



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 17th March, Passion Sunday

This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion, with an activity available for children. All are welcome to worship. At 6.00pm we will be walking the Stations of the Cross, in church. This service will also be zoomed - use the Sunday morning link. Don't forget our last Lent lunch, around midday, on Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

The Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him
who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least
of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

First Reading

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. *Jeremiah 31.31-34*

Gospel Reading

²⁰Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ²⁷'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that

it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. *John 12.20-33*

Sunday's Hymns:

707	Lift high the cross
806	There 's a wideness in God's mercy
147	My song is love unknown
748	O Jesus I have promised

Thought for the week:

My funeral plan (which I am rather hoping won't be needed just yet!) states that there is to be a bowl of wheat next to my coffin. This follows a custom found in the Orthodox church – the wheat symbolising dying in order to gain new, full, life, and drawing on part of Jesus' teaching in Sunday's gospel: '...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit'.



This saying of Jesus is at heart of gospel – it is what he is about - he lives (and dies) the message and expects his disciples (us) to do the same. It is the principle of life through death. That grain of wheat is ineffective as long as it is preserved, it must be thrown into the cold dark ground and die in order to do good, to grow and flourish. In the same way, Jesus calls his disciples to put to death personal desire and ambition in order to grow to new life. As we travel through Lent we might ask ourselves, are we prepared to die to our own desires and needs for sake and good of others? To what is God calling each of us, both individually and corporately, in His service?

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That all may know themselves loved by God
- For a holy Passiontide
- For those who are living on the breadline and on our streets, for shelter and support
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there and for strength for all those who are suffering loss and fear. For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town, and for all who are keeping Ramadan.
- For a de-escalation of the situation in the Middle East.
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For our ministry with children and families.
- For a new church music leader.
- For our growth in faith and for the Alpha team and guests.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Henry Weber, Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash, Faith Porro, Lola-Rose Watkins
- For all those who live and work in Cordwallis road.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Iris Brown, Lorraine, Ken Young, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Janet Whitlock.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Leslie Timmins
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Anthony Wright, Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis, Susan Robinson, Jill Cotterill, John Marshall, John Cox, Christopher Druce.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 17th March 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 107.1-22	Exodus 2.23-end of 3	Matthew 20.17-28
Monday	Psalm 73	Exodus 8.1-19	Hebrews 11.17-31
Tuesday	Psalm 95	Numbers 11.10-33	John 11.1-44
Wednesday	Psalm 55	Exodus 9.1-12	Hebrews 12.3-13
Thursday	Psalm 40	Exodus 9.13-end	Hebrews 12.14-end
Friday	Psalm 22	Exodus 10	Hebrews 13.1-16
Saturday	Psalm 23	Exodus 11	Hebrews 13.17-end

Rotas for next week Sunday 24th March: Parish Communion, Palm Sunday

Read: Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake

Intercede: Ministry team

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Kim

Coffee: Sally and Jeanette

Our church is floodlit at night.

The Reverend Sally Lynch

In thankfulness for the safe arrival of baby Lilah



To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.

There are lots of weeks available.

What's on.... This week:

Sunday 17 th	10.00am, Parish Communion 12.00pm, Lent Lunch with film, in church 6.00pm, Stations of the Cross, in Church and on zoom
Monday 18 th	7.30pm, WAMCF, in Church, all ladies welcome
Tuesday 19 th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom <i>Office closed</i>
Wednesday 20 th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom <i>Office closed</i> 10.00am, Holy Communion 11.00am, Lent course, in Church 7.00pm, Alpha Course, in Church
Thursday 21 st	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 3.00pm, Keeping Company
Friday 22 nd	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30am, St Luke's School in church, all day 5.00pm, Evening prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 23 rd	9.00am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, Alpha course, in Church
Sunday 24 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.00am, Parish Communion, Procession of the Palms from vicarage to Church 6.00pm, Taizé service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

17 th March	Stations of the Cross, in church at St. Luke's (Passion Sunday)
24 th March	Taizé service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (Palm Sunday)

7 th April	Stations of the Resurrection, on zoom Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
21 st April	Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, in church, at All Saints

Coming up..

Messy Church our Messy church dates are as follows: 30th March, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 29th November

Defibrillator training, now Saturday 20th April (NB changed date). Following the installation of the defibrillator outside the church, it would be good to have as many people, as possible trained to use it (or any other that you may pass when needed). Please book two hours in the morning of 20th April in your diary to come along if you can.

Joan Hicks will be the speaker at the next **WAMCF (interfaith) ladies meeting** on Monday 18th March, 7.30 pm, at St. Luke's church. All ladies welcome.

Schubert and all that Jazz Concert. Please see details below about the forthcoming concert taking place at St Luke's Church on the 27th April. Tickets available to buy after services or from the office.

St Lukes School day. MATERIALS NEEDED On the 22nd March St Luke's school will be at Church all day reflecting on Holy Week. We are looking for donations of craft materials - particularly lego, duplo, magazines, felt, foam, tissue paper, stickers but any craft supplies would gratefully received... if they can be brought along on Sunday that would be great – thank you.

Lent Lunches our final lunch will be on 17th March. All are welcome to come along for a soup, bread and cheese lunch. We collect the money we would have spent on a full Sunday lunch and donate it to Christian Aid. The lunch will be preceded by a Christian Aid film at about 11.30 am.

Thanks to James Ellins for a really helpful **IT safety talk**. James mentioned some useful links:

National Cyber Security Centre

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

Government's Stop Think Fraud Campaign

<https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/>

Easter flowers: we have a team who will be decorating the church for Easter, if you would like to join them please let Joan Harnby, Rita Salter or Revd Sally know – all very welcome.

Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers and lilies are now invited. Please give your cash donations directly to Rita Salter, who is collecting them again this year. There will NOT be a box in church. If you prefer to give by card please note 'flowers' on the machine before making the payment. Thank you very much.

You may wish to give to the flowers in memory of loved ones. There is a sheet at the back of church on which you are invited to write their names. These will be displayed in church as usual at Easter

Come and See

It is not too late to sign up for daily emails:

- Come and See - for groups and individuals (daily content)
<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>
- Come and See - for families (weekly content, each Sunday)
<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see-for-families>

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, 24th March

10.00 am, Holy Communion, with procession of palms from vicarage to church, children's activities
6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Taize service at Cox Green

Monday – Saturday

Morning Prayer (8.30 am daily) on zoom or in church
Evening Prayer (5.00 pm – not Friday & Saturday) on zoom

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th March

Church open for quiet, daily, 6.00 - 7.00 pm
Compline (Night Prayer) daily on Zoom only (use MP link), 8.00pm Mon and Tue, **9.15 pm Weds**

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

8.00 pm, Holy Communion (also on zoom) followed by Watch until 10.45 pm, 10.45 pm, Compline

Good Friday, 29th March

11.00 am, CTiM Walk of Witness, meet outside Sainsburys
1.00 pm, An hour at the cross – quiet service of music, meditation and silence
2.00 pm, The Liturgy of the Last Hour 3.15 pm, Evening Prayer and church 'sealed'

Holy Saturday, 30th March

9.00 am, Morning Prayer in church and on zoom, Church decorating
4.00 pm, Messy Church: All Age Saving Stories service (open to ALL ages)

Easter Day, 31st March

8.00 am, Holy Communion and lighting of the paschal candle, followed by coffee and croissants
10.00 am, Festal Holy Communion (also on zoom)
Easter egg hunt for children during the service, service followed by refreshments for all

APCM (Church Annual Business Meeting) Our annual meeting this year is on Sunday 21st April at around 11.30 and following the main Sunday service. Do please note this in your diaries.

Church Electoral Roll: If you are not on the Electoral Roll, please ensure that you register asap – there are now forms at the back of church for this purpose, a welcomer can find one for you if you fail!. Please return the form directly to the parish office, the PCC secretary or one of the ministers. Anyone wishing to stand for PCC or to vote at the APCM must be on the Electoral Roll. There is a copy of the current Roll on the table at the back of church if anyone wishes to check it. The Roll will close on 6th April, and then be published (names only) in church before the APCM.

CCJ Talk: You are invited to meet TV presenter, Sean Fletcher, at a Berkshire Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) event in Maidenhead on Wednesday 1st May at 8.00 pm.

Well-known for his deep Christian faith, he has been or continues to be presenter of *Rebound*, *Countryfile*, *Sunday Morning Live*, *Songs of Praise* as well as ambassador for both *Beating Bowel Cancer* and *Young Minds UK*. He will be talking about his life, religious journey, passionate causes and media roles.



Numbers will have to be limited, so please book in advance by emailing admin@maidshul.org with your name and postal address if you wish to attend. There is no charge, but there will be an optional donation for the work of CCJ.

It will be held at Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (please do not park on the road, there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park)

A St Luke's Church Concert in aid of Thames Hospice

Schubert and all that Jazz



Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm

St Luke's Church

Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX

This will be a wonderful concert to delight all musical tastes and is guaranteed to put a smile on your face

Featuring

Peter De Souza	Piano	Geneviève Usher	Soprano
Chris Crocker	Piano	Andrew Smith	Clarinet

Tickets £10 with all proceeds to be given to

Thames hospice

For more information or to purchase tickets please call 01628 62273 or

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Our Regular activities:

The 8.00 Holy Communion service will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

Midweek Holy Communion is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee

Baby and Toddler group meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am term time only. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 30th March 2024 admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 21st March

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 11th April

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on Jeant-d2@outlook.com for further details.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 28th March

Please note that for all Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays (except first Friday)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378796960?pwd=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID:

853 7879 6960

Passcode: 386635