



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 16th February 2020

Second Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.00am Parish Communion

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Desert Island Songs and Readings

If you are new to St. Luke's please do make yourself known to the ministers or a member of the Welcome Team, who can give you a contact slip to complete and a welcome card with information about our 10am service.

Please do join us after the 10.00am service for coffee which will be served in the fellowship area at the back of church.

You may like to prepare for worship by praying quietly using your own words or these:

*All the nations of the earth,
praise the Lord who brings to birth
the greatest star, the smallest flower. Alleluia.*

Let the heavens praise the Lord. alleluia.
Moon and stars, praise the Lord, alleluia...

Snow-capped mountains, praise the Lord. alleluia.

Rolling hills, praise the Lord, alleluia...

Deep sea water, praise the Lord, alleluia.

Gentle rain, praise the Lord, alleluia....

Roaring lion, praise the Lord, alleluia.

Singing birds, praise the Lord, alleluia...

Earthly monarchs, praise the Lord, alleluia.

Young and old, praise the Lord. alleluia...

We take all aspects of safety very seriously at St Luke's.

Please do take care with hot drinks.

Details of our safeguarding team are on the noticeboard by the door .

Should you have any concerns, please do speak to someone.

The Readings for Today

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 1.1-2-3

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Matthew 6.25-34

For your own reading, the other lectionary readings set for today are: Romans 8.18-25 Psalm 136



Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens
and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand
in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
who is alive and reigns with you,

The Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life
at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory
of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's happening...? See below, and check out our website too

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

This mornings hymns at 10am:

P:	267	Thou, whose almighty word
G:	see page 1	All the nations of the earth
O:	427	For the healing of the nations
HC:	251(i)	All things bright and beautiful
R:	376	And can it be

Quiet Day: Saturday 29th February, 10.15 am – 4.00 pm at Ascot Priory. Cost £8 pp, bring your own lunch. Sign up in church for this gentle day with space for personal silence, reading, walking, praying... and brief led reflections

Confirmation: The date of confirmation has been changed to **Sunday 14th June**, at Bray church. This is the only one really available to us this year. If you, or anyone you know of, is thinking about confirmation please have a word with Revd. Sally in the first instance so that we can start preparations.

WAMCF Dialogues: The next WAMCF Interfaith dialogues: Wednesday 18th March at St. Edwards Catholic Church, Windsor, and Thursday 30th April at Maidenhead Synagogue.

Lent begins on 26th February with our usual services of Holy Communion and Ashing at 10 am and 8pm. The Lent course starts the following week on Wednesday at 11am and Thursdays at 8pm. Those two sessions will be the same each week so that you can attend one or the other as convenient week by week. We are following the course: "Exploring God's Mercy" by

Steven Croft. Booklets are available at the back of church now, at £3 each. Do pick up a Lent Leaflet which summarises all our Lenten opportunities and offers a little guidance on keeping Lent fruitfully.

INFORMATION

National Church advice regarding coronavirus:

The Bishop of Carlisle, James Newcome, the Church of England's lead bishop on health issues, said: "We pray for all those affected by Coronavirus (COVID -19) here and around the world, particularly in China, and for all those caring for them. The virus not been declared a pandemic and at present the risk in this country is assessed as 'moderate'. However, there are, of course some practical measures churches can take. Much of that is simply maintaining good hygiene including, for example, priests and servers washing their hands and using alcohol-based hand-sanitiser before Holy Communion. Although there is not currently Government advice suggesting churches should suspend the use of the Common Cup, parishioners with coughs and sneezes should certainly be encouraged to receive Communion in one kind only and to refrain from handshaking during The Peace. We also advise against the practice of 'intinction' – when the consecrated bread is dipped into the wine - as this could represent an infection transmission route."

Electoral Roll: Our APCM is on Sunday 15th March. If you are not already on the church electoral roll please ask for a form.

Fabric Meeting: There will be a meeting of the fabric committee on Wednesday 19th February at 6.30pm in the parish office (Please use Tower door) Any one interested in joining us in caring for our church will be warmly welcomed, please contact Sue Hinchliffe, by email.

The Brett Foundation, a message from Sue Brett: It is with great sadness that The Brett Foundation centre is closing on the 31st March. This is a decision we have not taken lightly, but with the constant uncertainty of when we would need to vacate due to the redevelopment of the shop we are in, we have found it very hard to move the charity forward and to support our clients to move on when we have to focus on premises. We have as of yet not been able to find alternative accommodation. We will be using the time we are 'homeless' to focus on where we hope to take the charity in the next 10 years. We thank you so much for all your support the past 10 years and look forward to the next 10 years and changing lives for the better. Together we can make a difference. Sue Brett

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

Stitch up for Kori: Thursday 20th February, 2-4pm. St. Luke's Community Hall. Come along for a sociable afternoon knitting to help this charity in Rural Sierra Leone. Tea, coffee and cake are provided free, and it is fun. Gill Curry, 625196

Help needed: We have organised a special Christian Aid collection for Friday 21st February and to take place in Tesco's, Nicholson's Walk (within the store). Would anybody be available to help for perhaps an hour or so during the day in this endeavour. If you think you might be available, please speak to me and I can explain more. I would be most grateful for anybody who thinks this might be possible. With thanks in advance, Roger Clarke 632626

"St Luke's Tours - Holiday to Sussex and Kent: Friday May 29th to Sunday 31st to Sussex and Kent, staying in a seafront hotel in Eastbourne. On the way down we will visit the flower festival in Chichester cathedral, we will have a day visiting Romney Marsh and Rye, and on the way back we will visit Beachy Head, Bexhill on sea, and Scotney Castle. For further details see the brochures at the back of church or speak to Richard or Ann Burdett".

Berkshire Exploring Vocations Group: Open to all exploring God's call on their lives and seeking to understand how to respond. These sessions will offer the opportunity to meet others on the same journey, to reflect on aspects of ministering in the Church of England and to explore a topic in group discussion. Each Session is standalone. The first one is on 'Telling the story of calling'. ! Open to anyone interested in learning more about their vocation to any kind of ministry. Tuesday 25th February, 7.30 - 9.30 pm (starting at 7.45 pm) At: St. Mary's Church Centre, Station Road, Twyford, Reading Berkshire RG10 9NT Future dates 14th April and 9th June.

Book via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/berkshire-exploring-vocations-telling-the-story-of-calling-tickets-93881856159>

Britain after Brexit: Whatever your opinion on Brexit, one of the unfortunate aspects was the outbreak of social tensions and lack of civility resulting from the Brexit referendum in 2016 and subsequent wranglings. In response, there will be a local debate on how to heal the wounds, bring all sides together, look at ways to move forward, and determine what goals we have in common. There will be four (non-political) speakers (including Revd Sally) talking about their vision for the future, both for the country at large and with a special focus on Maidenhead. It will be followed discussion in small groups for everyone there, and ending with a plenum session. The only rule will be that no one talks about the past or says if they were remainer/leaver - as the object is to abandon labels and old divisions and concentrate on positive ways ahead. It will be held in the Desborough Suite in the Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF on Thursday 26th March at 8.00 pm (ending 9.45 pm) . Entry is free, but you have to register in advance <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/britain-after-brexit-tickets-92326704659>. Places are limited, so please apply as soon as possible.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Anon.

“Thanksgiving”



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Revd. Sally is leading a pilgrimage from 21-30th Sept 2021. Flyers and details at the back of church.

For your prayers

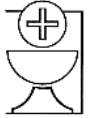
(to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)



- For peace between people and nations.
- For Bishop Olivia in the first year of her episcopacy, and for Bishop Colin, ‘holding’ the diocese during Bishop Steven’s sabbatical.
- For the diocesan safeguarding review—for sensitivity, confidentiality and for us all, that by the grace of God, this past cases review will help each of us to learn something of our fragility, to find healthier, safer patterns of ministry, and to witness new manifestations of life in our Church.
- For all victims and perpetrators of abuse
- For peace in our nation, as we leave the E.U. and for generosity in negotiations for a future relationship with Europe.
- For our planning for and living out our mission.
- The ministry of Quench our Christian bookshop
- For children and young people
- For Sebastian and Jonas and Ryan and Ritchie all baptised recently
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in February: Isaac Smalley and Elsie-Rae Jarnak
- For all those who live and work in Castle Court
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Pat Lovering, Tony Lucas, and Revd Richard Holroyd
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Phyllis Boshier
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Peter Sharp, Edward Dobson, Beryl Horsham, Valerie Merkel, Robert Crick, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macaulay Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, and Rodgers Murwisi.

This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities



Monday 17th Feb

Office closed

Tuesday 18th Feb

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NO Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Interfaith Community Meal

7.15pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 19th Feb

Office open 9.30 am-11 am

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 20th Feb

8.30 am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 21st Feb

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.15am Stretch and Breathe

5.00pm Evening Prayer

8.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 22nd Feb

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Marriage Preparation Day

Sunday 23rd February

Next Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion and anointing for healing

President: The Revd. Sally Lynch

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6.00pm Sundays at Six: Choral Evensong, here

Next weeks readings: Exodus 24.12-end Matthew 17.1-9

Rota for Sunday 23rd February under Duty Warden: Sue Hinchliffe

Reader: OT: Helen Petter **Acolytes:** Ben Darracott, Roger Clarke

Elements: Laura and Aaron Wilson

Chalice: Nicola Buckland, Michael Masango

Intercessor: Jacqueline Lewis **Coffee:** Ann Darracott, Joan Harnby

Server at 8am: Ralph Hinchliffe **Crucifer at 10am:** Matthew Burdett

Welcome Team: 8am: Joan Harnby

10am: Don Luff, Laura and Aaron, Shula Tajima, Nikola, Natasha and Charlie

Brass Cleaning: Ann Hockham

Church Cleaning: Sonya Clarke, Helen Petter (17th February)

St. Luke's Church Office is open Mon Tues, Weds, 9.30 am - 11 am
Deadline for entries for this weekly pew sheet is 9.00 am on Tuesdays.

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