



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 14th April, Easter 3

This week we have a 8.00am Holy Communion and a 10.00am Parish Communion service. All are warmly invited to worship. There will be an activity available for children during the 10.00am service.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened
the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge
of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually
in righteousness and truth; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord....

Post Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him
in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever

First Reading

¹²Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Acts 3.12-19

Gospel Reading

³⁶While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering,

he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.'

Luke 24.36b-48

Sunday's Hymns:

585	All I once held dear
145	It is a thing most wonderful
219	This joyful Eastertide
489	From heaven you came
667	I danced in the morning



Thought for the week

The whole of the Christian message is in the two readings from the Bible for this Sunday. After Jesus appeared to his friends he stayed around a while and then had to return to heaven, leaving them to carry on his work, his ministry. In the first reading Peter and John, two of his closest friends, had just healed a lame man in Jesus' name and they were explaining to the amazed crowd that faith in Jesus could continue and would give a purpose in life. Following Jesus' teaching and example would offer the best way to live – individually and as a whole community.

In that speech Peter recognised that people often choose bad ways and of course those who killed Jesus, and those who chose not to follow him, had made that choice. But Peter told them that Jesus had died so that, those who chose to follow him could have those sins forgiven and live with God to guide them through life and into eternal life.

Sometimes it is good for us to remember the simplicity of the gospel – the good news – that Jesus died and was raised to put right the relationships between people and God, and to offer the hope of life in all its fulness, for all eternity, starting right here and now. The Easter season is a good time to re-orientate our lives in the light of that hope and, as we thought about in our Alpha group this week, to share that good news with others too. Why keep it to ourselves?

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That we may share the good news of Jesus' love
- That all may know themselves loved by God
- 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 the King and the Princess of Wales as they are treated for cancer
- 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, and for Sam as she leads it
- 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 April: Lucy Traut, Abigail Porro, Jazmin Porro, Iris Bithell, Albert Bithell
- For all those who live and work in Crescent Drive.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Iris Brown, Lorraine, Ken Young, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Albert Murray, Lucy Young.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Janet Whitlock
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: John Rogers, Vivienne Sewell, Roy Howton, Helen Poynter, Alma Rookie, Roger Bevitt, Diana Philps, Elsie Cummings, Pamela Neville, Bertha Selby, Dorothy Main, Philip Davies, Alan Coombs, Keith Morris, Ernie Thomas, Brenda Clark, Brian Pitts, Patricia Lovering, Brian Beard, Rita Redhead, Maureen Williams, Reginald Jacobs, Francis (Frank) Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Hayward, John McLean, Barbara Lewis, Eileen Daniel

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 14th April 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 77.11-20	Exodus 16.2-15	John 5.19-29
Monday	Psalm 96	Exodus 19	Luke 1.1-25
Tuesday	Psalm 98	Exodus 20.1-21	Luke 1.26-38
Wednesday	Psalm 105	Exodus 24	Luke 1.39-56
Thursday	Psalm 136	Exodus 25.1-22	Luke 1.57-end
Friday	Psalm 107	Exodus 28.1-4a, 29-38	Luke 2.1-20
Saturday	Psalm 110	Exodus 29.1-9	Luke 2.21-40

Rotas for next week Sunday 21st April: Parish Communion

Read: Neil Maclean
 Intercede: Jacqueline Lewis
 Welcomers: Rachel, Helen and Carl, Beryl
 Chalice: Ralph Hinchliffe
 Coffee: Kate and Sally

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Jacqueline Lewis
In memory of mum, Barbara.



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:

Sunday 14th 8.00am, Holy Communion
 10.00am, Parish Communion
 Tuesday 16th 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom
 Wednesday 17th 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom
 10.00am, Holy Communion
 7.00pm, Alpha course, in Church
 Thursday 18th 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom
 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group

3.00pm, Keeping Company
 7.00pm, WAMCF Dialogue, Thames Hospice, Windsor Road
 Friday 19th 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom
 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
 Saturday 20th 9.00am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 10.00am, Defibrillator training, in Church
 Sunday 21st 10.00am, Parish Communion
 11.30am(ish), Annual Parochial Church Meeting
 6.00pm, Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, All Saints Church

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

21 st April	Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, in church, at All Saints
5 th May	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
19 th May	Choral Sung Compline, at St. Luke's
2 nd June	Eucharist of wholeness and healing. at All Saints
16 th June	International Taizé service, at St. Luke's
7 th July	Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints
21 st July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by St. Luke's

APCM (Church Annual Business Meeting)

Our annual meeting this year is next **Sunday 21st April** at around 11.30 am, following the main Sunday service. Do please note this in your diaries and aim to be there. Please do consider standing for the PCC and speak to a member of the ministry team for a nomination form.

Coming up..

The funeral of Janet Whitlock will take place at St. Mary's church Maidenhead at 12.30 pm on Friday 26th April. I hope that those of you who knew her may be able to attend.

Confirmation

There will be a Deanery confirmation on the evening of Wednesday 17th July. If you are interested in being confirmed (or would like to know more about confirmation – making our baptismal promises for ourselves) please speak to Revd. Sally.

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

Defibrillator training, now Saturday 20th April, 10 am. 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.

Vocations Drop in Hour : Wednesday 17th April, 7.30 - 8.30 pm

Come and chat with people from the Diocesan Vocations Team about any aspect of calling to lay or ordained ministry. May also include interviews, guests, and discussion segments. Open to anyone whatever your calling, or stage. Register for a Zoom link.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vocations-drop-in-hour-tickets-880040704437?aff=oddtcreator>

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.

CCJ Talk: You are invited to meet TV presenter, Sean Fletcher, at a Berkshire Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) event in Maidenhead on Wednesday 1st May at 8.00 pm.

Well-known for his deep Christian faith, he has been or continues to be presenter of *Rebound*, *Countryfile*, *Sunday Morning Live*, *Songs of Praise* as well as ambassador for both *Beating Bowel Cancer* and *Young Minds UK*. He will be talking about his life, religious journey, passionate causes and media roles.

Numbers will have to be limited, so please book in advance by emailing admin@maidshul.org with your name and postal address if you wish to attend. There is no charge, but there will be an optional donation for the work of CCJ.

It will be held at Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (please do not park on the road, there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park)



WAMCF Dialogue:

Join in the Dialogue at the Thames Hospice, Windsor road Maidenhead, SL6 2DN.

'How can we best support someone through dying, loss and grieving?'

Thursday 18th April 2024

7pm - 830pm followed by refreshments

PLENTY OF FREE CAR PARKING SPACE

FREE ADMISSION & REFRESHMENTS

BBC Songs of Praise last Sunday came from St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales, known to some of our congregation. The programme information reads:

To mark World Health Day, Sean Fletcher joins Christians at a spiritual retreat centre in north Wales to explore how faith can improve health and wellbeing for mind, body and soul.

Sean spends the day in the beautiful surroundings of St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre in Tremeirchion, Denbighshire, which draws people from all over the world to come on a spiritual retreat. He meets people leading and experiencing the retreats, which include spending time in silence and completing spiritual exercises based on the teachings of St Ignatius.

Heading out on a silent prayer walk, Sean discovers how 'finding God in all things' can help people to pray and feel closer to God. And he meets Christians who have found St Beuno's to be a place of great healing and sanctuary.

In the hustle and bustle of Lambeth, south London, we also meet a busy Christian GP whose faith has called her to help people beyond the surgery walls. Dr Chi-Chi Ekhaton provides pop-up health clinics at surprising locations in her local community and offers fresh fruit and vegetables on prescription. With music including inspiring congregational hymns that reflect how important faith can be for our health and wellbeing.

You can watch the programme at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001y4dr>

For more information about retreats, speak to one of the ministry team.

Free Climate Fresk workshop, Saturday 20th April, 10 am at the ECO Action Hub, Nicholson's Centre, for people who are curious to understand more about what is happening with climate change.

Feedback from those who have gone been part of a previous workshops have found that they have built confidence in having climate conversations with friends and family, and come away with more ideas on how to take action in their lives and with their communities.

It is an interactive session, where participants are part of a friendly group over 3 hours (which may sound like a long time, but it flies by!) to delve into the science during a card game, and then have time to explore how we can take action.

Link to sign up:

https://association.climatefresk.org/training_sessions/bf0b44b7-a0a0-442f-aaff-3d889587eb00/show_public?language=en&tenant_token=36bd2274d3982262c0021755

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 3rd May 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 18th April

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 9th May

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 25th April

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



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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925 Passcode: 180609

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHlYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID:

853 7879 6960 Passcode: 386635