Children and Family Leader post (this latter may be supported through a scholarship programme) but two candidates would be interviewed for the assistant Admin post.
- The replacement of the lights with LED lights, funded by J. Raffan's legacy, was approved
- A varied nurture programme was proposed (to start after Easter)
- Safeguarding risk assessments were reviewed.
- Policies reviewed and approved were: Social Media Policy
 - Baptism Policy
 - Recruitment of Ex-offenders Policy
 - Pastoral Ministry Policy
 - Health and Safety Policy
 - Safeguarding Policy.

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

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

Music books to a good home... Lauren Cathro has 11 old books. There is a mixture of symphony music, hymns, dance music. Mendelssohn. All related to the piano. She writes: *They look to have been gifted to my deceased relatives as prizes. My grandmother Cindy and her sisters were very musical.*

*Cindy studied at the guildhall school of music on scholarship. Unfortunately, no one in my family plays piano, and it would be a shame for someone not to get the use of out them.
Of course I am not looking for any money for them, just hope they can find a good home. I can be contacted on 07972 315 219 if anyone is interested and would like to take a look at them.*

WAMCF Joy of Movement Programme with Anisha

Tuesday 28th February until Tuesday 4th April

6pm to 7pm via Zoom

If anyone would like to join please send Paul Samuels your name and email address: samuelsberks@aol.com. He ensure you are on the participant list to receive the Zoom link.

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. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 31st March. Email Revd. Sally to book a place.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 16th March.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 9th March.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 23rd March.

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

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

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

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

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

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142