



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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**Week commencing: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**First Sunday of Lent, All Age Holy Communion**

This Sunday we have an All Age Holy Communion service at 10 am in church and on zoom. We warmly invite people of all ages to join us as we begin the journey through Lent together.

On Sunday evening, Sundays at Six will be a Eucharist for St. David's Day (a few days late!) in person at All Saints church. All welcome.

**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 Lent order or service on the App or in the red book.

## **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in  
so may we know your power to save;  
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. Amen.

## **Post Communion**

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

Moses spoke to the people, saying: 1When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, 7we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk

and honey. 10So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. 11Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. *Deuteronomy 26. 1-11*

### **A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans**

8What does scripture say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'  
*Romans 10. 8b -13*

### **The Gospel reading**

21Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' 4Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' 5Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' 8Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' 9Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and 'so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. *Luke 4. 1-13*

### **Sunday's Hymns:**

95 Forty days and nights

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you

96 Jesu lover of my soul

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.*

*I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.  
You will never sink beneath the waves.

*Do not be afraid...*

When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.  
*Do not be afraid...*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.

*Do not be afraid...*

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes. *Do not..*

Do not be afraid...  
You are mine, O my child;  
I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Do not be afraid...*

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

What was it like in the desert? How did Jesus cope? Did he really see a man in red with a pointy tail? Can anyone (even God) survive for 40 days with no water?

There are so many questions to ask about the story of Jesus' temptations. Some we can answer... it was not a sandy desert but hot rocks, steep slopes and deep ravines with caves to shelter in... other questions we will never answer – what *actually* happened?

What happened to Jesus in the desert before he began his ministry was incredibly intense, very personal and beyond our grasp.

However, we certainly can grasp the concepts of temptation and of testing. We know that if we are going to undertake a task or role well then we need to prepare and be as ready as we can, having thought through all the possible pitfalls and how we will 'be' in the role. We know how easy it is to get sidetracked and diverted from our intent.

Perhaps we know more about what happened in the desert than we might have thought.

Lent is a time to re-focus, to face head-on the challenges that we encounter as we seek to follow Jesus – and by his amazing grace to grow closer to him – more Christ- like, perhaps even more contemplative, more courageous and more compassionate towards a world that so desperately needs love in every way.



### **Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022:**

Sunday	Psalm 50. 1-151	Luke 5.27-end	
Monday	Psalm 98	Genesis 41.25-45	Galatians 3.23-4.7
Tuesday	Psalm 44	Genesis 41.46-42.5	Galatians 4.8-20
Wednesday	Psalm 6	Genesis 42.6-17	Galatians 4.21-5.1
Thursday	Psalm 42	Genesis 42.18-28	Galatians 5.2-15
Friday	Psalm 22	Genesis 42. 29-end	Galatians 5.16-end
Saturday	Psalm 63	Genesis 43.1-15	Galatians 6

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

- For ourselves – for our preparations for Lent and for self discipline during Lent
- 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 March: Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash, Faith Porro.
- For all those who live and work in Ray Park Avenue.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela Rivers, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Lissa Jane.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Walter Horwood, Oliver, Barbara Stevens
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Sandy Raffan, Brian King, Ernest Gammon, Arthur Harris, Audrey Eggleton, Rex Hugo, Victor Garraway, Anna Meredith, Dora Newcombe, Margery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Anthony Wright, Lillian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Beryl Bintcliffe, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis, Susan Robinson.

## Rotas for next week:

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Richard Burdett

Intercede: Jeanette Lock

Welcomers: Mike, Laura and Aaron

**Please do check the rotas each week and let Revd. Sally know if you are unable to read or intercede, and the duty warden know if you cannot welcome or anti bac. Thank you.**

### Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by Richard & Ann Burdett to celebrate the baptism this Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March of Arthur Vincent Burdett at St John's Church, Woodley*



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

There are lots of available weeks now to fill.

## What's on...

### This week:

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 2.00 pm, World Day of Prayer service, at St. Joseph's church 4.00 pm, Messy Church NB: No Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Intercessors meeting, in church
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Eucharist for St. David at All Saints
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30 pm, Holy Communion in church (for all) 8.00 pm, PCC meeting
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 11.00 am, Lent course, in church (coffee from 10.30 am) 2.00 pm Funeral of Barbara Stevens at Slough crematorium, followed by 3.00 pm, service in church and tea
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 2.00 pm, Teas, in the community hall 7.30 pm, Lent course, on Zoom
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Music Team Meeting
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**Moving on from covid:** as covid numbers ease a little and all national restrictions are lifted, we plan to slowly relax our own precautions. So... from 13<sup>th</sup> March (next week)

- Coffee after church will be re-introduced every now and then – starting with next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. We would encourage those who wish to stay to avoid crowding around the servery and to space out / be seated but do enjoy chatting with each other.
- Anti baccing after services will now cease.
- Pews will return to each row being used, which will mean that...
- .. we will receive communion (host only still) from the dais. We will invite folk to walk up the centre in one or two lines to receive standing at the centre / either side and return to seats via the side aisles. The choir will continue to receive in situ.
- Face coverings will remain optional and are strongly advised when singing.
- The Offertory plate will be placed more centrally and blessed (though not yet brought up)

**Barbara Stevens, RIP.** We were all saddened to hear of the passing of 100 year old Barbara. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at Slough crematorium, followed by a Thanksgiving service here in church at 3pm. All welcome to give thanks for this very special lady.

**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 close on 19<sup>th</sup> March and then be published (names only) in church before the APCM on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Lent, Holy Week and Easter.** A reminder that our Lent course, Come and See, starts next week – see below. Details of Holy week and Easter services to come.

### **Lent course: Come and See**

This year 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). Starting 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> June. We will have a first planning team meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, probably in church, at 7pm. Anyone who would like to be involved in this event is warmly invited come along.

**Holy Land pilgrimage.** Revd Sally will be leading another pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 13<sup>th</sup> -m 22<sup>nd</sup> September this year. There are flyers at the back of church. Sally would be pleased to give you more information if you wish.

**Meet Anne Atkins:** Come and argue with Anne Atkins about her novels, BBC broadcasts and controversial views. Her talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to her in person. There is no charge, but it is important you let us know if you are coming, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office:

[admin@maidshul.org](mailto:admin@maidshul.org)

### **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. We meet in church.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. The next is 4<sup>th</sup> March, then 1<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. The next is 24<sup>th</sup> 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=MTFhKkZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

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

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, monthly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87303393953?pwd=L003Witra0E2RmExeEZiSjJbS9zQT09>

Meeting ID: 873 0339 3953

Passcode: 445440