



St. Luke's Church Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 6th April, Passion Sunday

This Sunday we have a service of Parish Communion at 10am. Everyone is warmly invited to worship with us. At 6pm we are invited to All Saints church to follow the Stations of the Cross. We have our last Lent lunch at midday this Sunday, do join us. There will be an opportunity on Sunday to give a donation for those caught in the Myanmar earthquake.

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 Prayer

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

First Reading

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

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:

P: 585	All I once held dear
G: 806	There's a wideness in God's mercy
O: 145	It is a thing most wonderful
HC: 184	Were you there? (Choir only)
R: 147	My song is love unknown (omit *vv,4, 6)



Thought for the week:

The window next to the prayer candle area in our north aisle tells the story of Mary meeting the resurrected Jesus in a garden.

Around the window you can see images of the passionflower. As we move into Passiontide (the last, and holiest part of Lent) we are reminded of the immense suffering of Jesus. Over the next two weeks we will recall how the crowds who cheered him on Palm Sunday were baying for his death five days later, stirred up by the jealousy of the religious leaders of the day. We will hear again how he was abandoned by almost all his friends, betrayed into the hand of the soldiers by one of them, mocked, beaten and humiliated and finally put to death in the most barbaric way – suffocation on a cross.

In a whole variety of ways the art world helps us to just begin to grasp this utter devastation – through classical and contemporary art, music and sculpture. And the world of nature can help us to remember too, in a more subtle way.

The passionflower is said to symbolise the events of Jesus' passion. The purple flowers are the liturgical colour used in Lent, and the bloom's 10 petal-like parts represent Jesus' disciples (excluding deniers Peter and Judas), the five stamens signify Jesus' wounds, the knob-like stigmas suggest the nails, and the fringed ring resembles the crown of thorns. The fruit represents our world that Jesus saved when he sacrificed himself. This came to prominence in Victorian times, when our church was built, hence its inclusion in the window.

You may like to spend some time looking at the window and reflecting on what it says to you of Jesus' love, focussing on both his passion – and resurrection.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our own keeping of Passiontide, and growth in personal and corporate faith.
- For all those impacted by the earthquake in Myanmar.
- 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 Lynton Green
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in April: Abigail Porro, Jazmin Porro, Iris Bithell, Albert Bithell
- 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 Hincliffe, Paul Bader.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Albert Topham, Mary Clark.

- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: Peter Brown, Philip Agnew, Peter Petter, Roy Howton, Helen Poynter, Roger Bevitt, 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, Francis Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Haywood, John McLean, Barbara Lewis, Eileen Daniel, Janet Whitlock.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 6th April 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 111	Isaiah 35	Romans 7.21 – 8.4
Monday	Psalm 73	Jeremiah 21. 1-10	John 11. 28-44
Tuesday	Psalm 35	Jeremiah 22. 1-5, 13-19	John 11.45 -end
Wednesday	Psalm 55	Jeremiah 22. 20 -23.8	John 12. 1-11
Thursday	Psalm 40	Jeremiah 23. 9 -32	John 12. 12-19
Friday	Psalm 22	Jeremiah 24	John 12. 20 -36a
Saturday	Psalm 23	Jeremiah 25. 1-14	John 12. 36b-end

Rotas for next week

Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday: Parish Communion

Read: Isobel Davies Intercede: n/a Chalice: Ben D Sound: warden
 Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon, Lucy Coffee: Jenny, Lucy Children: Ruth

Our church is floodlit at night.

The flood lighting has been sponsored this week by Kath Davies:

In memory of my husband Phil. Always loved, never forgotten



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 6 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion 6.00pm, Sundays at Six: Stations of the Cross, at All Saints Church
Tuesday 8 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom
Wednesday 9 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 11.00 am, Lent course
Thursday 10 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 1.30 pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 11 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Church for under 5's (Pram service)
Saturday 12 th	9.00 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Church care and cleaning morning
Sunday 13 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion- Palm Sunday 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Taize, Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

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: 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

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.

EASTER FLOWERS... Fiona and 'her' team will be decorating the church for Easter, if you would like to join them do speak to Fiona - all are very welcome (of all ages). Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers and lilies are now invited. Please give your cash donations directly to Fiona, or to Bev or Ben, in an envelope labelled 'Easter flowers'. If you prefer to give by card please note 'flowers' on the machine before making the payment. Thank you very much.

You may wish to give to the flowers in memory of loved ones. There is a sheet at the back of church on which you are invited to write their names (last year's list – please tick or cross out or add names). These will be displayed in church as usual at Easter

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)

April

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

From the recent PCC meeting:

A summary if the key points raised at the meeting on 18th March:

- Officers were elected:
 - o Vice Chair - Clare Price
 - o Treasurer – Bev Botting
 - o Secretary – Smita Bora (not a PCC member)
 - o Chair of Fabric – Ralph Hinchliffe
 - o Health and Safety Officer – Ralph Hinchliffe
 - o Parish Safeguarding Officer – Barbara Essam (not a PCC member)

- Electoral Roll Officer – Ruth (ie Parish Administrator)
- Net Zero Cttee Chair - Clare Price
- Standing cttee reps: Kim Rumble and Ralph Hinchliffe
- The DAC had given approval for the proposed faculty application for the resin-bound gravel path. The faculty notice is now on the public PCC noticeboard for 28 days (starting 12th March) and advice about whether LA planning permission is required is being sought.
- Concern for finance has been added to our Mission Action Plan.
- The replacement of the carpet in the chapel (for which we have donated funding) was approved.
- The three main charities for the year were agreed:
 - Baby Bank as this year's local charity with Fiona Leonard as champion.
 - Christians Against Poverty as this year's national charity with James Ellins as champion
 - Embrace the Middle East as this year's international charity with Barbara Essam as champion
- We are paying parish share in full (a little lower this year than last) but expenditure still exceeds income and this must be addressed.
- With no one standing to fill the vacant one-year place on Deanery Synod, the churchwardens would attend this year along with the two other reps. (particularly in Revd. Sally's absence).
- The procedure for the vacancy was outlined (details to come in the weekly sheet after Easter). The Area Parish Development Officer (Rhodri Bowen) would join the PCC planning morning on 26th April.
- All church and non church activities were authorised for the Safeguarding Hub.
- Two policies were reviewed and approved: Safeguarding, Children and Holy Communion.
- The SIAMS inspection had taken place at St. Luke's school with a very favourable outcome (church school inspection); Jamie Harle had become a governor there.
- It is hoped that Bishop Mary will speak at the next Deanery Synod in May.

Coming up after Easter...

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

Church Breakfast: Saturday 10th May, 8.45 am in church. Revd Sally will talk about: My life and my faith. Tickets £5, available soon.

Baptism Anniversary service and party: Sunday 11th May, 3pm

Not the Summer Fair Day: Sunday 11th May.

Quiet day: Saturday 17th May, venue TBC.

WAMCF Dialogue: Thursday 15th May, 7pm, Thames Hospice – see flyer below.

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

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

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=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>

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Churches Together in Maidenhead Walk of Witness



Good Friday 18th April 2025

Start: 11.00am Providence Place (outside Sainsbury's)

Finish: High Street Methodist Church with tea and hot cross buns



Procession with hymns, readings and prayers along the High Street. This event will be BSL interpreted for deaf people.

**Please come and join us
in this united act of Christian
witness**



**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

