



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 9th February, Fourth Sunday before Lent

This Sunday we have a service of Holy Communion at 8am and Parish Communion at 10am. Everyone is very warmly invited to worship with us.

The Collect

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy
receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

¹I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

Gospel Reading

¹While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the

boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Luke 5. 1-11

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
 G: 594 Be still my soul
 O: 494 I the Lord of sea and sky
 HC: 135 Take up thy cross
 R: 588 And can it be



Thought for the week:

In this week's gospel reading Jesus calls his first followers (in Luke's account) and they are stunned by the miracle known as 'the great catch of fish'. This story links both miracle and parable – the net in the story standing for the church and those many and varied fish representing the diversity of followers of Jesus who make up the church. In many ways, the church, the kingdom of God is as simple as that – just like the net that Simon and his friends caught fish with before they followed Jesus and 'caught people'.

At All Saints tide we weaved our church into a net, a tapestry, as we each took a ribbon and wove them together – the tapestry is still on the cupboards at the back of church.

I wonder who else we might weave into our net? Perhaps those people around us, at work, in our families, in our parish, whom we'd love to know Jesus.

And, of course, they can get to know Jesus and be part of our net, our tapestry ... if we tell them about him, and God's love for us all. Sometimes we have to take a risk to do that, even if we might get our feet metaphorically wet – or a bit damp. In the gospel account, Peter tried to wriggle out of becoming Jesus' follower, 'I'm sinful, imperfect, not good enough', he said. Jesus knew that. We are all like that and Jesus works with and through our imperfections.

I wonder, what is God calling us to as church? Are we being called to move away from the security of the boat or the shore? Are we being called to put out into the deep to share God's love with the people right around us? and if so, how?

These two simple prayers may be helpful:

Here we are, Lord,
 with our gifts and our gaps,
 our successes and our failures,
 our enthusiasm and our doubts,
 our passion and our unworthiness.
 Help us to hear your call
 and to have the courage to say,
 'Here I am, send me.' Amem.

Lord of the deep,
 be with us when we feel out of our depth.
 Lord of the waves,
 send us where we are most needed.
 Lord of the shore,
 bring us safely home. Amen.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our preparations for our APCM
- For Revd. Phyl and Dave as they prepare to move to Harrogate
- For those affected by plane crashes in the USA
- For the new president and the people of the USA.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Revd. Canon Mary Gregory, as she prepares to become Bishop of Reading (and the Revd Canon Dave Bull who will be the Bishop of Buckingham).
- That the ceasefire between Israel and Palestine might hold and further hostages and prisoners be released.
- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For all those who live and work in Killarney Drive
- For Isabel Nixon, Keeon Obianwu and Cole Brooks who were all baptised in December
- For Madison Dixon baptised here last week
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in February: Harry Ford, Oscar Ford, Zara Mean, Lucy Walwyn Salisbury, Harriet Walwyn Salisbury, Daniel Hulse
- 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.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Pauline Norris, Jean Meadows.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Daphne Lewis, Edward Dobson, Robert Crick, Peter Sharp, Valerie Merkel, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macaulay Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, Rodgers Murwisi, Peter Curtis, Joan Bartholomew, Harvey Lovegrove, Stanley Swansborough, Christine Dawson, Walter Horwood, Judy Galvin, Oliver Mercer, Barbara Stevens, Douglas Thomson, Julienne Grobler, Leslie Timmins, Beryl Sankey

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 9th February 2025:

Sunday	Psalm 3, 4	Jeremiah 26. 1-16	Acts 3. 1-10
Monday	Psalm 30	Joel 1. 1-14	John 15. 1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Joel 1. 15-end	John 15. 12-17
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Joel 2. 1-17	John 15. 18-end
Thursday	Psalm 37	Joel 2. 18-27	John 16. 1-15
Friday	Psalm 31	Joel 2. 28-end	John 16. 16-22
Saturday	Psalm 42	Joel 3. 1-3, 9 - end	John 16. 23-end

Rotas for next week

Sunday 16th February: Parish Communion

Read: Sue Turner Intercede: Ruth Sheppard Chalice: Ministry Team Sound: Dave
Welcomers: Rachel, Helen and Carl Coffee: Jenny and Beryl

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Jeanette Lock

In loving memory of my husband Stephen.



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. There are lots of weeks available.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 9 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion
Tuesday 11 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 7.45 pm, Standing Committee (vicarage)
Wednesday 12 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00 am, Holy Communion 7.30 pm, Christian Enquirers course (vicarage)
Thursday 13 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 1.30 pm, Thursday Teas
Friday 14 th	8.30 am, Morning prayer on zoom 11.00 am, Pram Service 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 15 th	8.45 am, Church Breakfast
Sunday 16 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion 1.0 pm, Parish Lunch 6.00 om, Sundays at Six: Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints

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

16 th Feb	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
2 nd Mar	Eucharist for St. David, at All Saints
16 th Mar	Iona service with reflection, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
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 Jly	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island

Messy Church. Messy Church dates for 2025 are as follows: 7th February, 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 28th November

Church Breakfast: the first breakfast of 2025 will be held on Saturday 15th February from 8.45 (doors open) to about 10.30 am. We are delighted that Mrs Sam Stevenson, Headteacher of our Primary School will speak (and answer questions) about: St. Luke's School today. Tickets at £5 pp are now available after services or from the Office. Includes a hearty breakfast! All welcome.



Church displays & decorations

You are warmly invited to join us at the next meeting of the 'flower-power' team, to help plan our displays and decorations for the coming year.

Date: 9 March

Time: 11.30 (after service, before Lent lunch)

All are welcome – no previous experience needed.



Rev. Phyl and Dave Sopp

Phyl and Dave's last Sunday with us will be 16th February.

There is still a little time, if you would like to contribute to a church gift for them Please give cash/ cheque in an envelope marked Phyl and Dave gift to Jacqueline, Clare or Bev, or indicate the same on the card reader (use the 'message' action on the new reader).

On Sunday 16th February we will have a parish lunch at which we can share memories and thanks with Phyl and Dave. This will be a formal two course meal, from 1pm (with a vegetarian option available). Please sign up in church or via the office if you would like to attend so that we can cater and lay sufficient places. Guests will also be invited.

There is no charge for the meal, but if you would like to make a financial contribution to the cost please do so in the same way as the gift, labelling it 'lunch contribution'.

Not the Alpha course! - Christian Enquirers

Rather than run an Alpha course this year we have decided to run a shorter course for those wanting to know more about the Christian faith. It will run from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on Wednesday evenings, in the vicarage, started 5th February, last session 19th March (week off for Ash Wednesday).

It will cover: God as Father, Jesus, Trinity / Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer, and Church and sacraments. Coffee and biscuits and a chance to explore the basics of Christian belief.

Please sign up via an email to office or in church. Do tell others about this opportunity.

And also... Taking it Further...

A day for those who attended Alpha or who would simply like to explore more about Christianity and living as a disciple of Jesus. Saturday 8th March, 10 am – 3pm (with lunch) in church. Please sign up via the office or in church.

Spring and Summer Recital series

We are planning a short series of recitals by young people at various times this year. Admission will either be free, with a retiring collection and refreshments to purchase, or by prior bought ticket if numbers are needed for catering. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Booked so far:

Friday 28th March, pupils from Queen Anne's School, Caversham, 12.15 pm recital, lunch available to purchase from 1pm.

Sunday 6th April, Andrew Gallacher on piano , following the last Lent Lunch (lunch donations to Christian Aid, recital to church)

More to come...

Zoom Protocol

At the PCC meeting this week a protocol was agreed for those using Zoom through church. This is to ensure safe use for all. A copy is attached. Please do read it.

World Day of Prayer

This year the service takes place on Friday 7th March at St Marks Crescent Methodist Church at 2pm. It has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands as they celebrate 200 years of Christianity in the group of 15 islands in the Pacific Ocean. The theme is 'I made you wonderful' and is based on the words of Psalm 139. They invite us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care.

All are warmly invited to attend this beautiful service with its uplifting message. The women have prepared it but men are welcome too! Tea will be served after the service.

We now have three St Luke's members on the committee as Gill Curry and I are pleased to welcome Smita Bora to join us. Further details from any of us or from the poster at the back of the church.

Ruth Sheppard

New Bishop of Reading: The Bishop-Designate Mary Gregory's Service of Welcome is planned for Sunday 2nd March at 3pm in Reading Minster. Please save this date in your diaries.

More details to follow. This is also an open public service, all are welcome.

Lent 2025 – Come and See

We will be using this diocesan course for our Lent course this year. You can join in a group on Wednesday mornings or receive daily emails yourself (or both). We will use the videos on Sundays. See more here:

Come and See

Over the next few weeks we want to offer a warm, open welcome to everybody across the diocese to explore the Christian faith, or to look again at the foundations of your faith.

This year, Come and See looks at what it means to be human, exploring our baptism through the beautiful pictures of earth, water, wind and fire. Bishop Steven invites you to join us for this year's Lent journey [in a special video](#).



What is Come and See?

Now in its fifth year, Come and See is a daily Lent course, joined by people in every corner of the diocese. Register below and we'll send you a short email to read/listen to each day, Monday to Saturday, in Lent. Each Sunday you'll receive a short video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail.

Who's it for?

Come and See is for everyone, whether you're exploring these themes for the first or 50th time. It's great to do alone or in a small group – or a bit of both!

How do I get involved?

Sign up for the Come and See emails using one of the buttons below. You'll then receive daily emails starting on Ash Wednesday, 5 March.

Come and See is completely free and all are welcome. Sign up: [Sign up for Come and See 2025](#)

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 7th February 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 14th Feb.

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. Next is 27th February.

Church Calendar for the Spring (apart from regular activities)

February

Saturday 15 th , 8.45 am	Church breakfast
Sunday 16 th , 1pm	Church lunch to say farewell to Revd. Phyl and Dave Sopp
Thursday 27 th ,	Consecration of the Bishop of Reading (details to come)

March

Sunday 2 nd ,	11.15 am (ish) Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 5 th	Ash Wednesday: 10 am and 8 pm services of Holy Communion with Ashing
Sundays 9 th , 23 rd	Lent lunches
Wednesday 12 th	11.00 am, Lent course starts (5 weeks)
Friday 28 th	12.15 pm Recital and lunch
Sunday 30 th , 10 am	Mothering Sunday service (Word)

April

Tuesday 1 st , 11 am	School service
Sunday 6 th	Last Lent lunch, Recital
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

Please note that for Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVjNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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