

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 21st April, Easter 4



This week we have a 10.00am Parish Communion, with activity for children during the service. All are warmly invited to worship. After the service, at approximately 11.30am, will be the Church Annual Meeting. This will also be zoomed, please use the usual Sunday morning link.

At 6.00pm All Saints Church is leading a Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, in church.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life
and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

⁵The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Acts 4.5-12

Gospel Reading

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹¹'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know

my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

John 10.11-18

Sunday's Hymns:

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| 291 | Christ is made the sure foundation |
| 800 | The Lord's my shepherd |
| 671 | I will sing the wondrous story |
| 724 | Loving shepherd of thy sheep |
| 664 | How sweet the name of Jesus sounds |



Thought for the week

Those of us who have been on the Holy Land pilgrimage from here have all visited Nazareth village. This modern recreation of a first century Palestinian village, such as Jesus would have known, is a helpful means of understanding the everyday life that illustrated Jesus' teaching. We saw for ourselves threshing floors, wine presses, and the animals that people kept. The photo here shows the sheep and goat pen with their shepherd. Today there is a gate (far left corner) but in Biblical times there was no gate, just sides. At night the shepherd would lay down in the gap, thus providing a 'gate for the sheep'. Just before the extract from today's gospel Jesus says that he is the gate for the sheep – and here he says that he lays down his life for his sheep - just as any good shepherd would do.

It is very easy to be lured into all sorts of unhelpful ways of living - to 'stray like sheep'! It is easy to follow a whole variety of enticing leadership. In today's gospel we are reminded that Jesus is the one truly good leader (shepherd) who put his life on the line (on the cross) for us. Maybe that can encourage us to follow him more fully and to echo his model of servant leadership.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- That all may know and follow the Good Shepherd
- That we may accept the touch of God upon our lives.
- 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 about to keep Passover.
- For the King and the Princess of Wales as they are treated for cancer
- 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 April: Lucy Traut, Abigail Porro, Jazmin Porro, Iris Bithell, Albert Bithell
- For all those who live and work in the Cronwell 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, Albert Murray, Lucy Young.

- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them.
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: John Rogers, Vivienne Sewell, Roy Howton, Helen Poynter, Alma Rookie, Roger Bevitt, Diana Philps, Elsie Cummings, Pamela Neville, Bertha Selby, Dorothy Main, Philip Davies, Alan Coombs, Keith Morris, Ernie Thomas, Brenda Clark, Brian Pitts, Patricia Lovering, Brian Beard, Rita Redhead, Maureen Williams, Reginald Jacobs, Francis (Frank) Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Hayward, John McLean, Barbara Lewis, Eileen Daniel

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 21st April 2024:

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| Sunday | Psalm 119.89-96 | Numbers 22.1-35 | Mark 5.21-end |
| Monday | Psalm 103 | Exodus 32.1-14 | Luke 2.41-end |
| Tuesday | Psalm 110 | Deuteronomy 26 | Acts 15.36-16.5 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 135 | Exodus 33 | Luke 3.15-22 |
| Thursday | Psalm 119.33-72 | Ecclesiasticus 51.13-end | Acts 15.35-end |
| Friday | Psalm 33 | Exodus 35.20-36.7 | Luke 4.14-30 |
| Saturday | Psalm 34 | Exodus 40.17-end | Luke 4.31-37 |

Rotas for next week Sunday 28th April: Parish Communion

Read: James Ellins
 Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Kim
 Coffee: Helen and Carl
 Intercede: Dorothy Strack-Hankey
 Chalice: Sue Hinchliffe

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Ralph and Sue Hinchliffe

Celebrate Lissa and Iain's 24th Wedding Anniversary



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:

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| Sunday 21st | 10.00am, Parish Communion 11.30am(ish), Church Annual Business Meeting 6.00pm, Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, All Saints Church |
| Tuesday 23rd | 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom |
| Wednesday 24th | 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 7.00pm, Alpha course, in Church |
| Thursday 25th | 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 3.00pm, Gaynor's Gifts |
| Friday 26th | 8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom |
| Saturday 27th | 9.00am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30pm, Schubert and all that Jazz recital, in Church |
| Sunday 28th | 10.00am, Parish Communion |

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

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| 21 st April | Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing, in church, at All Saints |
| 5 th May | Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints |
| 19 th May | Choral Sung Compline, at St. Luke's |
| 2 nd June | Eucharist of wholeness and healing. at All Saints |
| 16 th June | International Taizé service, at St. Luke's |
| 7 th July | Evensong and Benediction, at All Saints |
| 21 st July | Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by St. Luke's |

Coming up..

The funeral of Janet Whitlock will take place at St. Mary's church Maidenhead at 12.30 pm on Friday 26th April. I hope that those of you who knew here may be able to attend.

Churchyard Community Project: Sunday 12th May, 11.30 am – 3.00 pm.

We have been granted some funding from Partners for Heathrow to work in partnership with Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust on a community project on our churchyard. We will be roping off an area to create some wildlife areas, planting and other aspects of care for creation. Please do come along on 12th May to help make a start. Bring a packed lunch with you, drinks provided.

Our next Church Breakfast... is on Saturday 18th May. Jacqueline Lewis will speak about the charity Children Reachout Uganda, following the usual delicious breakfast. Doors open 8.45 am, tickets £5 pp, now available after services or from the parish office.

Ascension Day this year is on Thursday 9th May. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 8pm, followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Church Planning morning: Saturday 11th May. The new PCC will meet at 9.00 am to explore what it means to serve on the PCC and all members of the church are warmly invited to join us from 10.30 am for coffee and a chance to draw up our new Mission Action Plan for 2024-2027. The key priorities identified are:

- a. CYP & families
- b. Being a hub at the heart of the community – awareness of needs
- c. Environment/ churchyard/ heat and light
- d. Inclusive underpinning

WAMCF women meeting, Tuesday 21st May. 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm at St, Edmund Campion church. Details below.

Confirmation

There will be a Deanery confirmation on the evening of Wednesday 17th July. If you are interested in being confirmed (or would like to know more about confirmation – making our baptismal promises for ourselves) please speak to Revd. Sally.

Holy Communion Before Confirmation: our church has a policy for the admission of children to communion before confirmation, with preparation. We have not put this into practice for some time and are keen to do so. The initial plan is to have two short sessions after the All Age Holy Communion services in June and July and a party in the summer with a view to admission on 1st September (AAHC). If you know of children who might be interested please speak to Revd. Sally.

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

Monthly Lunch: Our next monthly lunch will take place at the Toby Carvery on Thursday, April, 25th, at 12.00. Midday. For further information please contact Jean T-D at jeant-d2@outlook.com . Or 626671. Look forward to seeing you there.

Bible study: our journey exploring together Matthew's gospel continues again soon. All warmly invited from 8-9pm, in church. Wednesdays: 2nd, 15th May, 5th, 19th June, 3rd, 10th, 24th July.

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 are now available to buy after services or from the office.

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.

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)



Looking further ahead:

Save the dates....

Sunday 23rd June: Not the Summer Fair day (donations and possibly shared lunch)

Saturday 7th September: Garden Party

Friday 13th/ Sat 14th September: Heritage weekend

Sunday 20th October afternoon: the Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture.

Summer Holidays (dates to be confirmed) Arts project for all ages.

From Burchetts Green :

We are holding a music and arts festival in Hurley from 3rd to 5th May which is celebrating the diversity of local musical and artistic talent. There are concerts at 7pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening with music ranging from home-grown Bluegrass to a Chamber Choir! There is also an art show taking place from 11:30am on Saturday 4th. More information on all these events and how to book tickets is available at www.hurleymusicarts.com. We look forward to celebrating with you the richness of music and arts in our local communities.

If you would like any more information, please get in touch with Tom Etherton (Vicar of Burchetts Green) on 01628 822974 or vicar@burchettsgreenparish.org

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 3rd May 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 16th May

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 9th May

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 25th April

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

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| 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

Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum Women's Group

Ladies of all beliefs and none
are warmly invited to our next meeting
from 7.30 - 9.00 pm

on

Tuesday 21st May 2024

at

St. Edmund Campion Church Hall
Altwood Road, Maidenhead, SL6 4PY

Talk and discussion groups:

The Dignity and worth of women

Further details from:

sally514@btinternet.com
www.wamcf.org



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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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=dUNTtNzVFjBY2xiS3QyVHIYZ1BaZz09> Meeting ID: 853 7879
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