



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 8th May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter /Easter 3

This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday, - after the gospel reading. This week our 10 am Parish Communion service is an **All Age Communion** service. We also have a said service of Holy Communion **at 8.00 am**. Sundays at Six is here this week and is an international **Taize** service. If you have not tried these simple, reflective Taize services why not come along. Morning Prayer continues on Zoom, Tuesday through Saturday.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life
and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

36In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' 39So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. *Acts 9. 36-end*

The Gospel Reading

22At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30The Father and I are one.' *John 10. 22-30*

Sunday's Hymns:

467 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
589 (i) The king of love my shepherd is
622 Will you come and follow me



Thought for the week:

I am a digitabulist. That means that I collect thimbles. I have around 600 of them – but I confess that I can't actually use one when I sew!

It was my great aunt who started me on this hobby collection - she had been a sewing teacher and I inherited her collection of ten or so thimbles – including a very worn silver one like the one in this picture. Look carefully and you can see that the word 'Dorcas' is etched on it – as it is on many metal thimbles.

They take their name from the woman named Dorcas in Sunday's reading from Acts. Dorcas is not so much a sewing teacher as a prolific seamstress. She also undertook to care for the people around her and was much loved so that, as we read in the story, when she died, they sent for Peter. With prayer and the Holy Spirit, she was restored to life - and to her acts of service and sewing. Dorcas was great as sewing and at caring. What are our talents, and how might God be calling us to use them in His service right now?

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For ourselves – for our keeping of Eastertide
- For our Jubilee Street Party, and for our Queen as she celebrates 70 years of service
- For our new PCC and church officers
- 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 May: Travis Romero.
- For all those who live and work in School Lane.
- 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, Naila Watanabe, Maama Agnes (Uganda), Valerie Bosley.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Eileen Sopp.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: Glyn Jackson, Alicia Teare, Geoffrey Hutson, Terence Comley, Ronald Birch, Gerald Gunner, John Wells, Kathleen Heskith, Bernard (Vic) Kellerman, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, Michael Poynter, Helen Bailey, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Edwina Richardson, Priscilla Evans, David Trinkwon, Ivy Trillow, Brian Webb, Michael Curley.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 8th May 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 146	Luke 7.11-23	
Monday	Psalm 103	Exodus 32.1-14	Luke 2.41-end
Tuesday	Psalm 139	Exodus 32.15-34	Luke 3.1-14
Wednesday	Psalm 135	Exodus 33	Luke 3.15-22
Thursday	Psalm 118	Exodus 34.1-10, 27-end	Luke 4.1-13
Friday	Psalm 33	Exodus 35.20 -36.7	Luke 4.14-30
Saturday (St. Matthias)	Psalm 16	1 Samuel 2.27-35	Acts 2.37-end

Rotas for next week: Sunday 15th May, Easter 3, in church and on zoom

Read: Barbara Essam Intercede: Terrie Robinson

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Aaron and Laura Coffee: TBC

Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored
by Susan Wilson*

In loving memory of Edwina Richardson, who passed away on 14th May 2017



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 6 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom, 4.00 pm Messy Church
Saturday 7 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30 pm: Choral Society concert, in church
Sunday 8 th May	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, All Age Communion , in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, International Taize service, in person and zoomed, here.
Tuesday 10 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 11 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion
Thursday 12 th	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) 7.00 pm, Street Party planning meeting (church)
Friday 13 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom, 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 14 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 15 th May	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom: Focus: Resilient Hope

We have a new PCC and some new officers. Please pray for them all as they lead our church.

Ex-Officio: Reverend Sally Lynch, Incumbent (Chair) Reverend Phyllis Sopp, Curate

Jacqueline Lewis, Churchwarden (Vice Chair) Clare Price, Churchwarden

Elected as Synod reps until 2023: Richard Burdett, Ian Gilchrist, Ruth Sheppard

Elected Members: Adam Went, Aaron Wilson, Jeanette Lock, Kim Rumble, Sally Somerville, Simon Bader, Barbara Essam, Anne Child.

Officers:

Secretary: Jeanette Lock

Interim treasurer: Dave Sopp

Health & Safety Rep: Simon Bader

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Barbara Essam

Electoral Roll: Parish Office

Chair of Fabric: Aaron Wilson

Also, our Assistant Churchwardens are: Aaron Wilson and Rachel Beaumont

The PCC is holding a **planning morning on Saturday 21st May** from 9.30 am (Morning Prayer at 9.00 am) till 12.30 pm. ANYONE else who would like to come along is more than welcome.

Thank you to those who have offered help with our **Jubilee Street Party** on Sunday 5th June (party 1-3pm). Do RSVP to join the party and you are welcome to come to the planning meetings on Tuesday 11th May and Wednesday 25th May at 7pm in church.

There is a Summer fund raiser in the church calendar for 18th June but given that we have the street party two weeks earlier we will postpone this until the later summer.

WAMCF Ladies meet on Monday 30th May at 7.30 pm, at Cookham Rise Methodist church. Our theme is Faith and Food, do come prepared to talk about food associated with your own faith and even better bring recipes and food samples to share!

The WAMCF Joy of movement sessions will run again from Tuesday 24th May – Tuesday 28th June. Free and online. See www.wamcf.org.uk to register.

The last few **Sundays at Six** services for this term are:

8th May, St. Luke's, Taize (in person and zoomed)

22nd May, All Saints, Evensong & Benediction (in person)

12th June, All Saints, Evensong & Benediction (in person)

26th June, St. Luke's, Night Prayer (zoom only)

10th July, ChoGS, Prayer Walk – time and location to be notified

Chair covering: you may have noticed that the old upholstered chairs in the fellowship area are slowly being re-covered, thanks to Sally Somerville. It would be wonderful to have a few Docases (see thought for the week!) to help – either at home or with a drink together in church. Please speak to Sally or Revd Sally if you think you could help – thank you.

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.

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 10th June. 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 26th May (NB fourth week not third).

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 12th May.

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 19th May (NB swapped week).

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, mix of zoom and in-church services.

Please note that for all 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>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142

Sundays at Six:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRGdRejJUa0pQOTBJz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852

Passcode: 936128

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4th Thursday, monthly

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

Meeting ID: 873 0339 3953

Passcode: 445440