



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week Commencing: 31st March, Easter Day

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for worship this Easter Sunday. We have an 8.00am Holy Communion service, with Lighting of the Paschal candle followed by coffee and croissants. At 10.00am we have a Festal Holy Communion (also on zoom) and blessing of the Easter Garden. There will be an Easter Egg hunt for children during this service followed by refreshments for all afterwards.

The Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Acts 10.34-43

The Gospel Reading

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the

sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16.1-8

Sunday's Hymns:

205	Jesus Christ is risen today
197	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks
216	The day of resurrection
212	Now the green blade riseth
218	Thine be the glory



Thought for the week

Today's gospel reading is the most unusual (and least often read) account of the resurrection. The original end of Mark ends, as we read above: *the women* 'went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid'.

At first glance the women's lack of action might make us feel sad, frustrated, even annoyed: why did they not do what the angel told them?

We know the whole story and so perhaps we forget the sheer terror those women must have felt. They were courageous enough to set off early to anoint Jesus' body (there had been no time immediately after his death). They knew there was a guard at the tomb, but they wanted to do what was right for their loved one.

It was the angel that frightened them – an encounter with the supernatural – and the empty tomb. They could cope with a dead body, but no body, and an angel - that was too much!

Perhaps we should not judge the women for their fear and their silence, rather we might be assured by it ourselves.

Sometimes God's call on us today makes us fearful, inclined to hold back or slow to act for him.

The women overcame their fear and were some of the first to serve the risen Jesus. God will wait for each of us to respond to his call – and will help us overcome our fears.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For a joyful celebration of Easter
- That we may spread the good news of Jesus' resurrection
- 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 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 the Crescent.
- 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 31st March 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 114	Exodus 12.1-14	Revelation 1.4-18
Monday	Psalm 111	Exodus 15.1-18	Luke 24.1-12
Tuesday	Psalm 112	Exodus 12.14-36	1 Corinthians 15.12-19
Wednesday	Psalm 113	Exodus 12.37-end	1 Corinthians 15.20-28
Thursday	Psalm 114	Exodus 13.1-16	1 Corinthians 15.29-34
Friday	Psalm 115	Exodus 13.17-14.14	1 Corinthians 15.35-50
Saturday	Psalm 116	Exodus 14.15-end	1 Corinthians 15.51-end

Rotas for next week Sunday 7th April: All Age Holy Communion with Baptism

Read: Jacqueline Lewis

Intercede: Preacher

Welcomers: Clare, Lisa and Don

Chalice: Jeanette Lock

Coffee: Lisa and Jenny

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

Jill Bevitt

For Roger who left us on Easter Sunday 1st April 2018, all my love from Jilly Bevitt

and

Alicia Little

Remembering Arthur on the 60th Anniversary of our wedding on 30th March 2024



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 31 st	8.00am, Holy Communion with lighting of Paschal candle, coffee/croissants to follow 10.00am, Festal Holy Communion, blessing of Easter garden and Egg hunt
Tuesday 2 nd	<i>Office closed, no MP</i>
Wednesday 3 rd	no MP 10.00am, Holy Communion
Thursday 4 th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom
Friday 5 th	8.30am, Morning prayer on zoom 5.00pm, Evening prayer on zoom
Saturday 6 th	9.00am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 7 th	10.00am, All Age Holy Communion and Baptism of Alexandra Perkins 6.00pm, Stations of the Resurrection, on zoom only, Church of Good Shepherd

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

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

Easter flowers: we have a team who will be decorating the church for Easter, if you would like to join them just come along on Saturday from 9.30 am.

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 and aim to be there.

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.

Coming up..

Messy Church our Messy church dates are as follows: 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.

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.

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)





WAMCF Dialogue:

Join in the Dialogue at the Thames Hospice, Windsor road Maidenhead, SL6 2DN.

'How can we best support someone through dying, loss and grieving?'

Thursday 18th April 2024

7pm - 830pm followed by refreshments

PLENTY OF FREE CAR PARKING SPACE

FREE ADMISSION & REFRESHMENTS

The Berkshire Historic Churches Trust: The Englefield Lecture 2024:

Going to church in medieval Berkshire: Professor Nicholas Orme, FSA FRHistS

Emeritus Professor of Medieval History, University of Exeter

in St Mark's church, Englefield, Reading RG7 5EL at 2:30pm on Saturday 13 April, 2024

Tickets £15 including tea after the lecture Book online at

www.TicketSource.co.uk/Berkshire-Churches-Trust or phone Marion Elly (01628 482637)

What was it like to go to church in medieval England? What did churches look like? Were there seats? What were the services like, and how did congregations respond? And what about the clergy? In his recent and highly-acclaimed book, *Going to Church in Medieval England*, (it was a *Daily Telegraph* Book of the Year in 2021), Professor Orme explored all these questions and more, with a wealth of vignettes that brought the story vividly to life – examples of often colourful but sometimes dingy churches, mostly (though not always) educated and conscientious clergy, and congregations of variable attentiveness. Some folk, it seemed, 'come only for the manner [*i.e.* the fashion] and for no devotion, nor for no profit of their soul, and such fall soon asleep', though for many, attendance was more than a duty; there was evidently a strong and widespread belief in keeping the Sabbath holy, and people attended out of a genuine piety

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 18th April

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 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

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

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVjNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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=dUNTTnRZVFJBY2xiS3QyVHlYz1BaZz09> Meeting ID: 853 7879

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