



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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Week commencing: 24th May 2020 The Sunday after Ascension Day

This week we are in that in-between-time, between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Ten days of waiting. In the case of the early church, waiting for God's Holy Spirit. I think we know a bit about waiting this year, don't we! The difference is that, as we wait for an end to lock-down and the opportunity to be able to be with each other (and our families and work colleagues) again we do not wait in despair because we know that God's Spirit is already with us and strengthens us as we go through this. At a funeral I conducted this week a mourner read that beautiful poem 'footprints in the sand' – when we are going through the toughest time, then Jesus carries us.

This week's worship offering from St. Luke's includes a recorded Word service for Sunday with a focus on Ascension and the Kingship of Jesus, and also Zoom Morning Prayer, live worship at 9 am Tuesday through to Sunday.

As ever, all orders of service and recordings can be found on our website, along with many other resources. 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 hymns, readings and collect for this week are in the order of service.

Zoom Morning Prayer: This link works for all days:

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

And the seasonal order of service 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>).

Or just ask me to drop you off a hard copy!!

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

Monday	Psalm 93	Numbers 27. 15-end	1 Corinthians 3
Tuesday	Psalm 99	1 Samuel 10.1-10	1 Corinthians 12.1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 29	1 Kings 19.1-18	Matthew 3. 13-end
Thursday	Psalm 24	Ezekiel 11. 14-20	Matthew 9.35-10.20
Friday	Psalm 28	Ezekiel 36. 22-28	Matthew 12.22-32
Saturday	Psalm 43	Micah 3. 1-8	Ephesians 6.10-20
Sunday	Psalm 87	Acts 10. 34-48	

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

- Calendared **Bible study** 4 week series, Thursdays in May and 4th June, just after 8 pm, on Zoom. All welcome. Have a Bible in front of you for our study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88495847133?pwd=eXEwVktCcGZqdDI3YXNiOFRRMldrUT09>
- The next virtual **Messy Church** is on Friday 5th June at 4pm. This link will get you in. If you'd like a craft pack please let me know.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82228649607?pwd=WnBNb0wrWEZPSGNpNIVFdzRySDITQ T09>

- And we are thinking about how we might manage a virtual **Summer Fair** on Saturday 13th June – ideas to me please!!

Prayer suggestions for this week:

See also our Facebook page for daily prayer intentions

- For our government and bishops, making difficult decisions about the current situation
- For those who are very sick in hospital, and for those who have died
- For the most vulnerable in our society and for those in isolation
- 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 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, and for staff as schools prepare to return in places
- Those whose anniversary of baptism fall in May: Elise Rutland, Harry Portsmouth, Daisy Stevens, Travis Romero

For all those who live and work in College Rise

- 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: Jack Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Hayward, Brian Webb, John Mclean, Kay Raffan and Revd. Jonathan Chambers

- 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, Edwina Richardson and Ivy Trillow

The church is still floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by
Julienne Grobler and Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake:

*In memory of Richard Grobler and Caroline Friend,
on their birthday, 27th May.*



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or 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.

(<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>)

Last weeks sermon from Dean Martyn Percy is worth hearing, if you missed it, it is very moving, courageous and helpful:

https://www.facebook.com/diocesefoxford/videos/660972098089253/?q=diocese%20of%20oxford&epa=SEARCH_BOX

You may also like to follow **Bishop Steven's podcast: Reflections for a church in lockdown**, available from the diocesan website, or: <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/>

Roots at home this week:

www.rootsontheweb.com/adultsathome24may for adults

www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome24may for families

Worship suggestion for this week: The Rodulfus Foundation Virtual Evensong
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3X8FYAb3JK0>

A beautiful Evensong recorded by people all over the country. With thanks for Helen Petter for letting us know about it.

This week's news and information

Thy Kingdom Come – prayer for our nation.

As usual, our Archbishops are calling us to pray for our nation during the ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (21st – 31st May). You might like to look at the TKC website to find out more: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Joan, Jeremy and myself have agreed that we will work together as three churches to pray for 12 hours continuously on one day as our response to Thy Kingdom Come. So... on **Saturday 30th May** we are committing our churches to pray from 8 am – 8pm, with individuals (or families) offering to pray in 30 minute or one hour slots (starting on the hour and half hour) in whatever way suits them, at home. If you have not yet offered to join in it is not too late to let Sally know.

Inspire : Louisa is now ready to work on a lock-down edition of Inspire. Please do send articles to: stlukes.inspire@gmail.com. You may like to write about how you kept VE day, what has kept you sane in lockdown, how you see the church of the future...

Quiz Night... yes, really!

Huge thanks to James and Louisa Ellins, who are running a Quiz Night for all adult ages on Wednesday 10th Jun at 8.30 pm (once Alex is in bed!!).

Anyone can take part – as an individual, family/couple – under the same roof unit, or by pairing up with a friend and conferring by phone. Four rounds of ten questions with a brief comfort break interval. Bring your own drinks and snacks (of course!).

It would be great if you could email Ruth on admin@stlukeschurchmaidenehad.org.uk so that we have an idea of who is Zooming in, but you can also just show up on the night. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86036432303?pwd=NzBpMXFhTHZkYnlZdXRjeEw5L0dxUT09>

Meeting ID: 860 3643 2303

Password: 002056

Foodshare please don't forget those who really do need food at this time. there are drop off points around town – see a previous weekly sheet.

Zooming around the Diocese

Dr Simon Cross in Bishop Steven's office is looking at the impact of churches being unable meet in person. The research considers the benefits and challenges of meeting online and how churches have adapted to the lockdown.

If you are attending online church service(s), please could you [complete this short survey](#) as soon as possible after the next online service you attend. If you attend the Diocesan Church at Home service and/or a number of other services from different parishes, you are welcome to complete the survey for each online service you've been to.

Your news

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

Ruth Sheppard has kindly offered to make **a face mask** for anyone who is unable to access on e- speak to Revd. Sally in the first instance.

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 you 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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