



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 12th February, Second Sunday before Lent

Our 10 am service this week is Parish Communion. We also have an 8 am service of Holy Communion and Sundays at Six is an Iona Evening worship, on zoom, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. The zoom link for this is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2050342877?pwd=eGRyd1VQZmNZL2E4SXpCUW1RQmlkZz09>

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life
at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth, be transformed
by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

3Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' 7So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. 10God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. 12The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. 16God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. 17God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the

light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' 21So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' 23And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. 25God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

27So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' 29God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. 31God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

1Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 1: 1. 2-3

The Gospel Reading

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 25'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? 31Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" 32For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Matthew 6: 25-34

Hymns for Sunday

- 356: All the nations of the world
635: For the healing of the nations
533: All things bright and beautiful (first tune, Royal Oak)
588: And can it be

Thought for the week



I have a copy of this beautiful, picture by Jewish artist Bracha Lavee on my wall. It is called 'Six days of creation and Shabbat'.

Along with the beautiful first reading in Sunday from the first Genesis creation story (there is another in Chapter 2) we are reminded of the beauty and gory of God's creation and of the creation of rest too on day seven (however we understand those days).

As we gaze on the fabulous bits of creation, we may be blind to the harm that humanity is doing to it - and none of us are totally innocent when it comes to living in a fully ecologically friendly way. Yet events this week also remind us that humans do not control nature, that the forces of nature are powerful and can be hugely destructive.

May we all bear in our thoughts and prayers the people of Syria and Turkey whose lives have been changed forever by this weeks earthquakes.

A prayer from TearFund:

Loving God,
God of the Earth, of the mountains and the seas,
We lift before you the people of Turkey and Syria,
We pray for help for people who are trapped under rubble.
We pray for shelter for those who have lost their homes.
We pray for comfort for people who are grieving.
We pray for peace for all who are scared and alone.
We pray for the earth to be calm and for the aftershocks to subside.
We pray for those who have already lost so much and now have another disaster to face.
Give them strength and courage. Be their fortress, their rock and their refuge. Amen.

Many agencies are now supporting the relief effort, should you wish to give though the government's Disasters Emergency Committee then this link will take you there:

[DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee](#)

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For all those affected in any way by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey
- That we may follow Jesus faithfully and bring his light to those around us.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN. For all world leaders.
- For all who are worried and struggling with the cost of living, for those who are hungry, or who eat alone every day.
- That we may embrace our ministry as an inclusive church, in every way.
- For our ministry with children and for our plans to appoint a Children and Family Leader.
- For a new Director of Music / organist.
- For our care for creation for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- For all those to be baptised in February: Harry and Oscar Ford, Zara Mean, Lucy and Harriet Walwyn Salisbury.
- For all those who live and work in Auckland Close
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Howard Baxter, Julienne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Ann Hockham, Pat Brooks, Andrew, Jim Mundy, Naila Watanabe, Valerie Bosley, Joan Lynch, Harry, Eunice Goodman, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Betty Mapletoft
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Tony Boaks, Dorothy Nicks, Florence Woodruff
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Beryl Horsham, Kenneth Dovey, Daphne Lewis, Edward Dobson, Robert Crick, Peter Sharp, Valerie Merkel, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macaulay Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, Rodgers Murwisi, Peter Curtis, Joan Bartholomew, Harvey Lovegrove, Stan Swansborough, Christine Dawson, Walter Horwood, Judy Galvin, Oliver Mercer, Barbara Stevens.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 12th February 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 100	Colossians 1.15-20	
Monday	Psalm 44	2 Chronicles 9.1-12	John 19.1-16
Tuesday	Psalm 48	2 Chronicles 10.1-11.4	John 19. 17 - 30
Wednesday	Psalm 119.57-80	2 Chronicles 12	John 19.31-end
Thursday	Psalm 57	2 Chronicles 13.1-14.1	John 20.1-10
Friday	Psalm 51	2 Chronicles 14.2 - end	John 20. 11-18
Saturday	Psalm 68	2 Chronicles 15.1-15	John 20.19 - end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 19th February, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Jeanette Lock

Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Welcomers: Ralph, Sue and Kim

Coffee: Helen and Carl

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by Gill Boaks
In loving memory of Tony

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk The 2023 form is now available.



Given rising fuel prices, it is suggested the minimum donation for weekly sponsorship is now £15.

What's on... This week:

Friday 10 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 11 th	NO Morning Prayer
Sunday 12 th	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptism 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, Zoomed from ChOGS
Tuesday 14 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 15 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 16 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom No Baby and Toddler Group – half term 3.00 pm, Keeping Company, in church
Friday 17 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 18 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 19 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion

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

12 th February	Iona Evening worship, on zoom Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
26 th February	Eucharist for St. David, in church at All Saints
12 th March	Lenten Reflections, on zoom Led by St. Luke's
26 th March	Stations of the Cross, in church at All Saints (Passion Sunday)
2 nd April	Taizé service, in church Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (Palm Sunday)
23 rd April	Easter reflections, on zoom Led by St Luke's

And on the 4th Sunday monthly:

3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints 4pm, Café church, at St. Luke's

We extend to **Gill Boaks** and her family our love and condolences on the death of Tony. His funeral will take place in church at 11.00 am on Tuesday 21st February.

We have been chosen by the CoOp as a recipient of their **Community Fund** for the coming year. By shopping in the CoOp now you can support this church.

St. Luke's Church is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here : <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/68757>

Dust and Glory: is the title of this year's Lent Reflection Booklet from the Church of England. These little booklets have 40 daily reflections to use during Lent. We have ordered 100 copies to give free to the church congregation and anyone who would like one. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of these booklets please speak to Revd. Sally or to Dave Sopp. Thank you.

Also coming up..

Ash Wednesday: 22nd February

Services of Holy Communion with ashing at 10 am and 7.30 pm in church. All welcome.

Lent course 2023

We will be using a course based on Ruth Valerio's book: *Saying yes to life*. You may wish to purchase a copy for yourself in the next couple of weeks, ready for our course.

The first session will follow the Ash Wednesday evening service at around 8.15 pm on 22nd February, thereafter on Wednesdays at 11 am in church and on zoom (use the Morning Prayer link), and Thursdays at 7.30 pm in person, venue TBC.

Please sign up in church so that we have an idea of numbers.

We will also use the diocesan **Come and See** materials on Sundays.

Come and See also has a family resource that you may wish to use:

Family resource: <https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see-for-families>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) This year the service is to be held at the Salvation Army in East Road on Friday 3rd March at 2 pm. It has been devised by the women of Taiwan and the theme is 'I have heard about your Faith'. Quench have agreed to run a pop-up book shop at this event.

As there is limited parking in East Road, arrangements are being made with the police for parking in High Town Road to be available. All are welcome at this service, men included! It would be good to see you there. Ruth Sheppard and Gill Curry

Saturday 4th March: Eco church day see flyer below - and book the date now!

28th March our school will be in church all day for the children's annual Holy Week experience. If anyone is able to help in any way please speak to Revd. Sally.

~~1st April~~ – a **Quiet day on prayer** . **Now 25th March**. Led by the Revd. Geoffrey Connor, in church - details to come.

INSPIRE: we are delighted that Miriam Mansour has agreed to edit our parish magazine. Having not had an edition for a while many people must surely have articles just waiting to be written and sent in. Please do send your articles to: inspire@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk by 17th March ready for an Easter publication date. Thank you.

Quench pop-up shop: Thursdays 23rd February and 30th March, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at the Salvation Army, East Road, SL6 1PJ. Advance orders also taken - see [Quench Latest News \(mailcentric.co.uk\)](http://mailcentric.co.uk)

Three appointments:

The PCC is seeking to appoint a **Director of Music**, asap. Details of the role and salary available from Revd. Sally.

The PCC wishes to appoint a **Children and Families Leader**. 20 hours per week for up to three years. To work with our team to develop Sunday children's ministry, develop further our existing children's ministry (Messy Church, Baby and Toddler group, Schools work) and to liaise with families. Full details also from Revd. Sally.

We also wish to appoint asap an **assistant administrator** to work on Thursday and Friday mornings in the parish office.

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. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 3rd March. Email Revd. Sally 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 February.

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

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. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is February.

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/88677688468?pwd=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142

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10 - 3pm
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