



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 3rd May 2020 Easter 4, Good Shepherd Sunday

I hope that you are continuing to hold-up under lock-down.
Here is this week's offering from St. Luke's.

This week's attachments are:

- An order of service for tomorrow morning (An All Age service for Good Shepherd Sunday, with reading and prayers from our young people)
- A poster advertising an online Christian Aid service

These will also all be available on our website (address at top) with the recorded service, as usual. All our previous recorded services and orders of service are also still available on the website.

New this Sunday.. Zoom Morning Prayer. We offer Morning Prayer by Zoom Tuesday to Saturday at 9 am and it seemed only right to extend that to Sunday so that people who can't make it during the week can join in – and we can see and hear each other on the day that we usually gather for worship. Everyone is warmly invited to join us at 9am on Sunday. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86877300933?pwd=cmNKRS96SXBGMWpoa00yNVJva1NZUT09>

And the order of service for Eastertide can be found on our website,

or via the Daily Prayer App (<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>)

or on the Church of England website (<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/morning-prayer-contemporary-sunday-3-may-2020>).

The Apps and website put in all the relevant readings and prayers so all you have to do is log on. 😊

Lighting candles and prayers: As we are unable to access the church building, I have a candle tray and prayer basket in the vicarage. Do email me or call if you'd like me to light a candle for you or anyone you know, or add any prayer to the prayer basket. Some of these prayers are read at Morning Prayer and some by myself daily.

Today's worship from St. Luke's Church

This Sunday we have an All Age Word service for Good Shepherd Sunday. Natasha Sloan is reading the first reading and her sister Charlie is leading the prayers. Well done to mum, Nikola, for recording them. Phyl reads a version of the Gospel story suitable for all ages and there is a short reflection from me about sheep, including a photo (see order of service) of a 'lost' lamb, from Richard and Ann Burdett.

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 on YouTube 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). A new provision is being made available for free from copyright recorded hymns and we hope to be able to use that soon. The readings and collect for this week are in the order of service.

And during the week....Morning Prayer continues using Zoom at 9 am from Tuesday to Sunday. This link should get you into it daily:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77299700733?pwd=K01jTkdCZmh2WERXTldwSExsVnRZZz09>

Readings for this week are: (including Monday if you are doing it at home)

Monday	Psalm 103	Exodus 32.1-14	Luke 2.41-end
Tuesday	Psalm 139	Exodus 32. 15-34	Luke 3.1-14
Wednesday	Psalm 135	Exodus 33	Luke 3.15-22
Thursday	Psalm 118	Exodus 34. 1-10, 27-end	Luke 4. 1-13
Friday	Psalm 33	Exodus 35. 20-36.7	Luke 4. 14-30
Saturday	Psalm 34	Exodus 40. 17-end	Luke 4. 31-37
Sunday	Psalm 106. 6-24	1 Corinthians 10. 1-13	

Virtual worship and other activities coming up: everyone is welcome to join in any of these activities:

- Calendared **Bible study** 4 week series starts. 8pm, on Zoom. All welcome. Have a Bible in front of you. If you'd like a copy of the book we are studying email me. A study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88495847133?pwd=eXEwVktCcGZqdDI3YXNiOFRRMldrUT09>
- Saturday 9th May: 9 am – 12.30 pm **Quiet Morning** on Zoom. Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85442048860?pwd=OFNubi9BS3U2YjJJSTEvSUhXbXR0QT09>

Meet at 9 am on Zoom for a short Morning Prayer and opening reflection, spend reflective time alone at home or going for a walk, bring a coffee to Zoom at 11 am (if you wish) and then have more quiet before a Zoom closing prayer at 12.15pm. No need to book, just Zoom in!

- **An Agape Meal.** We are not having communion services at the moment and many of us are missing that. As a way of at least eating together, we will offer an Agape meal from time to time, on a Tuesday evening, roughly when we would have had the community meal / Communion service. This will be Zoomed and you can join via the link below, or use the service on your own / as a family in your own time. You will need some bread and something to drink. The order of service is on our website. Our first was last week and the next Agape meal will be at 7pm on Tuesday 12th May. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89775909185?pwd=RXg3TOJ6TjZSS2hjdM9PNlVlWWRtQT09>

Prayer suggestions for this week:

See also our Facebook page for daily prayer intentions

- For all those currently affected by the coronavirus and for those who are now self isolating
- For those who are very sick in hospital and for those who have died,
- 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, especially our Government and our bishops
- For our PCC meeting this week
- 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, and parents / grandparents home schooling
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in May: Elise Rutland, Harry Portsmouth, Daisy Stevens, Travis Romero.
- For all those who live and work in Colby Gardens
- The sick and those who care for them: Stephen Sands, John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, and Susan Smith

- Those who died recently, and those who mourn them: Pat Lovering, Merrick Dowson, Rita Redhead, Andrew Curtis, Brian Beard, Stella Lee, Reginald Jacobs and Maureen Williams
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: Bernard Kellerman, John Wells, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, Helen Bailey, Kathleen Heskith, Gerald Gunner, John Crampin, Ronald Birch, Geoffrey Hutson, Michael Poynter, Terence Comley, Glyn Jackson, Alicia Teare, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Priscilla Evans, David Trinkwon, and Ivy Trillow.

The church is still floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has not been sponsored

To sponsor the floodlighting just email Revd. Sally



Diocesan worship continues to be offered via the usual link and Facebook and website. **It is also available to people dialling in by phone as well.**

- The number to dial each week is 01865 920930
- press zero for the short service and 1 for the full Church at Home service
- it takes a few seconds to retrieve the recording then the service will start.

This Sunday:

3rd May, 10am - Church at Home

Bishop Colin presides at our 10am Church at Home service this Sunday at 10am. The order of service will be [available on the website](#) later today and the viewing link emailed to all subscribers on Sunday morning. All welcome.

3 May - UK Prays

Bishop Olivia will be among the contributors this Sunday for an inclusive unifying moment of prayer for humanity. This online event is open to all and takes place at 13:00-13:30 GMT. Details here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A dozSCNgK4M&feature=youtu.be>

Roots at home this week:

www.rootsontheweb.com/adultsathome3may for adults

and

www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome3may for families

For more worship options see our website.

Please do email me links to anything that you are finding really helpful so that we can share that with others.

This week's suggestion: **Taize worship live** (or recorded via their website) :

https://www.taize.fr/en_article27540.html

This week's news and information

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

Do email prayer requests to: 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.

RBWM libraries have a online resource to listen to classical music for free including some sacred music. You just need to enter your library card number.

<https://rbwm.nml3.naxosmusiclibrary.com/login/library/card>

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

You may also wish to give online / by bacs and Richard has kindly updated the details to allow for this. There are details on our website.

Thank you to everyone who is keeping giving.

Mission Planning Tool: PCC members and others may be aware that the diocese has launched a new Mission Planning Tool. We had hoped to start using this at the APCM but were side-tracked by the impending crisis. I am now drip feeding some aspects of it out by a midweek sheet, inviting responses. Please do take part in this. Please use the office email to respond to the Planning Tool question. For those without email, it is attached in hard copy and you may like to send a written response to me (save them up for when we meet again or ask someone to collect). Thank you to those who have replied to the second question this week ... keep your thoughts coming in.

And you might like to think about... what will church look like in a year, ten years, twenty years from now, given that going back to exactly what we were is not an option?

Faculty application: We have been kindly offered a gift of new legillum hangings in memory of May Reeve and to match the nave altar frontals. I draw your attention to the faculty application for these on the website (Under About us / Our Church Building). A copy is also on the main church noticeboard.

Christian Aid Week, 10th – 16th May

Roger Clarke reports:

Please be aware that Christian Aid Week has not been cancelled, but because of the COVID-19 outbreak it has been changed. This year none of the usual activities, including 'House to House' collections will take place but there will still be opportunities to worship together and to donate.

- Currently, an online service is being planned and will also be recorded for those unable to participate at the time. A poster giving details is attached.
- A Justgiving page has also been set up for donations, this can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MAIDENHEADCHRISTIANAID2020> Although there will be other ways to donate, including E-envelopes and directly to the Christian Aid website or by post, it would be great if as many people as possible could use the Justgiving page. By so doing, Christian Aid will be able to monitor the response from our area, which in past years' has been excellent.

I would commend Christian Aid's work to you all and humbly ask you to respond both by prayer, and financially as much as you feel able to further the work with the poor and underprivileged of this world. Thank you for your prayer and for all you are able to do. Roger Clarke (Tel: 01628 632626)

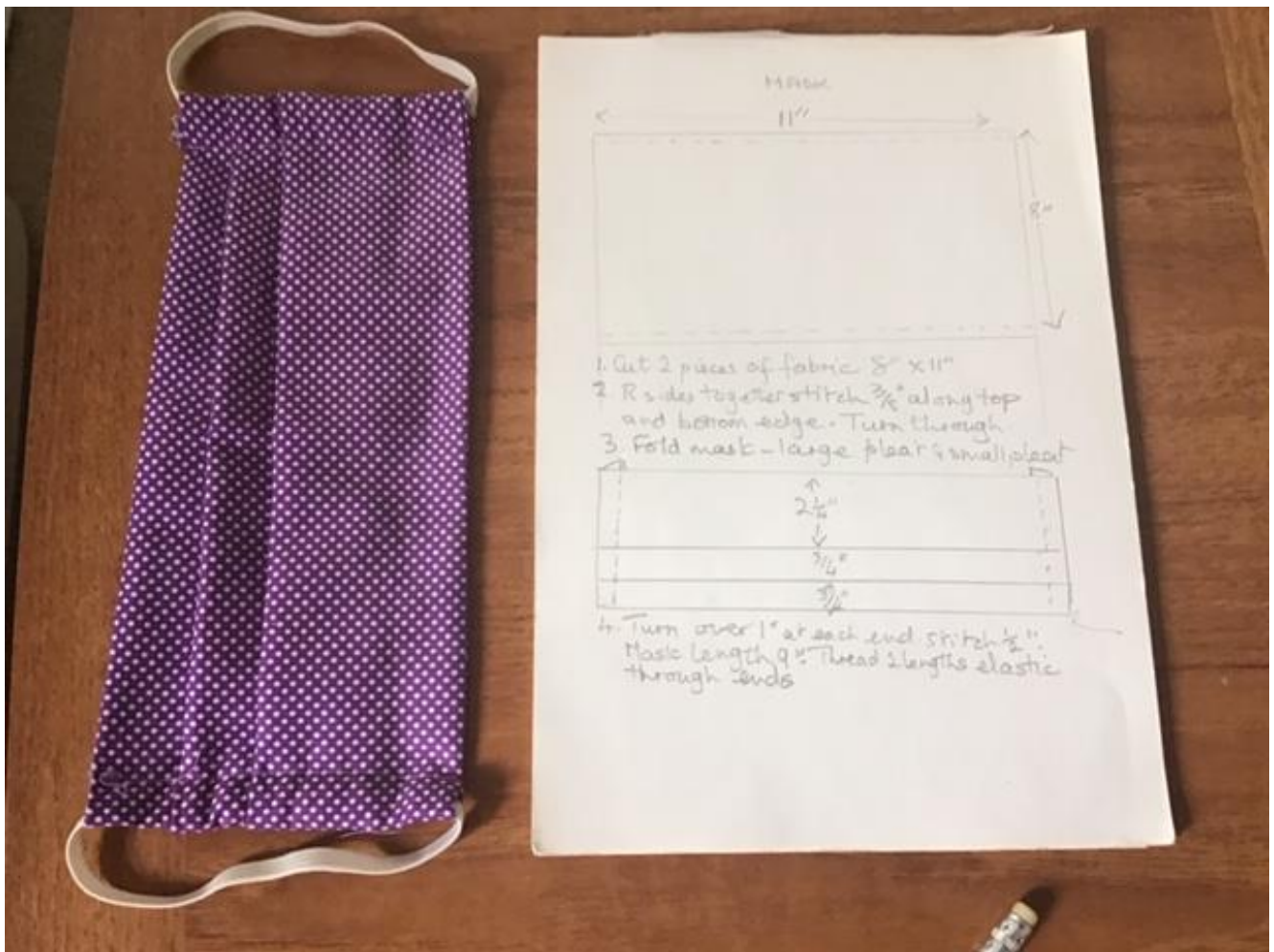
Save the date : Week of accompanied prayer— an exciting opportunity to further our relationship with God through exploring prayer. Fun and rewarding. Sunday 25th— Friday 30th October. Details to come—do put the date in your diary now. There will be opportunities to help as well as. Watch this space to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

Prayer booklets from the Church of England: the CofE has produced some useful little prayer booklets for this time of national concern. Phyl Sopp has kindly bought 50 and is distributing them across the parish. If you have not received one and would like one please ring or email me and we will get one to you.

Your news

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

If you are thinking of making a face mask, here is a pattern from Ruth Sheppard



Further information about online worship opportunities and local help information can be found on our website (under latest news).

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 are 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.

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