

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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Week commencing: 28th February 2021 The Second Sunday in Lent

As we come to the second Sunday in Lent, how has Lent impacted on you this year? Have you grown a tiny bit already in your discipleship? Are you able to accept Jesus' deep love for you just a little bit more?

Do think about your own keeping of Lent as a time to grown with Jesus, perhaps especially as we inch towards an easing of restrictions and a new freedom to live in God's world to the full. It is not too late to join in the Lent course, reflecting on our identity in Christ, or to start some reading (the Gospels are good places to start in the Bible!) or sign up for the daily diocesan 'Come and See' email. You may also like to use the Mindfulness March calendar poster attached to this weeks email.

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 will be on 7th March.

Roots at Home: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22412/roots-at-home-28-feb.pdf>

Thought for the week:

The artwork on this page this week is by Sieger Koder; you may recognise the style, as we use his Stations of the Cross and Advent pictures in church.

The top is: *Promise*, and to the right, *Hands holding on*.

The first depicts the promise to Abraham, whose 'faith was reckoned to him as righteousness' – whose faith and trust in God meant that his relationship with God was restored, and through him we too are blessed by God.

Jesus takes up his cross in this picture and grasps it tightly, perhaps knowing that through his loving act we can know fully God's love.

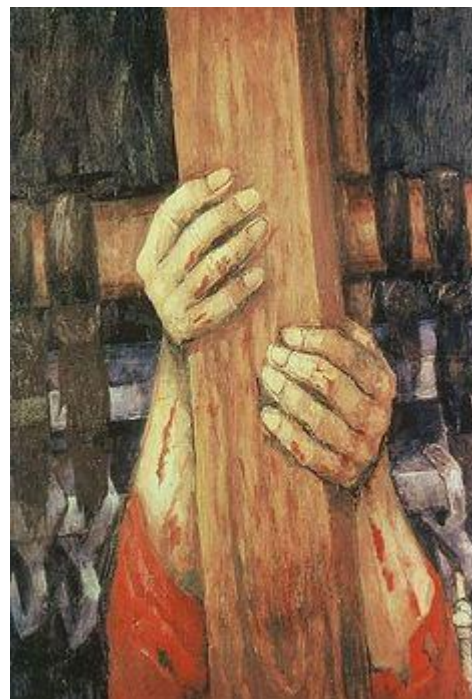
What does Jesus' call to 'take up your cross' mean to you? how does it show you just how much God loves you?

Find out more about Koder here:

<https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/fr-sieger-k%C3%B6der-rip>

and see examples of his work

here: <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/arbartoli/sieger-koder/>



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 28th February are:

Sunday	Psalm 105. 1-6, 37-end	Galatians 3. 1-9, 23-end
Monday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 7. 21 - end John 6. 41-51
Tuesday	Psalm 50	Jeremiah 8. 1- 15 John 6. 52-59
Wednesday	Psalm 35	Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.11 John 6. 60 - end
Thursday	Psalm 34	Jeremiah 9. 12-24 John 7. 1-13
Friday	Psalm 41	Jeremiah 10. 1-16 John 7. 14-24
Saturday	Psalm 25	Jeremiah 10. 17-24 John 7. 25-36

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 we slowly 'unlock', for patience
- 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, and our engagement with the LLF materials
- 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 Hungerford drive
- The sick and those who care for them: Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Mick Curley.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Stan Swansborough, Nancy Gardner, Mick Hine, Patrick Bailey, Christine Dawson
- 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

Rotas for next week: 7th March

Read: Chris Smith Intercede: Simon Bader

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: has started 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://lhf.churchofengland.org/pluginfile.php/69/course/section/74/LLF%20Web%20Version%20The%20Course.pdf>

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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.

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/da60fbd9-9f4b-4244-a76c-eb07a003101d/Footprints_Poster.pdf

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. The next usual PCC meeting is on 9th March.

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.

During Lent the RSCM will be holding Night Prayer services every Wednesday at 8.00pm (GMT) and we would love you to join us!

Every service will be broadcast live on our Facebook page [here](#) and our YouTube channel [here](#).

The liturgy will come from either the RSCM's Night Prayer or Compline (Traditional language)

Common Worship publications and will be on the screen as we go through the service.

Choral music for the services is available to buy on [this page](#) and it includes the hymn/anthem and the Nunc dimittis for each service. We will also supply rehearsal tracks so that you can learn the music in advance of the service. You can access these [here](#).

Lent and Holy Week plans more details of services will be released soon (the diocesan senior team is meeting next week to plan a roadmap for the Church), but for now, do book in your diaries a Zoom offering.

You may remember the Riding Lights Theatre Company who spent some time with us in Holy week a few years ago. They have released an online Lockdown Passion Play: **Breaking Day**. We will be joining again with our friends at All Saints and ChoGS to offer this, with some worship reflections, at 6pm on Sunday 21st March and 3pm on Tuesday 30th March. More details to come, for now
Daybreak on Good Friday. The Governor's grip on authority is slipping, his wife plagued by dreams, and their servant clearly knows more than she should. Torn between the Capitol, the Sanhedrin & the mob, the lines between personal & political begin to blur. The teacher at the centre of it all remains silent.

Filmed remotely in lockdown, *Breaking Day* is an innovative passion play for Easter 2021, immersing us with stark intimacy in decisions that led to crucifixion.

A thank you from the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, recipients of the Tree Trail donations:

I'm writing to let you know that Thames Valley Air Ambulance has received your kind donation of £1,107.73 on behalf of St Luke's Church, Maidenhead raised by the 2020 Christmas Tree Trail. This is an amazing amount of money, which could keep one of our emergency response vehicles on the road for 22 days, bringing the expertise, equipment and medication of the hospital to where it is needed most, so thank you so much.

Thanks to people like you we have been able to make huge developments in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine. Our teams have at their fingertips the latest life support kit such as a compact chest compressor which allows us to continue treatment at the same time as keeping the heart pumping. We carry blood on board for on scene transfusions and a hospital level blood analyser which can give vital information in seconds. We have hand held ultrasound machines, able to show internal injuries at the roadside. In the last few years TVAA have extended the service by introducing 5 cars as well as a brand-new helicopter, fully equipped for night operations.

With your help, we are proud to be an organisation that is committed to constant development and enhancement and above all else, we are committed to patient care.

Keeping busy

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

Thanks to Helen Petter for passing on this amazing video of **Bach's Toccata and Fuge** – played by organs all over the UK (and world). Do watch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uDt3M-fk&feature=youtu.be>

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

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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

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