



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 20th March 2022 Third Sunday of Lent, Parish Communion

This Sunday our 10 am Parish Communion service will be both in person and zoomed again. We also have a Sundays at Six on zoom – Night Prayer with a Lenten theme.

Morning Prayer continues: Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom, at 8.30 am (9 am on Sat.)

Evening Prayer, on Fridays at 5pm also on zoom, except on the first Friday monthly.

We are now using the Lent order or service on the App or in the red book.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross, may find it none
other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the
temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The LORD says this:

1Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

3Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

4See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

5See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

7let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will

abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the

LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55. 1-9

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

1I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3and all ate the same spiritual food, 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

6Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' 8We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

The Gospel reading

1There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

6Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Luke 13. 1-9

Sunday's Hymns:

- 498 Let us with a gladsome mind
- 586 The God of Abraham praise (omit verse 2)
- 268 Timeless love

Thought for the week:

As the weather warms up and we see signs of Spring in buds, lambs and other new life, we are reminded every year that there is always hope. God walks alongside people in their suffering and promises eternal life and hope.

The man in Jesus' parable had all but given up on his fruitless fig tree, but his wise gardener encouraged him to give it 'one more year' – to look to hope.

May we be people who bring hope to those around us, in a whole variety of ways.



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 20th March 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 26	John 17. 1a, 11b-19	
Monday	Psalm 5	Genesis 47.1-27	Hebrews 4.14-5.10
Tuesday	Psalm 9	Genesis 47.28-end of 48	Hebrews 5.11-6.12
Wednesday	Psalm 38	Genesis 49.1-32	Hebrews 6.13-end
Thursday	Psalm 56	Genesis 49.33-end of 50	Hebrews 7.1-10
Friday (Annunciation)	Psalm 111	1 Samuel 2.1-10	Romans 5.12-end
Saturday	Psalm 31	Exodus 1.22-2.10	Hebrews 8

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For ourselves – for our preparations for Lent and for self-discipline during Lent
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders. For peace.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For our ministry with children through Messy Church and Baby and Toddler group.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash, Faith Porro.
- For all those who live and work in Ray Park road
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Lissa Jane, Andrew.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Jill Cotterill
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Sandy Raffan, Brian King, Ernest Gammon, Arthur Harris, Audrey Eggleton, Rex Hugo, Victor Garraway, Anna Meredith, Dora Newcombe, Margery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Anthony Wright, Lillian 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.
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Rotas for next week:

Sunday 27th March, Word service for Mothering Sunday, in church and on zoom

Read: Ministry Team Intercede: Ministry Team

Welcomers: Mike, Sue and Ralph

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by Rita Salter

In remembrance of both parents,

Florence and Jimmy Wilde, who passed away on 23rd March



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

There are lots of available weeks now to fill.

What's on...

This week:

- Thursday 17th
- 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 - 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church
 - 3.00 pm, Keeping Company, in church
 - 7.30 pm, Lent course, on Zoom

Friday 18th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 19th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 – 2.30, Marriage Preparation Day, in church
Sunday 20th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, on zoom only
Tuesday 22 nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.00 pm, Zoomed extra PCC meeting to approve accounts
Wednesday 23 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 11.00 am, Lent course, in church (coffee from 10.30 am)
Thursday 24 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift, knitting group in church and on Zoom 7.30 pm, Lent course, on Zoom
Friday 25 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 26 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom Church Care Morning 7.30 pm, Taplow Youth Choir concert in church

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Jill Cotterill, RIP: Jill's funeral will take the form of a private family cremation on Wednesday 6th April, followed by a Thanksgiving Service in church at 1pm, to which all are warmly invited. Please pray for John, and for his family.

Help for Ukraine: thank you to everyone who has taken items to the URC to go to the Ukraine border. Revd. David Downing has produced this beautiful prayer walk to reflect on them:
<https://youtu.be/jQwBr lLui0>

Moving on from covid: as covid numbers ease a little and all national restrictions are lifted, we are slowly relaxing our own precautions.

- Coffee after church will be re-introduced every now and then –next on 27th March. We would encourage those who wish to stay to avoid crowding around the servery and to space out / be seated but do enjoy chatting with each other. Coffee will be brought to you.
- Anti baccing after services has now ceased.
- Pews have returned to each row being used, which will mean that...
- .. we will receive communion (host only still) from the dais. We will invite folk to walk up the centre in one or two lines to receive standing at the centre / either side and return to seats via the side aisles. The choir will continue to receive in situ.
- Face coverings will remain optional.
- The Offertory plate will be placed more centrally and blessed (though not yet brought up)

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 24th April**, at 11.15 (ish) after the 10 am service. This will impact the dates for closing the current ...

...**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 now close on 9th April, and then be published (names only) in church before the APCM.

Lent course: Come and See

This year we are using the diocesan resource: Come and See, which this year focuses on The Lord's Prayer, and is open to anyone.

There will be five sessions, on Wednesdays (11 am, in person only, in church) and Thursdays (7.30 pm, on zoom only). Starting 9th / 10th March.

Link for Thursdays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5194847421>

Meeting ID: 519 484 7421

Lent charity. It is not possible to hold our usual Lent lunches again this year, but everyone is warmly invited to donate to a Lenten Offertory. This might be by simply giving, by missing a meal or a treat and giving the money it would have cost, or any other means. There will be a Lent Charity Fund box in church each week between now and Good Friday. Proceeds will be split between the humanitarian relief for Ukraine and the work of FACE (the Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia) where a new diocese of Gambella is being established.

A Quiet Evening Hour for busy people: 8pm – 9pm (ending with optional Night Prayer) in church on Tuesday 5th April. All welcome for an hour to read, pray, think, rest, 'be'. No need to sign up, just turn up!

Easter flowers. As usual we will be collecting also towards Easter lilies and other flowers. Please place any donations in the box on the table at the back of church. If you would like to give in memory of loved ones you may wish to list their names on the sheet there also.

Confirmation. We are delighted that Bishop Olivia will be leading a confirmation service (for the Deanery) at 10 am on Sunday 19th June. Please speak to one on the ministry team asap if you, or anyone you know, would like to be confirmed then.

Platinum Jubilee Street Party: the church is planning to host a street party at lunchtime on Sunday 5th June for the congregation and surrounding streets. If you would like to help out at all please speak to Revd. Sally, or John or Rita Salter.

Holy Land pilgrimage. Revd Sally will be leading another pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 13th -m 22nd September this year. There are flyers at the back of church. Sally would be pleased to give you more information if you wish.

Mobility aids, and...: Barbara Stevens' family has kindly offered us a number of mobility aids and other items – walking frame with seat, folding walking frame, shower stool, electric fan, convector heater, microwave...If you, or anyone you know, could use these pleas contact Revd. Sally asap.

Taplow Youth Choir Concert:

Conductors: Gillian Dibden, David Manners

Saturday 26th March

St Luke's Church , Maidenhead, 7.30 pm

Tickets: £12 adults and £10 students under 16 at the door.

Very varied programme of solo songs, ensembles and full choir,
including choruses from Haydn's 'Creation'.

New Brainstorm School was one of the recipients of £295 as part of our outward giving last year. Mr Kintu, the Head teacher has written that they are using this to purchase chalks and uniforms for children who don't have them. The children sent a lot of photos, including this one:



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. The next is 1st April. 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 21st April.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 14th April.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 24th March.

Sundays at Six A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, with a mix of zoom and in-church services. The programme is on our website and here:

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

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

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=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142

Sundays at Six:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852

Passcode: 936128

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4th Thursday, monthly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87303393953?pwd=L003Witra0E2RmExeEZiSjJbS9zQT09>

Meeting ID: 873 0339 3953

Passcode: 445440