



St. Luke's Church Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 30th March, Mothering Sunday

This Sunday we have a service of Holy Communion at 8am and a Mothering Sunday Service at 10am (not communion) with flowers for children to take to their mothers. Everyone is warmly invited to worship with us.

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 Prayer

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.

First Reading

¹A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Exodus 2. 1-10

Gospel 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.

Luke 2. 33-35

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 533(i) All things bright and beautiful
G: 144 How deep the father's love for us
O: 136 Fathers and mothers
R: 656 He's got the whole world in his hand



Thought for the week:

Being a mum – being any parent or carer – is really hard. Getting the right balance between care and concern and encouraging independence is tricky. As soon as a child is born life changes – for ever. A friend once said to me, 'I realised, you can't just stuff the baby back when the going gets tough'! And yet this is the way the God planned for the human part of his creation to multiply and perpetuate and to live – within families.

When Simeon told Mary how special her child was her heart must have leapt with pride. But his next words are chilling – *and a sword will pierce your own soul too*. From the outset Jesus was born to die. And we know that Mary went through all that with him – the tiring hours of ministry, the rejection, the most awful death. He did not always openly appreciate her – how painful to hear your firstborn say, when you send word that you are visiting one of his meetings, 'who are my mother and brothers – those who do the will of God...'. And yet, at the very end, from the cross Jesus entrusted her to the care of the beloved disciple.

The image of the pieta (Mary holding the dead Jesus) strikes me as very beautiful, perhaps most especially Michaelangelo's marble pieta. As Mary gently holds her son, we see pain, pride and love deeply in her eyes. She personifies God's love for us too.

As a modern hymn phrases it:

God, you hold me like a mother,
Safely on her knee;
God, you hold me like a mother,
Close to you but free.

God, you hold watch me when I wander,
Keep me in your sight.
God, you watch me when I wander,
Hold me day and night.

God, you hold me like a mother,
Teach me to be free.
God, you hold me like a mother,
Show your love to me.

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Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our mothers, for all mothers and for those who would love to be mothers, but cannot.
- For our own keeping of Lent and growth in personal and corporate faith.
- For our new PCC and church officers
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For Bishop Mary Gregory, our new Bishop of Reading.
- For our sisters and brothers about to celebrate Eid.
- 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 Lower Cookham Road
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Lola-Rose Watkins, Isala Hughes, Christopher Hickman
- 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.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Albert Topham, Barrie Morgan.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Sandy Raffan, Anthony Wright, Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anna Meredith, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Beryl Bintcliffe, Francis Garnett, Jillian Sinclair- Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis, Susan Robinson, Jill Cotterill, John Marshall, John Cox, Christopher Druce, Frederick Dawson.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 30th March 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 84	Genesis 37. 3, 4, 12-end	1 Peter 2.16 -end
Monday	Psalm 77	Jeremiah 17. 5 -18	John 9. 18 -end
Tuesday	Psalm 79	Jeremiah 18. 1-12	John 10. 1-10
Wednesday	Psalm 90	Jeremiah 18. 13-end	John 10. 11-21
Thursday	Psalm 86	Jeremiah 19. 1-13	John 10. 22 -end
Friday	Psalm 102	Jeremiah 19. 14 – 20.6	John 11. 1-16
Saturday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 20. 7-end	John 11. 17 -27

Rotas for next week

Sunday 6th April: Passion Sunday: Parish Communion

Read: Margaret Gibbon Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis Chalice: Sue H Sound: warden
Welcomers: Clare, Kim, Isobel Coffee: Simone and Season Children: Rachel

Our church is floodlit at night.

The flood lighting has been sponsored this week:

*“Remembering always Roger, who was parted from us on
Easter Sunday 1st April 2018”.*

Jilly Bevitt and family



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:

Sunday 30 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Mothering Sunday Service
Tuesday 1 st	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 2 nd	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 11.00 am, Lent course
Thursday 3 rd	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group
Friday 4 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 4.00 pm, Messy Church
Saturday 5 th	9.00 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Sunday 6 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Stations of the Cross at All Saints Church

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

6 th April	Stations of the Cross, at All Saints
13 th Apr	Taize service, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
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
20 th July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Good Gym

Good Gym will be here on Wednesday 2nd April, from 7-8pm to help cut down brambles and over vegetation in the church yard. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact the parish office.

Churchyard path: the PCC has submitted a faculty application for a path in the churchyard from the disabled bays to the new bench. The notice is on the PCC board by the church door. If approved it will offer a lovely way for all people to our eco area in the churchyard and space to sit easily and reflect.

Electoral roll: this has now re-opened after the APCM. Forms are on the table at the back of church,. Please do sign up if you didn't before the APCM.

Church care and cleaning morning: Saturday 12th April, from 9.30 am (or join us for Morning Prayer at 9 am). Everyone of any age is welcome to help out care for our beautiful building.

Lent 2025

Lent Lunches, we have one more lunch on 5th Sunday of Lent. Do come along – the soup is always delicious and we are able to support the work of Christian Aid.

Lent course we are following the diocesan course: Come and See which explores our baptism. Wednesdays at 11 am in church. All welcome.

Come and See...

A diocesan daily email during Lent and out Lent course this year. Come and See is completely free and all are welcome. Sign up: [Sign up for Come and See 2025](#)
We will also be watching the Sunday videos in place of a sermon during Lent.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, 13th April: 8.00 am, Holy Communion.
10.00 am, Procession of Palms, and Parish Communion with presentation of the Passion, and activities for children.

Monday – Saturday: Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer (8.30 am daily, Sat: 9am)) on zoom or in church

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

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925 Passcode: 180609

Evening Prayer (5.00 pm – not Friday and Saturday) on zoom

Use MP link

Monday - Wednesday: Quiet and Compline

Church open for quiet 6.30—7.30 pm

8.00 pm, Compline (Night Prayer) on zoom (use MP link)

Wednesday: 10.00 am, Holy Communion
& Stations of the Cross , followed by coffee

Maundy Thursday: 17th April

11.00 am, Chrism 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

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

March

Friday 28th 12.15 pm Recital and lunch
Sunday 30th, 10 am Mothering Sunday service (Word)

April

Sunday 6th Last Lent lunch
Saturday 12th Church Care session (maintenance)
Sunday 13th Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week
Sunday 20th Easter Day
Friday 25th St. Luke's School in all day
Saturday 26th PCC planning morning

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 4th April 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 11th April

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=MTFhVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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