



St. Luke's Church,

Maidenhead



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**Week commencing: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**  
**Easter 4, All Age Holy Communion**

This week we have an All Age service of Holy Communion at 10 am, both in-person in church and also on zoom. The order of service has been used before and is on our website but will also be attached to the weekly email. From this week we will not be recording every service for the website – it takes a long time to prepare it to go on the website and we have had very few full views recently. We will still record 'special' services and are looking to recording the sermon only.

**Morning Prayer** continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am; **Evening Prayer**, Fridays at 5pm. All Saints church also offers **Night Prayer** on Thursdays at 8pm.

**Sundays at Six** continues on Zoom at 6pm on alternate Sundays each month. The next will be on 9<sup>th</sup> May, and will use the little Blue Prayer booklet.

**Thought for the week:**

It's the time of year when our gardens are starting to gain colour and growth again. I have noticed in the vicarage garden that daffodil and tulip bulbs have given way to the green shoots of lupins and other perennials. My herb garden is really taking off again – as are the weeds! One of the things that I find satisfying in the garden is taking cuttings and splitting larger plants to create more – and rather more cheaply than going to the garden centre.

I love watching the apple blossom on the trees give way to tiny fruits which, when protected from birds and squirrels, make wonderful apple pies... and apple wine too. The roses will soon bloom and leave their beautiful fragrance wafting through the air.

Spring and summer in the garden are times of growth and fruitfulness.

But I am also very aware that without water, tending and weeding, the growth will soon stop as the plants dry up and get choked. And my bid to save money and take cuttings does not always work unless they are pinned first to the earth to grow roots – the shoots need to be firmly embedded in the main plant in order to thrive.

Our readings this week remind us that as disciples of Jesus, we, like those plants need to be firmly rooted – shoots in the main plant, and we in Jesus. If we are to thrive in life and attain the life in all its fullness (John 10.10b) that Jesus offers, then we need to be steadfast in prayer, in Bible study (as was the Ethiopian man in the Acts reading) and in worship. We need to be rooted in the body of Christ – the church.

In the gospel today Jesus likens himself to a vine, and us as the branches, firmly rooted in him. As we share the Eucharist together, what better image – we are urged to be united with each other and with him, as he feeds us, in love.





Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Music team meeting
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30 pm, PCC, on zoom
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4 pm, Messy Church, on zoom 5 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8 am, Holy Communion, BCP, in church 10.00, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, on zoom

### Looking ahead:

**Messy Church:** our next session is on Zoom (email Revd. Sally for the link) from 4-5pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Zoom link from Revd. Sally, and craft pack orders – by Tuesday.

**Church planning morning:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 10 am – 12.30 pm, on zoom.

The PCC has a planned morning to consider prayerfully and through discussion, where God may be leading us as a church, as we merge from the pandemic. We will have brief presentations from members of the Standing Committee about new documents and initiatives from the national church / diocese, and we will begin to revise our Mission Action Plan.

This session is open to EVERYONE associated with the church. Please do join us if you possibly can - sadly it is another provide your own coffee time!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533727040?pwd=RS9kaDNBeWhWRTNtU1dNS2loRU8wQT09>

Meeting ID: 845 3372 7040

Passcode: 820500

**APCM** – The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 11.15am on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021** in St. Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX. This is preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect our churchwardens.

The APCM is when the PCC reports on its activities during the year and the financial state of the church. Elections also take place for churchwardens and PCC Members.

Nominations are now required for the 2 churchwardens, 4 PCC members (3 yrs.), 1 PCC member (1 yr.) and 1 Deanery Synod (2 yrs.).

The nomination forms for all the elections are on the table at the rear of church. Please complete the appropriate form with your nomination and hand directly to a churchwarden, the PCC secretary or one of the ministers. Please ensure you use correct form for the position you are nominating someone for. Remember that the person you are nominating must sign the form agreeing to their nomination. Ralph Hinchliffe, PCC Secretary

**Bulletin:** The 2020 Bulletin was sent to you with this week's news sheet and is also on our website now. If you need a hard copy, please contact the office – we would be grateful for a contribution towards the cost of printing hard copies.

**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, or speak to Revd. Sally or email to the office for an emailed form. Please return the form directly to Ann Burdett (Electoral Roll officer), 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 brown board at the back of church if anyone wishes to check it.

**And also:**

**Recycling paper face coverings:** There is a box in church to place your used paper face coverings. These are then taken to Wilko for recycling.

**Christian Aid week news, CTiM, from Revd. David Downing, URC minister and Chair of CTiM:**

### ***Christian Aid Week Zoom Service***

Like last year, Churches Together will be ensuring we can't forget the work of Christian Aid as we join together using Zoom for our Christian Aid Week Service. It will be at 5pm and will kick off the week. We will sing songs, hear scripture, and learn about the work going on, in conjunction with churches across the UK and beyond!

If you need help connecting to Zoom, or if you want to phone in then please let me know.

The code to join us is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2557731522>

### ***300,000 Steps***

This year Christian Aid are asking people to take 300,000 steps to raise money for Christian Aid; and I've accepted the challenge. In the wet, dry, cold and warmth of May I will make sure that I make sure that people who are suffering most from climate change are getting the support they need through Christian Aid. If you can sponsor me, it would be like hearing you cheer me on!

You can get in touch with me via [revmandm@gmail.com](mailto:revmandm@gmail.com), or you can sponsor me directly by go to: [www.facebook.com/donate/137225505049642/](http://www.facebook.com/donate/137225505049642/)

### ***Psalmathon***

This month, as part of Christian Aid Week, we are invited to join with Christian Aid supporters in Marlow in reading all 150 Psalms end to end, on Zoom. This event will be on Sunday 16th June, from 12pm to approximately 7pm. Phew! But you don't have to be there the whole time.

We need LOTS of readers, and we hope that everyone who reads will get their friends and family to sponsor them, raising bags of money for Christian Aid. So please join in! Go

to <https://tinyurl.com/psalmathon> for more details and to book your place as a reader: you will be asked to specify a one-hour slot during which you will get your turn. There is a £5 registration fee.

We will then send you full details and you will be encouraged to get sponsorship. Nearer the time, we'll confirm which Psalm(s) you will be reading, and we will send you the Zoom code for the event.

**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=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=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRIZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349

Passcode: 945101

**Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry** 3pm, every other Thursday

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

Meeting ID: 848 7451 8710

Passcode: 078376

**Night Prayer from All Saints:** Thursdays at 8pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75976544021?pwd=Q1pJVlplTytOdHg0VXhSRGxWRzIzZz09>

Meeting ID: 759 7654 4021

Password: 5rHziv

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