St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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Week commencing: 3rd April 2022 Passion Sunday

Our main service this Sunday is a Parish Communion at 10 am,

which is both in- person and zoomed. At 6pm, we are invite to All Saints church for the Stations of the Cross – this is in-person only. As Lent intensifies, everyone is warmly invited to join in our daily zoomed Morning Prayer. Details of the Holy Week services are later in this news sheet.

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. From Sunday we will be using the Passiontide order of service on the App or in the red book.

The Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

16Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. *Isaiah 43. 16-21*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

4If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, 9not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus..

Philippians 3. 4b-14

The Gospel Reading

1Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

John 12.1-8

Sunday's Hymns:

- 432 From heaven you came helpless babe
- 598 There's a wideness in God's mercy
- 112 My song is love unknown (omit v3 and 4)

Thought for the week:

This small, simple statue, in a wall in the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem is a poignant reminder of Jesus' agony in that garden the night before he died. The statue (and words of the gospel stories)



clearly show him wrestling with his fears and worries as he knew what lay ahead. Many of us may feel that way as we look at what is happening in Ukraine – helplessly bent in prayer.

This Sunday we are called to pray together for all those caught up in this war. We will do that in our service. See: <u>https://cte.org.uk/prayforukraine/</u>

The Archbishop of Canterbury and CTE President, Justin Welby, writes:

"When we pray, we invite the presence of God into the messiness and darkness of our world. When we pray together, we witness to the possibility of unity and the promise of reconciliation that God promises us in Jesus Christ. I urge all Christians to come together on the 3rd of April to pray and light candles for the people and the peace of Ukraine: to pray for hope for those fearful of the future, to pray for God's comfort for those suffering, and to pray for the Holy Spirit to turn hearts towards the compassion and justice that the resurrected Christ promises us will eventually prevail." A Prayer for Ukraine can be found below.

A Prayer for Ukraine:

God of all peoples and nations, Who created all things alive and breathing, United and whole, Show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence. We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia, Every child and every adult. We long for the time When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares When nations no longer lift up sword against nation. We cry out to you for peace; Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones Be with those who are bereaved. Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace. Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour, And a passion for justice to prevail and a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace. Creator of all hear our prayer And bring us peace. Make us whole. Amen.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For ourselves for our keeping of Lent and Passiontide
- For our coming APCM and for discernment for those who might stand for election to the PCC.
- 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 April: Charlotte Reay, Lucy Traut, Abigail and Jasmine Porro.
- For all those who live and work in Risborough 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, Iris Brown, Jim Mundy.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Jill Cotterill, John Cox, John Marshall.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: Peter Brown, Philip Agnew, David Sherwood, Elsie Talion, Josephine Eldridge, Myra Ford, Peter Petter, Len Reynolds, Paul Hill, Joan Carpenter, Betty Smith, Irene Weller, Doris Simpson, 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, 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, Frank Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Hayward, John McLean.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 3'	^a April	2022:
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Sunday	Psalm 111	Romans 7.21-8.4	
Monday	Psalm 73	Exodus 8.1-19	Hebrews 11.17-31
Tuesday	Psalm 35	Exodus 8.20 – end	Hebrews 11.32-12.2
Wednesday	Psalm 55	Exodus 9.1-12	Hebrews 12.3-13
Thursday	Psalm 40	Exodus 9.13-end	Hebrews 12.14-end
Friday	Psalm 22	Exodus 10	Hebrews 13.1-16
Saturday	Psalm 23	Exodus 11	Hebrews 13.17-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 10th April, Palm Sunday, in church and on zoom

Read: OT: Shula Tajima, NT: Jean TDIntercede: Ruth SheppardWelcomers: Aaron and Laura

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by Jilly Bevitt, in memory of Roger, R.I.P.



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:

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)
Tuesday 5 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
	School in church all day
	8.00 – 9.00 pm: A Quiet Hour for Busy People – in church
Wednesday 6 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
	10.00 am, Holy Communion
	1.00 pm, Thanksgiving for the life of Jill Cotterill, RIP
Thursday 7 ^{tht}	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 8 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom, 5.00 pm Evening Prayer on zoom
	8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 9 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 10 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
	6.00 Sundays at Six, Taize service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox
	Green (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.

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 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, or come to the next meeting on Thursday 28th April at 7pm in church.

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.

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

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=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09 Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400 Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturdayhttps://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmlldU5Hdz09Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468Passcode: 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=L003Witra0E2RmExeEZiSjlJbS9zQT09

Meeting ID: 873 0339 3953

Passcode: 445440