



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week Commencing: 4<sup>th</sup> May

This Sunday we have an All Age Holy Communion service at 10am, to which all are welcome. Sundays at Six this week is a Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing at All Saints church, do come along to this gentle evening service.

### 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 Prayer

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.

### First Reading

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup>He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

*Acts 9. 1-6*

### Gospel Reading

<sup>1</sup>Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' <sup>19</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

*John 21. 1-19*

### **Sunday's Hymns:** (all on video)

P: Have you heard what happened to the son of God  
 G: O let the Son of God enfold you  
 O: Will you come and follow me  
 HC: All heaven declares  
       You laid aside your majesty  
 R: Lord of the Dance



### **Thought for the week:**

The beautiful story in this week's gospel happened in a real place. A place that some of us have been to and I have visited many times – my favourite place on earth. Beside the Sea of Galilee heart shaped stepping stones lead down now to the water's edge – a reminder of Jesus' questions to Peter. Once we were there in the early morning sun – before the rains came - in a mirror image of the story of Peter – I saw Jesus walking across the lake towards me, affirming my call to follow him. I, all of us, can only follow that call in love. And if we do, he will clothe us with his resurrection and with his way of being.

We need that way of being in the world today, and we model it here at St. Luke's as an inclusive church where we hold on to the love of Jesus who calls us all to be his friends and to love one another – regardless of difference and background.

How open are each of us to God's call? Where do we see him? What do we hear Jesus saying to each of us:

*'Do you love me?'                      'you know I love you'*  
*Then 'feed my sheep' and      'Follow me'.*

### ***Prayer suggestions for this week:***

- Our sisters and brothers in the Roman Catholic church, especially for those charged with electing a new Pope.
- That we may live as Easter people and bring hope to those around us.
- For all affected by the current global economic situation.
- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming interregnum.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For Bishop Mary Gregory, our new Bishop of Reading.
- 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 Mapleduram Walk
- For Pandora Thompson baptised last week
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in May: Tajus Ramanauskas, Amanda Simana, Jaxson Williams
- 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, Colette Baxter.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Rob MacDonald.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: Glyn Jackson, Michael Poynter, Edwina Richardson, Ivy Trillow, Brian Webb, Michael Curley, Joyce Turpie, Beryl Eaton.

### ***Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025:***

Sunday	Psalm 80. 1-8	Exodus 15. 1-2, 9-18	John 10. 1-19
Monday	Psalm 96	Deuteronomy 5. 1-22	Ephesians 1.1-14
Tuesday	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 5. 22 -end	Ephesians 1.15 -end
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 11<sup>th</sup> May Easter 3: Parish Communion**

Read: Gill Curry      Intercede: Shula      Chalice: James E      Sound: warden  
Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon, Kim      Coffee: Jenny and Lucy      Children: Rachel

### **Our church is floodlit at night.**

The flood lighting has not been sponsored this week

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

It is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.



### What's on.... This week:

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, Parish Communion 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, All Saints
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 7.30 pm, WAMCF Ladies Meeting
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 8.00pm, Bible Study
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 1.30 pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Church for under 5's 4.00 pm, Messy Church
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.45 am, Church Breakfast
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion 3.00pm, Baptism Anniversary Party

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

4 <sup>th</sup> May	Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, at All Saints
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Choral Sung Evensong, at St. Luke's
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Desert Island Hymns and Readings, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
13 <sup>th</sup> July	NB changed date Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

**Messy Church.** Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: **9<sup>th</sup> May**, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November

### Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Church breakfast, speaker Revd. Sally: My life and my faith
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Baptism anniversary party (help requested)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Not the Summer Fair day!
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	WAMCF dialogue
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Quiet Day, St. Michael's convent, Gerrards Cross
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Garden Party
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Revd. Sally's Thanksgiving service

### May Messy Church

We will be thinking about St. Thomas, the story of Jesus' resurrection, and what it is to have faith. Please note the CHANGE OF DATE – to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Sign up in the usual way through the office.

## Coming up...

**Bible Study:** a study of the book of Genesis, Wednesday evenings at 8pm in church, starting 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Church Breakfast:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 8.45 am in church. Revd Sally will talk about: My life and my faith. Tickets £5, available now.

**Baptism Anniversary service and tea party:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm. ALL are welcome and to come celebrate baptism. Just let the office know if you are coming so we can cater well.

**Not the Summer Fair Day:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. We are invited to make a financial offering to the church in lieu of the hard work of a summer fair!!

**Quiet day:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10 am – 3pm, St. Michael's convent, Gerrards Cross. £10pp. Bring your own lunch. Please sign up in church, we will arrange shared transport.

**WAMCF Dialogue:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, Thames Hospice – see flyer below.

**WAMCF Ladies meeting:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm, here. Speaker: Catherine Williams *Introducing Healthwatch - your local consumer champion for health and social care'*

**Garden Party:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm in the vicarage garden. Tickets £15 pp, to come.

## Quench Bookstall

We are delighted to be hosting a bookstall from Quench after the service **NEXT** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Do come along to browse and maybe purchase some Christian resources from our local Christian bookshop. There will be a selection of items including resources for Christening/ Baptism occasions. The shop is open Mon-Sat 10.30am-4.30pm, at Unit 11, Holme Grange Craft Village, Heathlands Rd, Wokingham RG40 3AW. [0118 977 6715](tel:01189776715)

If you wish to place an order or have a query, please go to the "contact" section and drop us a message.

Alternatively, you can buy books of *all* genres online, by clicking [here](#).

## Revd. Sally's final services..

Revd. Sally leaves the parish at the end of July. She would like the final Eucharist on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> to be a time for current church family and invites us to the vicarage garden for a bring and share picnic afterwards.

Everyone is warmly invited to a **Thanksgiving service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm in church**. This will be a simple service of Evening Prayer and will be followed by afternoon tea. A number of other guests will also be invited, recognising those wider links that Sally has developed during her time here. To assist with catering and places please book your place by signing up on the list in church.

## ... and the vacancy process...

- The vacancy start date is not triggered until at least Revd. Sally's formal retirement date (7<sup>th</sup> August).
- A number of people will support the parish and be involved in the process of appointment of a new vicar: Bishop Mary, the Archdeacon, Area Dean and Rhodri Bowen, our Area Parish Development Adviser. Rhodri joined us for our PCC planning morning recently.

- It will be important to make space for prayer and discernment, and to keep in touch with other 'agencies' such as our school and WAMCF.
- It may be 9-12 months before a new vicar is appointed. In this time the vicarage will likely be let for 6 months (this is an important source of diocesan income).
- The process starts with a meeting of the PCC with the Archdeacon called a Section 11 meeting. There are some legal things that must be done and most importantly the PCC elects two parish reps who will work with the diocesan officers on selecting a new vicar. Usually this is the churchwardens.
- It is really important that the reps and PCC listen to what all stakeholders have to say about where they feel God is leading the church for the future.
- After the Section 11 meeting and the listening, then the PCC (led by the wardens /reps) will draw up a Parish Profile which is a summary of the life and worship of the church and its wider parish. These days this is usually a powerpoint document that can be read online.
- When the Profile is ready the Archdeacon will hold a Section 12 meeting and invite the PCC, at which the Profile will be accepted and the advert and interview process will be agreed.

### **Our Regular activities:**

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025  
[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> May  
**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](mailto: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. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly.

**Please note that for 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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

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## WAMCF Spring Dialogue Thursday 15th May 2025

**What do you find most  
meaningful in your life?**

**Join us to explore this topic**

7pm – 8.30pm (followed by refreshments)  
Thames Hospice, Windsor Road,  
Maidenhead, SL6 2DN  
Free Admission



## Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service Oxfordshire

CHRIST CHURCH  
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17TH OF MAY, 2025 - 1PM

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS  
LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH  
OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE  
LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS  
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## Messy Church

St Luke's Church  
Norfolk Road  
Maidenhead  
SL6 7AX

**9th May** (NB changed date)  
**4.00-5.30pm**



## Thomas

[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) to book

Craft, worship, 2 course tea  
£2.00 per child

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## Church BREAKFAST

**Saturday 10th May 2025**

8.45 (doors open) – 10.30 am  
Tickets £5  
from the church office (M. 622733)  
or after services

**Speaker: Revd. Sally Lynch**



**'My life  
and my faith**