



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 23rd February 2020

Next Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion and anointing for healing

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd. Sally Lynch

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Choral Evensong, here

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:

*Heal us, O God, from all our afflictions
and keep us in your steadfast love;
bind up our wounds,
raise us from death,
and lead us to fullness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen*

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 Exodus

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24.12-end

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Matthew 17.1-9

For your own reading, the other lectionary readings set for today

are: 2 Peter 1.16-end

Psalm 2



Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened
to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever,

The Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we
who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our
Lord,

This mornings hymns at 10am:

P:	383	Be still for the presence of the Lord
G:	248	'Tis good, Lord, to be here
O:	563	Rejoice, the Lord is king
HC:	177	Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire
R:	2	Christ whose glory fills the skies

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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Quiet Day: Next 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.

Holy Communion: Please note there will be no Holy Communion on 3rd March. Anyone who wishes to attend the training on using the new diocesan action planning tool is very welcome to join us – 7pm that evening. Book now via Sally.

#LiveLent App: The Church of England has created a free Lent app with daily reflections centred around 'Care for God's Creation'. You can sign up at <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

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 next Wednesday 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 11 am 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 also pick up a Lent Leaflet which summarises all our Lenten opportunities and offers a little guidance on keeping Lent fruitfully.

LGBTI+ Chaplaincy Service: The Diocese has announced a new chaplaincy for LGBTI+ people, their families and friends. The Chaplaincy offers non-judgmental listening and support, and prayerful affirmation. The service aims to provide a safe space and dignity for every person at a time when these cannot be taken for granted. For more details see posters around church and visit the website oxford.anglican.lgbt

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.”

APCM: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 11.30am on Sunday 15th March 2020 in St. Luke’s Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX. This is preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect our Churchwardens.

The APCM is when the PCC reports on its activities during the year and the financial state of the church. Elections also take place for Churchwardens and PCC Members.

Nominations are now required for the 2 Churchwardens, 4 PCC Members and 3 Deanery Synod Representatives. The nomination forms for all the elections are on the table at the rear of church. Please complete the appropriate form with your nomination and place in the folder provide. Please ensure you use correct form for position you are nominating someone for. Don't forget that the person you are nominating must sign the form agreeing to their nomination. Ralph Hinchliffe, PCC Secretary.

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

"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. This 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-brexite-tickets-92326704659>. Places are limited, so please apply as soon as possible.

SOME OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITES

Prayer Meeting: First Wednesday monthly at 3pm. Next one 4th March

Keeping Company (previously Seeking Solace) : Monthly get together for the bereaved. Next one is Monday 2nd March

Generations Café second Wednesdays 10.45 am - coffee and conversation for mums with young babies and the not so young. Next one 11th March

Messy Church: First Friday monthly 3.30pm-5.30pm with craft, storytime and a two course meal for £1.50 per child. Next one Friday 6th March

Thursday Teas: Second Thursday monthly in the Community Hall at 2pm. Next one is 12th March

Thursday Lunches: Lunch in a local pub on the last Thursday of the month . Leaving church at 11.45pm. The next one is this Thursday 27th February. Speak to Jean T D or Phyllis S for more details.

Café Church: Informal worship at 4pm, 2nd Sunday monthly with tea and cake. The next one is 8th March.

Interfaith Community meal: a meal for anyone in the community to join and eat together. Every Tuesday at 6.00pm, here in church. All welcome.

Baby and Toddler group: Thursdays, 9.30am-11.15am term time, in the community hall.

Christenings: Baptism preparation is now via monthly 'Play and Stay' sessions for families. Next one is Saturday 7th March at 9.45am-11.00am.

The floodlighting has been sponsored this week by:

Mr T Autos



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

For your prayers

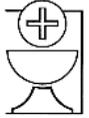
(to add anyone to the list, notify the office but please have the permission of the person being prayed for)



- For a fruitful Lent
- 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 peace in our nation, as we leave the E.U. and for generosity in negotiations for a future relationship with Europe.
- For the diocese LGBTI+ chaplaincy
- 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 Drive
- 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, Peter Curtis
- 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 24th Feb

Office open 9.30am-11am

Tuesday 25th Feb

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Wednesday 26th Feb

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Thursday 27th Feb

Friday 28th Feb

Saturday 29th Feb

Sunday 1st March

First Sunday of Lent

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

10.00 am **All Age Holy Communion**

President: The Revd. Sally Lynch

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6.00pm **Sundays at Six: Holy Communion for St. David's Day, at All Saints Church**

Next weeks readings: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7 Matthew 4.1-11

Rota for Sunday 1st March under Duty Warden: Dave Sopp

Reader: OT: tbc **Acolytes:** Ben Darracott and Nicola Buckland

Elements: Stars and Sparks

Chalice: Emma Cameron, Rachel Beaumont

Intercessor: Stars and Sparks **Coffee:** Eileen Goford and Bridget Morris

Server at 8am: Roger Clarke **Crucifer at 10am:** Roger Clarke

Welcome Team: 8am: Ann Hockham

10am: Rita and John Salter, Chris, Kristina, Isla and Scarlett

Brass Cleaning: Ann Hockham

Church Cleaning: Sylvia Jones, Pat Human, Mike Mason (2nd March)

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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