



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 6th February 2022 Fourth Sunday before Lent, All Age Holy Communion

This Sunday we have an All Age service of Holy Communion at 10 am. We warmly invite families with young children to sit in the main body of the church at the front – on the comfy red chairs and small children's chairs that we will put out. Then you can see well what is happening and be a full part of the service.

We are leading Sundays at Six this week on zoom with Night Prayer on the usual link.

Although national restrictions are lifted we are encouraging folk to wear face coverings when moving around in church and particularly when singing. It is good to look out for and protect each other. To that end we will continue to anti-bac after services and if anyone would like to join that small team please speak to Sally S, a churchwarden, or Revd Sally.

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 order for each day of the week.

Thought for the week:

'You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore'

I love Luke's account of the call of Jesus' disciples. Simon and his fishermen friends were tired, fed up with having caught nothing and washing their nets ready to rest after a long, fruitless, night's work. Perhaps they had heard of Jesus before – they certainly couldn't avoid him that day as the noisy crowds jostled with each other to hear his teaching- and get a good view of the new teacher.

I wonder how Simon felt when Jesus commandeered his boat and used it as a watery pulpit – from which he could be seen and heard by the whole crowd.

Maybe Jesus was seek to repay Simon's floating

hospitality by providing for the great catch of fish that he made when he did as Jesus asked. He could, of course sell them. But perhaps that was the last haul of fish that Simon and co sold for a while – Luke tells us that Simon and his friends followed Jesus from that day on – catching people – helping people to hear Jesus and to know God better.

Simon and his friends had the courage to listen to Jesus, to put out into the deep, and to trust his judgement. It changed their lives for ever.

Do we trust Jesus, whatever he asks of us?



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 6th February 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 3, 4	Acts 3. 1-10	
Monday	Psalm 30	Leviticus 19. 1-18, 30-end	1 Timothy 1.1-17
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Leviticus 23.1-22	1 Timothy 18-end of 2
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Leviticus 23.23-end	1 Timothy 3
Thursday	Psalm 37*	Leviticus 24.1-9	1 Timothy 4
Friday	Psalm 31	Leviticus 25.1-24	1 Timothy 5.1-16
Saturday	Psalm 23	Numbers 6.1-5, 21-end	1 Timothy 5.17- end

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For ourselves – for the courage to trust Jesus with our whole lives
- For our national and church leaders
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For all children, especially those in need, and for the work of the Children’s Society and for our work with children through Messy Church and Baby and Toddler group.
- For those who are ‘feeling their age’.
- For wisdom for those making decisions about covid restrictions and for a kindness which keeps each other safe.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in February: Isaac Smalley, Elsie-Rae Jarnak,
- For all those who live and work in Ray Mead Road East.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Eunice Moffett, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Ann Darracott, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Lissa Jane, Barbara Stevens.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Beryl Horsham, Edward Dobson, Peter Sharp, Valerie Merkel, Robert Crick, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macauley Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, Rodgers Murwisi, Peter Curtis, Joan Bartholomew, Harvey Lovegrove, Stanley Swansborough, Christine Dawson.

Rotas for next week: 13th February, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Malcolm Moulton

Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Welcomers: Mike, Sue and Ralph

Antibac: Sally S

Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by
Jeanette Lock, in memory of Stephen*



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email the parish office: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

What’s on...

This week:

- Friday 4th
- 8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 - 4.00 pm, Messy Church (No Evening Prayer)
 - 8.00 pm, Choir practice
- Saturday 5th
- 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom

Sunday 6 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, on zoom
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
Thursday 10 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 2.00 pm, Teas, in the community hall 8.99 pm, Church Zoom Quiz
Friday 11 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 12 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 13 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Church Quiz James Ellins has kindly prepared another church quiz for us. all are warmly invited to take part in teams, pairs or solo – zoom in on Thursday 10th February at 8pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89365008970?pwd=bHJJQ1JTBVJjVWxNY2xXR2RPYTRKUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 6500 8970

Passcode: 077018

World Day of :Prayer: This year's World Day of Prayer service is on Friday 4th March at 2pm at St Joseph's Church. The theme this year is 'I know the plans I have for you', prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Historically Scotland does its own. It will be another 100 years before the British Isles can do it again so this year is really special and we would love as many to come as possible. Tea will be served after the service. Any enquiries to Gill Curry or Ruth Sheppard.

The WAMCF 'Joy of Movement' programme is running again in the Spring. This will be six on-line sessions at 6pm -7pm every Tuesday from 1st February to 8th March 2022. The tutor will again be Anisha Gangotra. These sessions are free to members of our faith communities. To join, email samuelsberks@aol.com for the link.

Inspire: the next edition of Inspire will be coming out in the Spring. Ruth would love to receive articles now (of any sort – Christmas reviews, photos, poems, reflections etc). Please email them to the office. Thank you for those that have come in – keep them coming!!

Maidenhead Festival is back this year on 23rd and 24th July. We are considering whether we should apply to have a stall on the Saturday in Kidwells park. If you have any thoughts on this and what we might do to show God's love in this place please have a word with ministry team.

Lent course: Come and See

Lent is still four weeks away, but this is advance notice of our Lent course. We will use the diocesan resource: Come and See, which this year focuses on The Lord's Prayer, and is open to anyone.

There will be five sessions, on Wednesdays (11 am, in person only, in church) and Thursdays (7.30 pm, on zoom only).

You may like to read the introduction below:



Read John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

What's going on in this passage from John's gospel?

Well, first we see that John spots Jesus, and points him out. He points him out in a way which intrigues those who are with him. They become curious, and walk behind Jesus, perhaps looking nonchalant, perhaps not really wanting to be seen, until Jesus turns round and asks them a direct question – what are you looking for? Not who are you looking for. What.

They seem caught off guard. Perhaps they haven't really thought about what they are looking for. So they reply with another question Rabbi, where are you staying? They don't want Jesus to disappear; they want to be able to find him when they feel ready.

And what they get is a direct invitation, Come and See. The rest, as they say, is history. Today more than 1/3 of the world's population, about 2.1 billion people are Christians. It all started here. And this is how it continues.

We know that 1 in 5 of our online congregations were not regular worshippers before COVID. What were they looking for when they dipped into, or joined online congregations during lockdown? Where have they gone?

All around us, people are searching for meaning, and their search can take many forms, some try meditation; many try religion in different forms. And a good number tried our online congregations, or hovered around the fringes of our church communities for some time.

Jesus says, come and see, come and explore, let me help you to understand how all this fits together. There was nothing coercive about the way he engaged with them - only a gentle, gracious invitation to come and see, to hang out and find out more.

This invitation connects with some kind of desire, some kind of unmet need, a sense of longing. We need to encourage and equip all of God's people to notice what God is up to and who with. So...why not come and see? You can register to find out more here: oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

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 (or just come at 10.30 for 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 4th February. 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 17th February.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10th February.

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 February.

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

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing *6 (star six)

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
Needs a new link!

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them