

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 20th April, Easter Sunday

As we come to celebrate the resurrection this Sunday we have a Dawn service at 6am in Kidwells Park, followed by breakfast in church. At 8am we have Holy Communion with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. Then at 10am we have Festal Holy Communion with the blessing of our Easter Garden. Everyone is warmly invited to worship with us.

BUT please do not wait until Sunday to join us in prayer. On Maundy Thursday we begin to keep the Triduum – one service which lasts for three days. We need to be a part of the whole to grasp the enormity of what Jesus did for us.

At 8pm on Maundy Thursday we gather to remember Jesus' last meal on earth (we will start with coffee and snacks to symbolise that, and then leave the debris as we move into the service and Watch). There is then no Blessing, no end to that service, until Easter Day.

On Friday there are three acts of worship to join in – one, two or all. The Walk of Witness, Reflections at the Cross and the Liturgy of the Last Hour. We need to be with Jesus at his death if we are to celebrate his resurrection.

Do come along to all that you can.

ALL SERVICES WILL BE ZOOMED FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND.

The Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power,
 who through the mighty
 resurrection of your Son
 overcame the old order of sin and death
 to make all things new in him:
 grant that we, being dead to sin
 and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
 may reign with him in glory;
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
 be praise and honour, glory and might,
 now and in all eternity.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
 who for our redemption
 gave your only-begotten Son
 to the death of the cross,
 and by his glorious resurrection
 have delivered us from
 the power of our enemy:
 grant us so to die daily to sin,
 that we may evermore live with him
 in the joy of his risen life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he

went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’ *Acts 10. 34-43*

Gospel Reading

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ ⁸Then they remembered Jesus’ words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. *Luke 24. 1-12*

Sunday’s Hymns:

P: 205 Jesus Christ is risen today
Anthem Now the green blade riseth
Font 197 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks
O: 216 The day of resurrection
HC: 217 The strife is o’er
R: 218 Thine be the glory



Thought for the week:

Why do you look for the living among the dead

So the angel asked the women who found Jesus’ tomb empty.

It took them a while to grasp what that meant – then they saw Jesus and it fell into place.

Perhaps, as we reflect on what that empty tomb means to us, we might think about what in our own lives brings us life and meaning and purpose, and what actually stifles the life from us.

The living Jesus offers life in all its fullness, will we accept it, and share it with others too?

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our own keeping of the Triduum, and growth in personal and corporate faith.
- That we may live as Easter people and bring hope to those around us.
- For all affected by the current global economic situation.
- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming interregnum.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For Bishop Mary Gregory, our new Bishop of Reading.

- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Market Street
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in April: Abigail Porro, Jazmin Porro, Iris Bithell, Albert Bithell
- 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, Colette Baxter.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Rob MacDonald.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: Peter Brown, Philip Agnew, Peter Petter, Roy Howton, Helen Poynter, Roger Bevitt, Virginia Mzorori-Murwisi, Dorothy Main, Philip Davies, Alan Coombs, Keith Morris, Ernie Thomas, Brenda Clark, Brian Pitts, Patricia Lovering, Brian Beard, Rita Redhead, Maureen Williams, Reginald Jacobs, Francis Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Haywood, John McLean, Barbara Lewis, Eileen Daniel, Janet Whitlock.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 20th April 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 114, 117	Ezekiel 47.1-12	John 2. 13-22
Monday	Psalm 111	Song of Solomon 1. 9 -27	Mark 16. 1-8
Tuesday	Psalm 112	Song of Solomon 2. 8-end	Luke 24. 1-12
Wednesday	Psalm 113	Song of Solomon 3	Matthew 28. 16-end
Thursday	Psalm 114	Song of Solomon 5.2 - 6.3	Luke 7. 11-17
Friday	Psalm 115	Song of Solomon 7. 10 - 8.4	Luke 8. 41-end
Saturday	Psalm 116	Song of Solomon 8. 5-7	John 11. 17 -44

Rotas for next week

Sunday 27th April: Easter 1: Parish Communion

Read: Shula Tajima Intercede: Ruth Sheppard Chalice: Jean TD Sound: duty warden
 Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Fiona Coffee: Beryl, Margaret Children:

Our church is floodlit at night.

The flood lighting has been sponsored this week by Sue and Ralph Hinchliffe:

In celebration of Lissa and Iain's 25th Wedding Anniversary

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.



What's on.... This week: please join in all you can in Holy Week

Maundy Thursday: 17th April

- 11.00 am, Christ mass at Christchurch cathedral
- 3.00 pm, Keeping Company, bereavement group, in church
- 8.00 pm, Holy Communion with hand / footwashing, and Watch in church
(Watch till 11.00 pm, stay, come, and go as you wish)

Good Friday: 18th April

- 11.00 am, Walk of Witness, town centre
- 1.00 pm, an Hour at the Cross
- 2.00 pm, The Liturgy of the Last Hour
- 3.15 pm, Evening Prayer, church locked and sealed

Holy Saturday: 19th April

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer
- 9.30 am Church decorating (all welcome)
- 4.00 pm Easter egg hunt for children

Easter Sunday: 20th April

- 6.00 am, Dawn service in Kidwells park,
followed by breakfast in church
- 8.00 am, Holy Communion with Lighting of the Paschal candle
- 10.00 am, Festal Holy Communion, and blessing of the Easter Garden

What's on.... This week:

Tuesday 22nd	No services, parish office closed
Wednesday 23 rd	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 24 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 3.30 pm, Gaynor's Gift
Friday 25 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.00 am, School Visit all day
Saturday 26 th	9.00 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, PCC Planning Morning
Sunday 27 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptism

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

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
13th July	NB changed date Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: **9th May**, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

Friday 25 th	St. Luke's School in all day
Saturday 26 th	PCC planning morning
Saturday 10 th May	Church breakfast, speaker Revd. Sally: My life and my faith
Sunday 11 th May	Baptism anniversary party (help requested)
Sunday 11 th May	Not the Summer Fair day!
Thursday 15 th May	WAMCF dialogue
Saturday 17 th May	Quiet Day, St. Michael's convent, Gerrards Cross
Saturday 28 th June	Garden Party
Sunday 20 th July	Revd. Sally's Thanksgiving service

May Messy Church

We will be thinking about St. Thomas, the story of Jesus' resurrection, and what it is to have faith. Please note the CHANGE OF DATE – to Friday 9th May. Sign up in the usual way through the office.

Coming up after Easter...

Bible Study: a study of the book of Genesis, Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church, starting 7th May.

Church Breakfast: Saturday 10th May, 8.45 am in church. Revd Sally will talk about: My life and my faith. Tickets £5, available soon.

Baptism Anniversary service and party: Sunday 11th May, 3pm

Not the Summer Fair Day: Sunday 11th May.

Quiet day: Saturday 17th May, 10 am – 3pm, St. Michael's convent, Gerrards Cross. £10pp. Bring your own lunch. Please sign up in church, we will arrange shared transport.

WAMCF Dialogue: Thursday 15th May, 7pm, Thames Hospice – see flyer below.

WAMCF Ladies meeting: Tuesday 6th May, 7.30 pm, here. Speaker: Catherine Williams *Introducing Healthwatch - your local consumer champion for health and social care'*

Garden Party: Saturday 28th June, 3pm in the vicarage garden. Tickets £15 pp, to come.

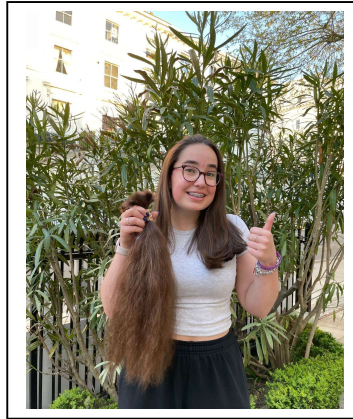
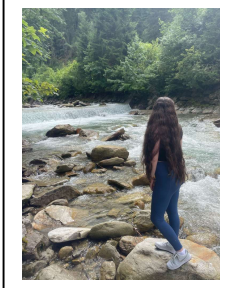
And ... Revd. Sally's final services..

Revd. Sally leaves the parish at the end of July. She would like the final Eucharist on Sunday 27th to be a time for current church family and invites us to the vicarage garden for a bring and share picnic afterwards.

Everyone is warmly invited to a Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20th July at 3pm in church. This will be a simple service of Evening Prayer and will be followed by afternoon tea. A number of other guests will also be invited, recognising those wider links that Sally has developed during her time here. To assist with catering and places please book your place by signing up on the list that will soon be in church.

Natasha Sloan

During April, teenager and young adult cancer awareness month, I am donating 14+ inches of my hair to The Little Princess Trust and aiming to raise £700 for them. Any support would mean the world to me and to all of the amazing princesses that LPT supports - if you'd like to donate, the QR code below will take you my Just Giving page. Tasha Sloan



The cut went ahead as planned y. Cut pony tail measures 18 ins !

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 2nd May 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 9th May

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.

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 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

Churches Together in Maidenhead Walk of Witness



Good Friday 18th April 2025

Start: 11.00am Providence Place (outside Sainsbury's)

Finish: High Street Methodist Church with tea and hot cross buns



Procession with hymns, readings and prayers along the High Street. This event will be BSL interpreted for deaf people.

**Please come and join us
in this united act of Christian
witness**



...Working Together to Show God's Love & Care



**WAMCF Spring Dialogue
Thursday 15th May 2025**

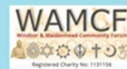
**What do you find most
meaningful in your life?**

Join us to explore this topic

7pm – 8.30pm (followed by refreshments)

Thames Hospice, Windsor Road,
Maidenhead, SL6 2DN

Free Admission



**St. Luke's Church
Easter Egg Hunt
Tea and prayer**



Saturday 19th April

4pm

All welcome



Messy Church

St Luke's Church
Norfolk Road
Maidenhead
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9th May (NB changed date)
4.00-5.30pm



Thomas

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book

Craft, worship, 2 course tea

£2.00 per child

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