



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 10th March, Mothering Sunday

This week we have an 8.00am Holy Communion service (the only service of holy communion this day) and a 10.00am All Age Mothering Sunday Word service. All are warmly invited to worship. At our Mothering Sunday service there will be flowers for children to give to their mothers.

The Collect

God of compassion
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross
drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal:
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord....

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in the sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.' *Exodus.2.1-10*

Gospel Reading

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. *John 19. 25b-27*

Sunday's Hymns:

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| 365 | Let us build a house |
| 604 | Brother, sister, let me serve you |
| 747 | O God, you search me and you know me |
| 731 | Lord of all hopefulness |
| 656 | He's got the whole world in his hands |

Thought for the week:

Mothering Sunday is always a bittersweet day. For those who keep Lent strictly it is a day off from our Lenten fast – you can enjoy your favourite tippie or snack. For children (of all ages) it is a time to show mums just how much they care and appreciate the love given, often sacrificially, to them.

But it is also a day of sorrow for those who have lost children or mothers, who are unable to have children, or for whom parents did not offer the best start in life.

It is a day of love, and of loss.

One of my favourite images at this time is that of the pieta – the image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, holding the body of her dead son as he was taken down from the cross. She was there at his birth and at his death - constant, faithful, gentle, loving through the pain that old Simeon had warned her of when Jesus was just 40 days old – a tiny babe in her arms in the Temple.

I bought the pieta here in Israel last time we were there. It is made of olive wood, smooth to the touch and evocatively faceless. It could be any woman holding her beloved child. You may like to spend some time reflecting on what it says to you.

To me, I am reminded that Mary knows our pains – as well as our joys – and can bring them to God for us in prayer.



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Thanksgiving for all those who have been parents to jus.
- For mothers the world over:
 - those who have healthy and happy children
 - those who have lost children of any age
 - those whose children struggle or who are estranged
 - those who long to be mothers and cannot
 - those who struggle to be good mothers
- That all may know themselves loved by God
- For His Majesty the King (and all the Royal family) in his illness.
- For those who are living on the breadline and on our streets, for shelter and support
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there and for strength for all those who are suffering loss and fear. For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town, and for all who are keeping Ramadan.
- For a de-escalation of the situation in the Middle East.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For our ministry with children and families.
- For a new church music leader.
- For our growth in faith and for the Alpha team and guests.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Henry Weber, Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash, Faith Porro, Lola-Rose Watkins
- For all those who live and work in Cookham road.

- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Iris Brown, Lorraine, Ken Young, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Janet Whitlock.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Julienne Grobler, +Alan Wilson, Margaret Morgan.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Anthony Wright, Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis, Susan Robinson, Jill Cotterill, John Marshall, John Cox, Christopher Druce

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 10th March 2024:

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| Sunday | Psalm 27 | Genesis 43 | Luke 15 |
| Monday | Psalm 77 | Exodus 2.11-22 | Hebrews 9.1-14 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 79 | Exodus 2.23-3.20 | Hebrews 9.15-end |
| Wednesday | Psalm 90 | Exodus 4.1-23 | Hebrews 10.1-18 |
| Thursday | Psalm 86 | Exodus 4.27-6.1 | Hebrews 10.19-25 |
| Friday | Psalm 102 | Exodus 6.2-13 | Hebrews 10.26-end |
| Saturday | Psalm 32 | Exodus 7.8-end | Hebrews 11.1-16 |

Rotas for next week Sunday 17th March: Parish Communion

Read: Ralph Hinchliffe

Intercede: Edgar Hakobyan

Welcomers: Rachel, John and Rita

Coffee: Marc and Paul

Our church is floodlit at night.

The floodlighting has not been sponsored this week.

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15. There are lots of weeks available.



What's on.... This week:

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| Sunday 10 th | 8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, All Age Mothering Sunday WORD service. 12.00pm, Baptism of Isla Hughes and Chrisopher Hickman |
| Tuesday 12 th | 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 7.45pm, PCC |
| Wednesday 13 th | 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 11.00am, Lent course, in Church 7.00pm, Alpha Course, in Church |
| Thursday 14 th | 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 2.00pm, Thursday Tea's |
| Friday 15 th | 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening Prayer |
| Saturday 16 th | 9.00am, Morning Prayer, on zoom |
| Sunday 17 th | 10.00am, Parish Communion |
| <i>Passion Sunday</i> | 12.00pm, Lent lunch, in Church (film at 11.30am) 6.00pm, Stations of the Cross, in Church |

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

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| 17 th March | Stations of the Cross, in church at St. Luke's (Passion Sunday) |
| 24 th March | Taizé service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (Palm Sunday) |
| 7 th April | Stations of the Resurrection, on zoom Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green |
| 21 st April | Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, in church, at All Saints |

Coming up..

Messy Church our Messy church dates are as follows: 30th March, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 29th November

Alpha course: please be praying for the Alpha course – team and guests. The course has just started but it is not too late to join. Please speak to Revd. Sally if you think you would like to join the course.

Defibrillator training, now Saturday 20th April (NB changed date). Following the installation of the defibrillator outside the church, it would be good to have as many people, as possible trained to use it (or any other that you may pass when needed). Please book two hours in the morning of 20th April in your diary to come along if you can.

Joan Hick's Guatemala talk and lunch: Saturday, Sat 16th March at 12.30pm till 2pm at the Community Centre (Victory Hall where church meets). There will be a light lunch - soup and a roll, plus fruit, followed by tea and coffee and Joan's talk on her recent experiences in Guatemala. Cost £8 with proceeds to CMS Guatemala. Please contact our Church Office - goodshepherd.coxgreen@gmail.com or tel.01628-632567- to book a place. Fine to pay on the day.

Joan will also be the speaker at the next **WAMCF(interfaith) ladies meeting** on Monday 18th March, 7.30 pm, at St. Luke's church. All ladies welcome.

Schubert and all that Jazz Concert. Please see details below about the forthcoming concert taking place at St Luke's Church on the 27th April. Tickets are now available to buy after services or from the office.

Mens Matters. Please note details below about a Health and Wellbeing fayre for older men and all those who support them, 13th March. 1.30-4.30pm, Maidenhead library. Free admission.

LENT

Lent Lunches our final lunch will be on 17th March. All are welcome to come along for a soup, bread and cheese lunch. We collect the money we would have spent on a full Sunday lunch and donate it to Christian Aid. The lunch will be preceded by a Christian Aid film at about 11.30 am.

Thanks to James Ellins for a really helpful **IT safety talk** last Sunday. James mentioned some
Useful Links

National Cyber Security Centre

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

Government's Stop Think Fraud Campaign

<https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/>

Lent Course: this year our Lent course is running from 11.00 – 12.15 pm on Wednesdays in church. We are using the video course: Unanswered Prayer, by Pete Grieg. There is a book from which this is taken. There will be no online or evening course as Alpha is running at this time. If you cannot make the Wednesday session you may like to follow the course alone, or get together with a friend or two: <https://unanswered.prayercourse.org/sessions/>. Or read the book.

A Lent leaflet is available with more ideas for Lenten activities.

Holy Saturday All Age Saving Stories / Messy Church: we are bringing back this lovely activity for all ages. If you think you might be able to play a part (acting with some lines to learn – just a lot of fun) please let Sally or Sam know asap. Thank you.

Easter flowers: we have a team who will be decorating the church for Easter, if you would like to join them please let Joan Harnby, Rita Salter or Revd Sally know – all very welcome.

Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers and lilies are now invited. Please give your cash donations directly to Rita Salter, who is collecting them again this year. There will NOT be a box in church. 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. These will be displayed in church as usual at Easter

Come and See

In three of the four gospels, Jesus is asked which commandment is the most important. He answers not with one commandment but with two: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. How can these two commandments give a rhythm and a shape to our lives? Come and See...

We will be using the weekly films in church and you can also sign up for daily emails:

- Come and See - for groups and individuals (daily content)
<https://mailchi.mpxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>
- Come and See - for families (weekly content, each Sunday)
<https://mailchi.mpxford.anglican.org/come-and-see-for-families>

Prayer...

The Alpha course this week focussed in how and why we pray. Prayer is so important in maintaining relationship with God, so it is a good reminder to all of us to reflect our prayer life.

The following links and apps might be helpful:

- How to pray (a two minute video) <https://youtu.be/u-af3z-alR8?si=vfnngU2dvxRSf2it>
- Daily Prayer from the Church of England:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast> (you can download the app from here or use it here)

- Morning, Afternoon and Night prayer with all you need each day – and audio too
- Pray as you go <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> (Or download the app)
 - Daily meditations, Examen, lots more ideas for prayer
- Lectio 365 <https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365/>
 - Daily devotional and resources.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, 24th March

10.00 am, Holy Communion, with procession of palms from vicarage to church, children's activities during the service

6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Taize service at Cox Green

Monday – Saturday

Morning Prayer (8.30 am daily) on zoom or in church

Evening Prayer (5.00 pm – not Friday & Saturday) on zoom

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th March

Church open for quiet, daily, 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Compline (Night Prayer) daily on Zoom only (use MP link), 8.00pm Mon and Tue, **9.15 pm Weds**

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

8.00 pm, Holy Communion (also on zoom) followed by Watch until 10.45 pm, 10.45 pm, Compline

Good Friday, 29th March

11.00 am, CTiM Walk of Witness, meet outside Sainsburys

1.00 pm, An hour at the cross – quiet service of music, meditation and silence

2.00 pm, The Liturgy of the Last Hour

3.15 pm, Evening Prayer and church 'sealed'

Holy Saturday, 30th March

9.00 am, Morning Prayer in church and on zoom, Church decorating

4.00 pm, Messy Church: All Age Saving Stories service

Easter Day, 31st March

8.00 am, Holy Communion and lighting of the paschal candle, followed by coffee and croissants

10.00 am, Festal Holy Communion (also on zoom)

Easter egg hunt for children during the service.

Followed by refreshments for all

APCM (Church Annual Business Meeting)

Our annual meeting this year is on Sunday 21st April at around 11.30 and following the main Sunday service. Do please note this in your diaries and aim to be there.

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 6th April, and then be published (names only) in church before the APCM.

A St Luke's Church Concert in aid of Thames Hospice

Schubert and all that Jazz



Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm

St Luke's Church

Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX

This will be a wonderful concert to delight all musical tastes and is guaranteed to put a smile on your face

Featuring

Peter De Souza Piano Geneviève Usher Soprano
Chris Crocker Piano Andrew Smith Clarinet

Tickets £10 with all proceeds to be given to

Thames hospice

For more information or to purchase tickets please call 01628 62273 or

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

MENSMATTERS

LIVING LONGER LIVING BETTER

HEALTH & WELLBEING FAYRE FOR OLDER MEN

and all those who support them!



Wednesday 13th March 2024

1:30pm - 4:30pm

Maidenhead Library, St Ives Road, SL6 1QU

FREE ADMISSION

Men's Matters is a registered charity focus on social wellbeing for older men.



For he will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11

The Titchfield Angel

People have gathered in faith at St Peter's for over 1300 years. They continue to welcome, celebrate and share the Christian message of love and hope. During Advent St Peter's focused on angels, God's messengers, guardians and protectors.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

Hundreds of angels created by local people in Titchfield filled the church for a special festival weekend and now they are being sent across the world. They set up a Facebook page to see how far the angels travelled. You can see from the above photo that one angel visited St Luke's!

www.stpetertitchfield.org

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 30th March 2024
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk 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 21st March

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 14th March

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 28th March

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/85378796960?pwd=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID: 853 7879

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