



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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## Week commencing: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Easter Sunday

Although you will get this sheet on Saturday, I do wish you all a very Happy Easter!

I hope that you had some space to reflect on Jesus' death yesterday and that you will have some space today to keep that 'in between quiet time' that is so important to our faith. We know the end of the story, that is the new beginning of new life and real hope, but it is good to wait for it sometimes. I hope that you found the Holy Week resources that we produced useful – and apologise for the odd glitches with some as we have got to grips with the technology.

**Stop press: we agreed at Zoom Morning Prayer today that we would offer a Zoom Dawn service tomorrow.** To enable more people to join in we will go for a simple and short service at 8.00 am. I shall have a little tippie (probably Bucks Fizz) to toast the resurrection – you may like to do the same thing, and perhaps also have something handy to make a noise with, and a candle. To avoid the non blind copy issue, I will send the invitation to all who have taken part in MP this week and then anyone else please do ask for one. If you don't get an email invitation to join in by 5pm and would like one, please email me and I will send you one with pleasure.

This week's attachments are:

- the names of those remembered by Easter lilies on the porch window-sill
- An order of service for Easter Sunday morning
- An order of service for Dawn(ish) on Easter day
- An order of service for Morning Prayer in the Easter season
- An order of service for Night Prayer in the Easter season

These will also all be available on our website (address at top).

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them.

Likewise, if you know of anyone who would like to receive this by email, please ask them to email ***me (not the office for now)*** to be added to the mailing list.

Please do keep us up to date with both how you and your family are faring at this time, and with your own health. You can call or email Revd. Sally or your contactor at any (reasonable!) time. Please note that the church office is now completely closed and all communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email.

**Sad news:** in church family news, those of you who knew Pat Lovering will be sad to hear that she passed away from cancer in the Hospice late on Wednesday evening. Our thoughts and prayers are with her whole family. Merrick Dowson, son of the late Marjorie Dowson, also passed away, with Covid 19, in the USA. Please remember in prayer his sister Anne, living locally.

### **Online worship available this Sunday:**

There are many online resources and churches streaming their services (see later for our own response).

In particular we would today flag up:

- 10.00 am Diocesan Eucharist

Go to: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/> for the link

With both the diocesan service and our own, and to save printing, I have found it helpful to have two devices open side by side (e.g. laptop and phone / ipad) – one with the service on and the other with the order of service to follow.

### **Worship resources for home use:**

#### **Roots on the web**

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/lectionary/2020/106-march-april-2020-a/easter-day/> for adults

and

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/lectionary/2020/106-march-april-2020-a/easter-day/familiesathome> for families

The Church of England is also constantly developing resources that can be accessed through the website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

and here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

Resources from the diocese of Oxford:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/prayer-and-worship/>

Prayers for the day:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer>

**Pray as you go:** <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

This useful website and app has a short beautifully reflective daily service and other options on the website. Do try it.

**Reflection for the week:** this weeks reflection is spoken within the recorded service.

**Pray at 11am each day:**

We are invited to stop at 11 am each day and say the Lord's Prayer and Psalm 23 'together'. This version from the diocese is helpful:

Psalm 23 <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DOX-032-Coronavirus-psalm-23.pdf>

**Spiritual Communion** although we cant receive communion right now, there is a spiritual 'exercise' which might help – see the diocesan website.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Guidance%20on%20Spiritual%20Communion%20and%20Coronavirus.pdf>

**Lighting candles and prayers:** I have brought a sand tray into the vicarage study and am lighting candles here for those who would like prayer that way. Do email me or call if you'd like me to light one for you or add any prayer to the prayer basket.

### **Today's worship from St. Luke's Church**

This Sunday myself and Phyl have recorded another Service of the Word for Easter Sunday – each from our own homes, and focussing on the tomb that I have built in my garden.

To access the service, and all our recorded worship, go onto our website and click on the right-hand side for 'recordings of Sunday worship', and 'order of services'. The order of service has links to hymns so that you can pause the service and play the hymns (or sing for yourself – ask if you'd like a hymn book delivered to you). The readings and collect for this week are in the order of service.

**Morning Prayer** will continue using Zoom from next Wednesday (I hope to take Monday and Tuesday off). Please email me if you would like an invitation to join in and I will gladly send one, rather than a block email as I still can't work out how to do blind copies with Zoom!

Wednesday	Psalm 113	Exodus 12.37-end	1 Corinthians 15.20-28
Thursday	Psalm 114	Exodus 13.1-16	1 Corinthians 15.29-34
Friday	Psalm 115	Exodus 13. 17-14.14	1 Corinthians 15.35-50
Saturday	Psalm 116	Exodus 14. 15-end	1 Corinthians 15.51-end

***Prayer suggestions for this week:***

*See also our Facebook page for daily prayer intentions*

- For all those currently affected by the coronavirus outbreak and for a calm response, and for those who are now self isolating
- For those who are very sick in hospital and for those who have died,
- For a fruitful Holy Week, that we may all recognise God's mercy to us, and in this challenging time find peace
- For the most vulnerable in our society
- For all NHS and medical staff, Police and Armed service personnel,
- For Dr. Harriett Burdett, Hannah Hirst (paramedic, TV Air Ambulance), Eleanor Kershaw (frontline nursing), Phyl Sopp (nurse practitioner), Dr Chris Moulton
- For ALL leaders who have difficult decisions to make
- For all in prison, finding life very tough with all visiting stopped
- For staff and patients at Huntercombe Clinic
- For all the volunteer counsellors at Number 22 and Youth Talk, supporting people in difficult times
- For Adam Went as he oversees care homes now under huge pressure
- For all Funeral Directors and arrangers, under huge pressure, and for families unable to attend funerals.
- For our schools as children learn at home and teachers under pressure teaching online
- Luke Darracott, living and working in Spain
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in April: Sophie Annabelle Hughes, Jasper Saunders Murray Craig, Arthur Dominic Marshall-Pullin, Charlotte Mary Reay, Lucy Elizabeth Traut.
- For all those who live and work in Clappers Meadow
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, Susan Smith, and Revd Richard Holroyd
- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Harvey Lovegrove, Eileen Herbert, Sir Sidney Giffard, Jack Hayden, Mary Walsh, Neil, Pat Lovering, Merrick Dowson

- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: John Rogers, Fiona Nunn, John Quinn, Penelope Lawrence, Len Reynolds, Paul Hill, Lesley Griffiths, Myra Ford, David Sherwood, Philip Agnew, Peter Brown, Vivienne Sewell, Roy Howton, Doreen Headington, John Henry, Doris Simpson, Joan Carpenter, Betty Smith, Irene Weller, Peter Petter, Elise Taplion, Josephine Aldridge, Helen Poynter, Alma Rookie, Roger Bevitt, Diana Philps, Elsie Cummings, Pamela Neville, Bertha Selby, Virginia Mzorori-Murwisi, Dorothy Main, Philip Davies, Alan Coombs, Keith Morris, Ernie Thomas, Brenda Clark, and Brian Pitts.

The church is still floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting was sponsored by:

*Martin & Catherine Arnold and their families in memory of Frances Arnold.*



To sponsor the floodlighting just email Revd. Sally

### **This week's news and information**

A reminder that the **church is now closed completely.**

Do email prayer requests to: [sally514@btinternet.com](mailto:sally514@btinternet.com)

Or requests for books, DVDs and CDs

You should know who your **contactor** is. If you don't have one do also make contact and we will set you up with someone.

**Generous Giving:** if you usually give to the work of the church through your bank, this is unaffected. If you give by cash or envelopes, we suggest that you put this aside somewhere safe and bring to church when we meet again. If you would like to start giving by direct debit please contact our treasurer: [richard@arembe.com](mailto:richard@arembe.com)

You may also wish to give online / by bacs and Richard has kindly updated the details to allow for this. Please see the sheet attached – you may wish to print it for future reference.

## **Where to find help locally:**

News passed to me:

free meals from Cook

<https://news.cookfood.net/5CFA-6PTN-A12PSLIS99/cr.aspx>

RBWM key page:

[https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200384/news\\_and\\_information\\_releases/1521/covid\\_19\\_resident\\_and\\_business\\_update\\_page](https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200384/news_and_information_releases/1521/covid_19_resident_and_business_update_page)

Please note **that refuse collection is** moving now fortnightly, alternating blue and black bins weekly.

### ***Community action***

Community action is a really good thing. If you can, please help others in your community - check on any vulnerable family, friends and neighbours to see if they need anything from the shops, a prescription collected or help with other small jobs. Sometimes just a small favour can make a big difference.

As a starting point, please see a simple guide to helping neighbours or others in the community.

You can also join your local neighbourhood watch scheme:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk>.

There are local groups being set up across the borough by individuals, generally being coordinated through Facebook. Your local councillors will have information about what is going on in their wards.

**Foodshare:** it is really important to keep this going. Donate now via the boxes in supermarkets (great to see these so well used).

### ***Food Bank - updated 7am, Friday 20 March***

If anyone is facing financial hardship and need to access either food bank they can call the duty phone number on 01628 683803. A request for a food voucher must be requested before attending either foodbank. Requests will be assessed over the phone. Both food banks will try wherever possible to arrange delivery of food parcels i.e. if the customer is self-isolating.

The location and opening times for both food banks are below:

Maidenhead Foodshare

The New Market, King Street, Maidenhead SL6 1DR.

Wednesday evenings 6pm- 7pm

Saturday mornings 9.30am - 11am

It is good to see community service springing up. **Please do be cautious**, however, about accepting help from people you don't know at all. All those who make contact from St. Luke's will be DBS checked and / or regular church members. Do not be afraid to challenge anyone you don't know and / or contact Revd. Sally or your contactor with ANY concerns.

**Emails:**

As the email system is becoming overloaded some people have also been receiving emails apparently from Sally, the church, the choir, which are clearly not. In any doubt DO NOT OPEN them and call the purported sender to check.

**Save the date** : Week of accompanied prayer— an exciting opportunity to further our relationship with God through exploring prayer. Fun and rewarding. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>— Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Details to come—do put the date in your diary now. There will be opportunities to help as well as. Watch this space to see if it happens, but at least this gives you something to put in your diaries!

**Inspire:** The next issue will be out in the near future. You may like to spend some of your newly gained free time writing an article for Inspire. Please send articles, pictures etc to [stluke.inspire@gmail.com](mailto:stluke.inspire@gmail.com). Please remember this is a new email address. Thank you, Louisa

**Your news**

Please email news of what you are up to at home to Revd. Sally so that we can share it!

***From Isobel Davies, in Cyprus:***

*Thank you so much for your Palm Sunday service. I felt as if I was at St Luke's with you. I do hope you are coping with the lockdown. Barrie and I only leave the house to go for a walk and talk to neighbours in the village over the fence. Then it is back to think about jobs then the scrabble comes out. I do hope that your group are still knitting squares as I have 30 and counting. We are going to need DHL to get them home. Blessings for Holy Week and I look forward to next week and Easter day service. Fondest love,  
Isobel.*

**From Ruth Sheppard:**

*The following is from a book which my Mother had for her birthday in 1935. 'One Thousand Beautiful Things'*

**ARAB PROVERB**

*Keep your tents separate and bring your hearts together.*

**A poem from Ann Hockham:**

*Written Whilst in Isolation*

*Dear Lord, I know you always answer prayer  
So when I called out in dismay  
for help to clear my full in-tray  
Your answer, Lord, I'm sad to say  
Has filled me with utmost dismay.  
I truly was not asking for a  
Daytime full of leisure  
But just the chance to thank you  
and repay you in good measure  
So if I may make one request  
It is that people do their best  
To thank you, Lord, with great applause  
**THEN WASH THEIR HANDS AND STAY INDOORS!***

