



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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Week commencing: 21st February 2021 The First Sunday in Lent

As we follow Jesus into the desert wilderness, we have space to reflect on our own hearts and our discipleship. Do make the most of opportunities offered for Zoom worship and other activities.

We will use a different order of service for Sunday mornings – it is attached to the weekly email, and also on our website. As part of each service, we will watch the weekly 'Come and See' video from Bishop Steven.

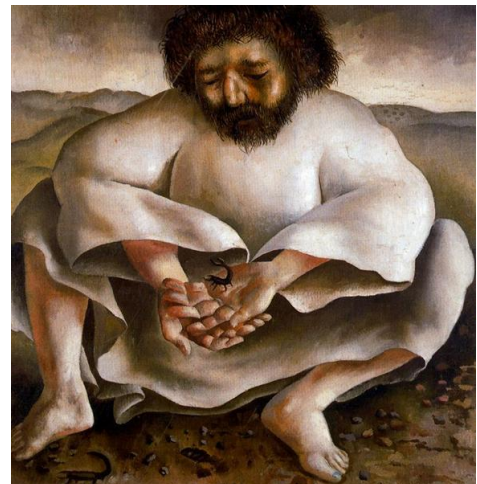
Morning Prayer continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am; **Evening Prayer**, Friday at 5pm. Why not join in during Lent?

Sundays at Six continues on Zoom at 6pm on first and third Sundays each month. The next is led by Revd. Phyl, tonight and then 7th March.

Roots at Home: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22410/roots-at-home-21-feb.pdf>

Thought for the week:

You may like to reflect on the painting by Stanley Spencer: *The Scorpion*, one of his 'Christ in the Wilderness' series. In this painting Jesus does not kill the scorpion but holds it and looks at it tenderly as it sits in his swollen hands. Has it already stung him? He does not retaliate but goes on loving it. In his book on this series of paintings, Stephen Cottrell writes, 'Thus we see Jesus, not carrying the cross, not nailed to it, but squatting in the desert, holding the scorpion that can kill him, doing what it is in his nature to do; for as God's Son he comes to perfectly fulfil God's will, to be the suffering servant who reconciles us to God, and to do for us what we could never do for ourselves'.



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 21st February are:

Sunday	Psalm 77	Romans 10.8b-13
Monday	Psalm 11	Jeremiah 4. 19 - end John 5. 1-18
Tuesday	Psalm 44	Jeremiah 5. 1- 19 John 5. 19-29
Wednesday	Psalm 6	Jeremiah 5. 20-end John 5. 30 - end
Thursday	Psalm 42	Jeremiah 6. 9-21 John 6. 1-15
Friday	Psalm 22	Jeremiah 6. 22 – end John 6. 16-27
Saturday	Psalm 63	Jeremiah 7. 1-20 John 6. 27-40

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for vaccines for Covid19 and pray for those rolling out the programme
- For children, parents and staff returning to home schooling
- For our government, and our nation, as announcements are made about the future of restrictions
- For every family bereaved through Covid 19, and all others too
- Pray with our Archbishops, and all church leaders
- For our keeping of a holy Lent
- That we might be kind to each other – in ‘thought, word and deed’
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For our care for God’s world
- For our prayer shawl ministry, and those who will receive shawls, in love
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the Synagogue, Mosques, Gurdwara and elsewhere
- For the people of Yemen, Ethiopia, Syria, Armenia and other places of conflict
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in February: Isaac Smalley and Elsie-Rae Jarnak
- For all those who live and work in Horton Close
- The sick and those who care for them: Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Mick Curley, Mick Hine.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Ella Pierce, Stan Swansborough, Nancy Gardner
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Peter Sharp, Edward Dobson, Beryl Horsham, Valerie Merkel, Robert Crick, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macaulay Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, Rodgers Murwisi, Peter Curtis, Harvey Lovegrove, and Joan Bartholomew
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Rotas for next week: 28th February

Read: Edgar Hakobayan Intercede: Shula Tajima

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by Enid Barber, remembering many relations and friends, past and present, with birthdays this month



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally. There are plenty of weeks available this year.

What's on...

The Lent course: starts this week on Wednesday mornings at 11 am and Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm for 90 minutes. The two sessions each week will be the same. The course booklet can be found online:

<https://llf.churchofengland.org/pluginfile.php/69/course/section/74/LLF%20Web%20Version%20The%20Course.pdf>

Zoom links:

Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87204057445?pwd=RWtCS2xFelZ5VUcrSDlqeHY4TGFDdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 0405 7445

Passcode: 441510

Thursday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89179240683?pwd=V0d2dVdueWVhOVJxa2NNWDdSeXBOUT09>

Meeting ID: 891 7924 0683

Passcode: 677112

Don't forget to use the Live Lent booklets you received, for a short daily reflection.

Do sign up personally for the diocesan Lent materials, Come and See. Go to <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/> and scroll down to click 'register'. You will receive a daily reflection in Lent. Revd. Sally has a few hard copies for those who don't have access to a computer – just ask.



Keeping Lent

We listed suggested reading in previous weekly sheets (back copies available on the website).

Lent Lunches will not be possible again this year, but you are invited to have your own soup, bread and cheese lunch on three Sundays during Lent in place of your usual Sunday roast (or whatever you normally eat on Sundays!) and make a donation to the work of Christian Aid. You can donate via an envelope through the vicarage door, or Richard's door or by bac with the reference: Lent Lunch.

World Day of Prayer, Friday 5th March

This year the service is likely to be live-streamed from various points around the world. There is no streamed service from Maidenhead but you can find services on: <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/> We have three service books left (for a small donation). Contact Ruth Sheppard or Revd. Sally if you'd like one.

Footprints, child loss service, Friday 5th March this beautiful annual service for anyone (parent, grandparent or others) who have lost a child at any time is usually held at the cathedral but this year is far more accessible online. This link gives date, time and login details.

https://mcusercontent.com/14501d5eebc3e98fa3015a290/files/da60fadb-9f4b-4244-a76c-eb07a003101d/Footprints_Poster.pdf

Keeping busy

Inspire: Ruth (Admin) is working on another edition of Inspire. Do email articles to the parish office by 28th February. Ideas: how you coped with the pandemic, recipes for Lent, book reviews, photos, poems and short stories, what God has been saying to you... And THANK YOU for all so far received!

Prayer Shawl Ministry it is never too late to join in this beautiful simple knitting ministry. Details are on our website and Revd. Terrie can tell you more. Next get together: 3pm, Thursday 4th March:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84874518710?pwd=eFFwSEd5SS9NdmdTdDVIQXICRIBWUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 7451 8710

Passcode: 078376

Messy Church: our next session is on Zoom (email Revd. Sally for the link) from 4-5pm On Friday 5th March when we will think about the story of the Lost Son / Forgiving Father. Do let Revd. Sally know if you'd like a craft pack in advance.

Our APCM (Annual meeting) was scheduled for 7th March, but clearly that it not possible. Currently it is pencilled in for Sunday 23rd May at 11.15 am (after the morning service). Watch this space – and please pray to discern whether God might be calling you to serve on the PCC.

WAMCF webinar: the next webinar, on What happens after we die? Is from 7 – 8.15 pm on Wednesday 24th February, all welcome. Zoom link, or see the WAMCF website: www.wamcf.org
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82873118259>

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

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing *6 (star six)

Zoom Morning Prayer at 9 am Tuesday - Saturday

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

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925 Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810 Passcode: 171263

Sundays at Six:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRlZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349 Passcode: 945101

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. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033