



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 23rd April 2023, Easter 3

Our 10am service this week is a Parish Communion and this month's Sundays at Six zoom service, being led by St Luke's, will be based on Easter reflections.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him
in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ³⁶'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number. *Acts 36-41*

The Gospel reading

¹³On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of

Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?'²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!'³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24.13-35

Hymns for Sunday

667	I danced in the morning (Lord of the Dance)
263	Spirit of the living God
330	Do not be afraid
Choir	As we are gathered, Jesus is here
Choir	Jesus stand among us
507	We have a gospel to proclaim

Thought for the week



The story of the road to Emmaus is perhaps one of the most beautiful resurrection stories. Two downcast disciples leave town to head home. Heartbroken at Jesus' death and confused at the news of his resurrection. They feel there is nothing left for them in the city, and they start the seven mile walk home to Emmaus chewing over together all that has happened and trying to make sense of three years with Jesus – and three days of mayhem.

Of course, they don't recognise Jesus at first, they are not expecting to see him. They have an inkling that this travelling companion is special as he explains the scriptures to them, but they only recognise him when they exercise the usual hospitality and invite him in to eat with them. Jesus breaks bread in thanksgiving – just as they have seen him do many times in life – and the reality of who this 'comforting stranger' is dawns on them.

Breaking bread is a simple, everyday action, but in the hands of Jesus it takes on special significance – sealing his command at the last supper to 'do this in memory of me'.

Jesus comes to us too, today, as we break bread together. He meets our deepest needs (as we allow him to) and he comforts and strengthens us, just as he did Cleopas and his companion 2000 years ago.

Graham Kendrick has written a beautiful song about this, you can listen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYGARA4f1ZU>

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That resurrection joy may fill our hearts
- For staff and children returning to school.
- For our APCM and for people to stand for election to the PCC
- 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 a new Director of Music / organist and a Children and Family leader.
- For our care for creation for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in April: Abigail and Jazmin Porro and the forthcoming baptisms of Iris and Albert Bithell
- For all those who live and work in Blackamoor lane.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Pauline Norris, Bridget Morris, Nicholas.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Christopher Druce, Barbara Lewis, Jim Mundy
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: Peter Brown, Philip Agnew, David Sherwood, Elsie Taplion, Josephine Aldridge, Myra Ford, Peter Petter, Leonard Reynolds, Paul Hill, Joan Carpenter, Muriel (Betty) Smith, Irene Weller, John Henry, Penelope Lawrence, Fiona Nunn, John Quinn, Lesley Griffiths, Doreen Headington, John Rogers, Vivienne Sewell, Roy Howton, Helen Poynter, Alma Rookie, Roger Bevitt, Diana Philps, Elsie Cummings, Pamela Neville, Bertha Selby, 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 (Frank) Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Hayward, John McLean

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 23rd April 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 23	Isaiah 40.1-11	1 Peter 5.1-11
Monday (St George)	Psalm 5	Joshua 1.1-9	Ephesians 6.10-20
Tuesday (St Mark)	Psalm 37.23-41	Isaiah 62.6 – 10	Acts 12.25-13.13
Wednesday	Psalm 105	Deuteronomy 6	Ephesians 2.1-10
Thursday	Psalm 136	Deuteronomy 7.1-11	Ephesians 2.11-end
Friday	Psalm 107	Deuteronomy 7.12-end	Ephesians 3.1-13
Saturday	Psalm 110	Deuteronomy 8	Ephesians 3.14-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 30th April in church and on zoom

Read: Barbara Essam

Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Kim

Coffee: Marc and Paul

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:

Sunday 23rd	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00pm. Sundays at Six service via zoom, led by St Luke's
Tuesday 25th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 1.00 pm funeral of Christopher Druce
Wednesday 26th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 3.00pm, Gaynor's gift
Friday 28th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4.00pm Messy Church
Saturday 29 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

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

23 rd April	Easter reflections, on zoom Led by St Luke's
14 th May	Reflections for Christian Aid week, on zoom led by St. Luke's, Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076
28 th May	Evensong and Benediction for Pentecost, in church at All Saints
11 th June	Desert Island hymns and readings, in church, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
25 th June	International Taizé service, in church and on zoom at St. Luke's Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076
9 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

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

Coming up..

Messy Church our next Messy church is on Friday 28th April when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus calms a storm. 4pm. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book places (so we know how many to cater for). Dates

for following Messy Church sessions are; 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

Keeping Company: is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 18th May.

APCM: Sunday 30th April, at 11.15 (ish) after the 10 am service.

Church Electoral Roll: The Roll is now closed and the current Roll can be viewed at the back of church.

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

DISCOVER WHAT JOSEPHUS REPORTED ABOUT JESUS

You are invited to a talk on Josephus: hero or villain ...for Jews and for Christians? Why is Josephus - chronicler of the 1st century - so controversial...but also so important for both faiths?

It will be given by Professor Martin Goodman, of Oxford University and a leading expert on the 1st century period.

His talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews on Tuesday 16th May at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to him in person. There is no charge, but it is important you book a place, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: admin@maidshul.org

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>

This Saturday, 22nd April, the CoOp is hosting an event from 1-3pm in St. Luke's Community Hall to provide an update on the Application Process for Round Nine of the Local community Fund and also highlight the Community Donation Scheme that is operated in conjunction with the Foodstore and FuneralCare Colleagues.

The scheme leaders write: This is the first time in Maidenhead in recent years that we are hoping to bring together our current and some of our past Charities together with local Coop Members and friends so we can answer your questions and look at the potential to hold some local Events with you over the coming weeks and months as well as highlighting the work on Sustainability and the Community that we are planning across the Member Pioneer Communities.

I would very much like to invite anyone to join me at that event to find out more and also to talk about what we do at St. Luke's. Do let me know if you can come along – or just turn up. Revd. Sally

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, 28th April and then 2nd June e-mail admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk 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 18th May

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 11th May

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. The next is 27th April in the vicarage and on zoom (use the MP link)

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=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142