



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 27th March 2022 Mothering Sunday

We are up to the fourth Sunday of Lent already – Mothering Sunday. There will be an All Age service of the Word for Mothering Sunday at 10 am to which all ages are warmly invited, it will also be zoomed. So that we have a service of Holy Communion in the parish that day, there will be a said Holy Communion service at 8.00 am.

Do not forget to out your clocks FORWARD one hour on Saturday night.

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

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,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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.

Sunday's gospel reading

1All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. 2And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' 3So he told them this parable: 11'There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. 13A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say

to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” 22But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

25Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” 28Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” 31Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

Luke 15. 1-3, 11b-end

Sunday’s Hymns:

All in the order of service for Mothering Sunday (which can be found on our website).

Thought for the week:

This beautiful mosaic is a tiny part of a huge mosaic which can be found at the entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The whole depicts Jesus’ body being taken down from the cross and laid in the tomb. Here we see his mother, Mary, receiving her son for the last time.



The pathos and agony are clear on her face. No mother should have to face this pain.

And yet..... we are painfully aware that, this year in particular, there are mothers in the west who have lost children to mental health battles (often exacerbated by the pandemic) and there are mothers in both Ukraine and Russia who are receiving home from war the dead bodies of their sons.

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday, let us never forget that for many women this day is painful and will be particularly so this year. As Mary intercedes for us, may we pray for them – known and unknown.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 27th March 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 84	1 Peter 2.16-end	
Monday	Psalm 77	Exodus 2.11-22	Hebrews 9.1-14
Tuesday	Psalm 79	Exodus 2.23-3.20	Hebrews 9.15-end
Wednesday	Psalm 90	Exodus 4.1-23	Hebrews 10.1-18
Thursday	Psalm 86	Exodus 4.27-6.1	Hebrews 10.19-25
Friday	Psalm 102	Exodus 6.2-13	Hebrews 10.26-end
Saturday	Psalm 32	Exodus 7.8-end	Hebrews 11.1-16

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
- 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 Raymond Road
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Andrew.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Jill Cotterill, John Cox, John Marshall.
- 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 Bintliffe, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis, Susan Robinson.

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 3rd April, Passion Sunday, in church and on zoom

Read: Chris Smith , Rachel Beaumont

Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis

Welcomers: John, Mike and Lisa

Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by
Mt T Autos*



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 24th

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 25th

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
CLOCKS GO FORWARD	
Sunday 27 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Word service for Mothering Sunday, in church and on zoom
Tuesday 29 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 30 th	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 31 st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 7.30 pm, Lent course, on Zoom
Friday 1 st April	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4.00 pm Messy Church 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 2 nd	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 3 rd	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 Sundays at Six, Stations of the Cross, at All Saints (in person)

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, then 24th April before our APCM. 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 are two remaining sessions, on Wednesdays (11 am, in person only, in church) and Thursdays (7.30 pm, on zoom only).

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 please contact Revd. Sally asap.

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:



Holy week and Easter at St. Luke's

Palm Sunday, 10th April, 10.00 am, Procession of Palms, and Holy Communion with presentation of the Passion

Morning Prayer (8.30 am) every day on zoom, or join Revd. Sally in the chapel

Church open daily for prayer and reflection, check noticeboard for times

Monday 11th April, 8.00 pm Compline, with reflection

Tuesday 12th April, 8.00 pm, Compline, with reflection

Wednesday 13th April 10.00 am, Holy Communion with address

8.00 pm Compline, with reflection

Maundy Thursday, 14th April, 8.00 pm, Holy Communion with footwashing, and Watch, 11.45 pm, Compline

Good Friday, 15th 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 and church sealed

Holy Saturday, 16th April, 4.00 pm, Easter Egg hunt and tea

Easter Sunday, 17th April

8.00 am, Service of Light in Kidwells Park

8.45 am, Breakfast in church—for ALL

9.45 am Lighting of the Paschal candle, leading to ...

10.00 am, Holy Communion, and blessing of the Easter Garden

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=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

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