



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week commencing: 12<sup>th</sup> March, Third Sunday of Lent

This week we have a Communion service at 8 am and then a Parish Communion service at 10 am, to which everyone is warmly invited. Sundays at Six is a Lenten reflection on zoom.

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory  
before he was crucified;  
mercifully grant that we,  
walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other  
than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

### Post Communion

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace  
to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds  
to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A reading from the Book of Exodus

1From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' 3But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' 4So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' 5The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?' *Exodus 17. 1-7*

### The Gospel Reading

5Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' 11The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12Are you greater

than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' 13Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' 15The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

16Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' 17The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; 18for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' 19The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' 21Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' 25The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' 26Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

27Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' 28Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' 30They left the city and were on their way to him.

31Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' 32But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' 33So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' 34Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." 38I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

39Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. 41And many more believed because of his word. 42They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

*John 4. 5-42*

### **Hymns for Sunday**

- 652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
- 592: As the deer pants for the water
- 546: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
- 669: I heard the voice of Jesus say
- 588: And can it be

## Thought for the week

The theme of our readings this week, and our Lent course last week, is water. Perhaps the most precious commodity and most needed by all for life. The fountain in this photo is in the centre of Hebron, on the West Bank of Israel, where water is rationed by the Israeli government, and yet the people of the city still celebrate the significance and power of water in this beautiful fountain.



The Lent course session reflected on the significance of water in a world where access to clean water, this most basic of resources, is not shared out equally. Water is

wasted in some parts of the world and is in short supply elsewhere. As Christians surely we have a responsibility do act on tis inequity.

Water is also used frequently in scripture as a metaphor for the life giving nature of God and his abundant blessings.

The beautiful story of Jesus/ meeting with the Samaritan woman can be read on many levels but at its most basic Jesus teaches her that from him comes life giving teaching and the promise of eternal life and refreshment. As we thirst for meaning and purpose in life, for relief from the aridity of everyday living, Jesus offers life in all its fulness to those who walk with him.

In Lent we think of the desert and making simple space for God on our lives. That does not mean dryness, but can mean that we find refreshed faith as we rest in Jesus.

‘those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life’, says Jesus to us all.

### ***Prayer suggestions for this week:***

- That we may keep a holy Lent.
- For all those affected in any way by the Greek train crash and earthquakes in Syria and Turkey
- 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.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Faith Porro
- For all those who live and work in Belmont Vale.
- 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, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Betty Mapletoft, Kathy Marsden, Pauline Norris.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Nicholas Clutterbuck
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Sandy Raffan, Brian King, Ernest Gammon, Arthur Harris, Audry Eggleton, Rex Hugo, Victor Garroway, Anna Meredith, Dora Newcomb, Marjery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Anthony Wright, Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Beryl Bintcliffe, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Jillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis, Susan Robinson, Jill Cotterill, John Marshall, John Cox.

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023:*

Sunday	Psalm 46	2 Corinthians 1.1-11	
Monday	Psalm 7	Jeremiah 11.1-17	John 7. 37-52
Tuesday	Psalm 9	Jeremiah 11.18-12.6	John 7.53-8.11
Wednesday	Psalm 38	Jeremiah 13.1-11	John 8.12-30
Thursday	Psalm 56	Jeremiah 14	John 8.31-47
Friday, St. Patrick	Psalm 22	Jeremiah 15.10-end	John 8. 48-end
Saturday	Psalm 31	Jeremiah 16.10-17.4	John 9.1-17

**Rotas for next week:**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Mothering Sunday, in church and on zoom**

Read: tbc

Intercede: tbc

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Lisa

Coffee: Kate and Jenny

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by:

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

[admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto: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:**

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 2.00 pm, Teas (community hall) 7.30 pm, Lent course (parish office)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom Morning: Asst Administrator interviews 5.00 pm Evening prayer, on zoom
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4.00 pm, wedding blessing
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six Lent Reflections, on zoom
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion 11.00 am, Lent course (church and zoom)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 3.00 pm, Keeping Company 7.30 pm, Lent course
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 2.30 pm, flower wrapping, in church 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8.00 pm, Choir practice

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom  
 Taplow choirs concert in church

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 8.00 am, Holy Communion  
 10.00 am, All Age Word service for Mothering Sunday

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

26 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross, in church at All Saints (Passion Sunday)
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Taizé service, in church Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green (Palm Sunday)
23 <sup>rd</sup> 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

## Coming up..

### 'Open the Box' for The Children's Society, Sunday 26 March

Sincere thanks to everyone who keeps a collection box for The Children's Society and so generously supports its vital and life-changing work with children and young people in our country who are most vulnerable and at risk. We would love you to bring your boxes to church on Sunday 26 March, when they will be opened, and funds counted, during coffee. If you can't come along on that day, please let Terrie know ([terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com](mailto:terrie.robinson2702@gmail.com) or 01628 634107) and she will arrange something with you.

The funds you have collected in your boxes will help The Children's Society to provide accessible well-being services for young people with nowhere else to turn; work directly with children and young people who don't feel safe, loved, or able to cope; keep the pressure up on people in power to make much-needed policy changes that improve the lives of families, and run programmes that train professionals and police to be better able to safeguard children who have been abused and exploited.

If you don't have a Children's Society collection box but would like one, please let Terrie know. Huge thanks for your kindness and generosity.

## Coming up..

### Lent course 2023

We are using a course based on Ruth Valerio's book: *Saying yes to life*.

Wednesdays at 11 am in church and on zoom (use the Morning Prayer link), and Thursdays at 7.30 pm in person, in the parish office.

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>

**Messy Church** our next Messy church is on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus' resurrection. 4pm. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email Revd. Sally to book places (so we know how many to cater for). NB the May Messy Church has moved to 28<sup>th</sup> April due to the Coronation weekend.

**Easter flowers:** we have a team who will be decorating the church for Easter, if you would like to join them please let Joan Harnby or Revd Sally know – all very welcome.

**Donations** towards the cost of Easter flowers and lilies are now invited. Please give your donations directly to Rita Salter, who is collecting them this year. There will NOT be a box in church. If you prefer to give by bacs or by card please will you also drop a note to Rita ([jandrsalter@btinternet.com](mailto:jandrsalter@btinternet.com)) so that the flower team know how they have in total. Thank you very much.

You may wish to give to the flowers in **memory of loved ones**. There is a sheet at the back of church on which you are invited to write their names. These will be displayed in church as usual at Easter.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Quiet day:** the Revd. Canon Geoffrey Connor will lead a in church day focussing on the Anglo Saxon poem: the Dream of the Rood. This is a perfect lead into Passiontide and will allow plenty of space for reflection and quiet. 9.30 am – 3.00pm with lunch provided. Please sign up in church as usual.

### **Holy Week and Easter at St. Luke's**

#### ***Palm Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April***

10.00 am All Age Holy Communion, with procession from vicarage to church

6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Taize service at Cox Green

#### ***Monday – Saturday***

Morning Prayer (8.30 am daily) and Evening Prayer (5.00 pm – not Friday and Saturday) on zoom

#### ***Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April***

Church open for quiet, 7.30 – 9.00 pm

8.00 pm, Stations of the Cross (also on Zoom, use MP link)

#### ***Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April***

Church open for quiet, 7.30 – 9.00 pm

8.00 pm, Holy Communion, with meditation (also on Zoom, use MP link)

#### ***Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April***

Church open for quiet, 7.30 – 9.00 pm

8.00 pm, Sung Compline, with meditation (also on Zoom, use MP link)

#### ***Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April***

11.00 am, Chrism Mass at Christchurch cathedral (contact clergy to come along)

8.00 pm, Holy Communion followed by Watch until 11.45 pm

11.45 pm, Compline

#### ***Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April***

11.00 am, CTiM Walk of Witness, meet outside Sainsburys

1.00 pm, An hour at the cross – quiet service of music, meditation and silence

2.00 pm, The Liturgy of the Last Hour

3.15 pm, Evening Prayer and church 'sealed'

#### ***Holy Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April***

From 9.30 am, decorate for Easter

4.00 pm, All Age Easter Egg Hunt and service

#### ***Easter Day, 9<sup>th</sup> April***

6.30 am, Dawn service – meet in Kidwells Park near the pond

7.15 am, Breakfast in church

8.00 am, Holy Communion and lighting of the paschal candle

10.00 a, Festal Holy Communion

No services 10<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> April

**APCM:** in order to allow more time for the accounts to be finalised and inspected, the PCC has decided to delay the APCM until **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**, at 11.15 (ish) after the 10 am service.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> April, and then be published (names only) in church before the APCM.

**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: [miamii.mansour3@gmail.com](mailto:miamii.mansour3@gmail.com) by 17<sup>th</sup> March ready for an Easter publication date.

Please note that this is a different email address as we cannot access the other. So, **if you have already sent articles, please would you re-send to this address.**

**Please also send photos as separate attachments so that they can be accessed and used.** Thank you.

**Quench pop-up shop:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Coronation Celebrations:** do book Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May in your diaries for a church family bring and share lunch – details to come.

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>

### **WAMCF Joy of Movement Programme with Anisha**

**Tuesday 28th February until Tuesday 4th April**

**6pm to 7pm via Zoom**

If anyone would like to join please send Paul Samuels your name and email address: [samuelsberks@aol.com](mailto:samuelsberks@aol.com). He ensure you are on the participant list to receive the Zoom link.

### **Our Regular activities:**

**The 8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 31<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays monthly. The next is 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## **Stations of the Cross**

### **All Saints Church Boyne Hill Maidenhead**



This short (40 min) devotional service follows Our Lord on his final journey from his being condemned to death, to his crucifixion and his burial. Along the way, Jesus encounters his Mother Mary, Veronica who wipes his face, Simon of Cyrene who helps to carry his cross, and the Women of Jerusalem.

Each Thursday / Sunday devotion is self-contained and uses prayers, bible readings and reflections to enter into the meaning for us in our own day of Jesus' Way of the Cross.

We pray for ourselves and for our world.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm All Saints Church Boyne Hill

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7pm All Saints Church Boyne Hill

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7pm All Saints Church Boyne Hill

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7pm All Saints Church Boyne Hill

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March 6 pm All Saints Church Boyne Hill

**For more info contact: [revjohnnainslie@gmail.com](mailto:revjohnnainslie@gmail.com)**

**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