



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 8th March 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

President: Revd. Sally Lynch

Preacher: Revd. Nicholas Cheeseman

4.00pm Café Church

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Compline, 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:

O Lord, our God, maker of heaven and earth

O Lord, our God, maker of heaven and earth,

we belong to you.

As we gather in this place today,

let our hearts rejoice in the promise of eternal life.

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.

**Have you washed your hands before coming to church?
Please use the hand gel at the door if you do not have your own**

The Readings for Today

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Genesis 12.1-4a

A Reading from the Gospel of John

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

John 3.1-17



Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery
of Christ's suffering,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Hymn

Choir only verse 1

Lifting my eyes up to the hills
Where can I look for aid?
Your help comes only from the Lord
Who earth and heaven made.

The Lord who guards you never sleeps,
Nor will he let you fall:
No slumber drowns Israel's God,
Guardian of each and all.

God is your guardian, God your shade,
Protector of your right.
By day the sun shall hurt you none
Nor shall the moon by night.

The Lord shall shield you from all harm
And safely guard your soul.
Forever as you come and go,
God's love shall keep you whole.

John Bell

The Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power
of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended
from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Holy Communion Hymn

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to
be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for you,
my master, ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within and make
me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Brian Doerksen

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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

This mornings hymns at 10am:

P:	277	All for Jesus
G:	page 3	Lifting my eyes up to the hills
O:	368	All my hope on God is founded
HC:	page 3	Purify my heart
R:	390	Blessed assurance

#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>

WAMCF Dialogues: The next WAMCF Interfaith dialogues: Wednesday 18th March at St. Edwards Catholic Church, Windsor, and Thursday 30th April at Maidenhead Synagogue. 7.30pm-8.30pm. All welcome.

Lent The Lent course started this week on Wednesdays 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. A few copies of the booklet LiveLent— Love God's Creation are still available at £2.

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

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.

Easter Lilies: As usual we will have lilies in church on Easter Sunday to commemorate lost loved ones. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of someone add their name to the list at the back of church and add your donation to the pot. (As a guide, lilies cost around £3 each).

Save the date : Week of accompanied prayer— an exciting opportunity to further our relationship with God through exploring prayer. Fun and Rewarding. Sunday 25th— Friday 30th October. Details to come—do put the date in your diary now. There will be opportunities to help as well as participate.

Coronavirus update

Oxford diocese is issuing regular updates for churches on good practice during this outbreak. We will ensure that they are passed on and here at St. Luke's we will maintain a calm, prayerful and practical response. Part of our role is to ensure that we set a calm model to support our whole parish.

We are taking the following action, with which we would gently ask everyone to comply:

- Displaying NHS and diocesan advice posters, and updates as they come
- Providing hand sanitiser /wipes at the door (we have larger amounts on order, if you have your own please carry it with you to save our current small stocks) and for the whole altar party
- Ensuring there is soap in the toilets and kitchen servery—please use it and ensure that children do so too
- We will not be offering ANY intincted hosts for the foreseeable future, and no one should 'dip' themselves. It is perfectly acceptable to receive the host only if you prefer not to share the cup
- Ensure that ALL ministers and servers wash their hands before starting to set up
- Ensure that chalice assistants use hand sanitiser before taking the cup
- Refrain from over zealous sharing of the peace – no kissing (even partners) please, and no one should feel obliged to shake hands
- Ensure that coffee and lunch servers also observe the good practice above (you may wish to wear the gloves provided) and are meticulous in washing up
- Please do not share the cup or have physical contact with others if you have a cold.

If you do fall ill please do let Revd. Sally know so that she can provide support—at a distance!!

APCM: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 11.30am next Sunday 15th March in church. This is preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect our Churchwardens and followed by a Lent lunch.

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.

Inspire: The next issue will be out in April. Please send articles, pictures etc to stlukes.inspire@gmail.com (or give me paper copies) by 9pm on Wednesday 1st April. Please remember this is a new email address.

All Church Key Holders: We have a Quinquennial Inspection later in the year and to be prepared it is necessary to update the Key Register. Please could all key holders contact John Salter, Church Warden with their keys so he can verify or add their name to the Register. Thank you.

Britain after Brexit: There will be a debate with 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. 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>.

SOME OF OUR REGULAR ACTIVITES

Prayer Meeting: First Wednesday monthly at 3pm. Next one is 8th April

Keeping Company (previously Seeking Solace) : Monthly get together for the bereaved. Next one is Sunday 5th April

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 3rd April

Thursday Teas: Second Thursday monthly in the Community Hall at 2pm. Next one this Thursday (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 26th March. Speak to Jean T D or Phyllis S for more details.



HALLELUJAH
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The choirs of Maidenhead Synagogue and St Luke's Church invite you to a celebration of our faiths in song

Sunday 7th June, 3pm

St Luke's Church
Norfolk Road
Maidenhead SL6 7AX

Admission will be by ticket only: £7.00 each for adults, children under 16 free. Refreshments will be included.

Apply to Maidenhead Synagogue Office: 01628 673012, admin@maidshul.org

Or apply to St Luke's Church Office: 01628 622733, admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

All profits will go to the Alexander Davine Children's Hospice, Maidenhead, charity number 1118947.

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

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



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, that we may all recognise God's mercy to us
- For our APCM next week
- For peace between people and nations.
- Stephen Pullen, our new Archdeacon
- For all those currently affected by the coronavirus outbreak
- 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
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in March: Henry Weber, Olivia Carter, and Robyn Nash
- For all those who live and work in Castle Hill Terrace
- 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: Peter Curtis, Joan Bartholomew, Win Reynolds, Elaine Williams
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Lillian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anthony Wright, Anna Meredith, Rex Hugo, Audry Eggleton, Arthur Harris, Brian King, Sandy Raffan, Ernest Gammon, Marjery Lawson, Dora Newcombe, Ellen Ritson, Victor Garroway, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy Alan Moss, and Beryl Bintcliffe



This week at St. Luke's-

Everyone is welcome to all our services and activities

Monday 9th March

Office open 9.30am-11am

Tuesday 10th March

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Wednesday 11th March

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Thursday 12th March

Friday 13th March

Saturday 14th March

Sunday 15th March Third Sunday of Lent

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11.30am APCM and Lent Lunch at 1pm

6.00pm Sundays at Six: Iona Evening Service
at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Next weeks readings: Exodus 17.1-7 John 4.5-42

Rota for Sunday 15th March under Duty Warden: Michael Masango

Reader: OT: Sue Hinchliffe **Acolytes:** Roger Clarke, Nicola Buckland

Elements: Nicola Buckland, Shula Tajima **Chalice:** Lisa Sharp, Sue Hinchliffe

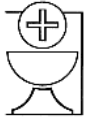
Intercessor: Shula Tajima **Coffee:** Ann and Richard Burdett

Server at 8am: Ben Darracott **Crucifer at 10am:** Ben Darracott

Welcome Team: 8am: Richard Hannam

10am: Ann Darracott, Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe, Mike and Lisa

Church Cleaning: Judith Edwards, Sue Houlston, Sally Somerville -16th 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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