



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 19th February, Last Sunday before Lent

Our 10 am service this week is Parish Communion. This is the last Sunday before Lent and we will then keep Ash Wednesday on 22nd February with a service of Holy Communion with ashing at 10 am and also at 7.30 pm. The evening service will be followed by the introduction to the Lent course. This will be zoomed for just this week. See later in this sheet for Lent course details.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the Book of Exodus

12The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.'
13So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'
15Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. 17Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. *Exodus 24: 12-end*

The Gospel Reading

1Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' 5While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' 6When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were

overcome by fear. 7But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' 8And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Matthew 17: 1-9

Hymns for Sunday

358: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

281: 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

769: Rejoice, the Lord is king

241: Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire

2 : Christ whose glory fills the skies

Thought for the week



This week we turn our faces to Lent, Holy Week and Jesus' suffering. We have one, last glimpse of Jesus' glory today – just as his disciples did *en route* to Jerusalem for what would turn out to be the last time, with Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration is beautiful. It must have been amazing for Peter, James and John as the disciples closest to Jesus shared an intimate moment of vision and encouragement.

Closeness to Jesus does not make one perfect, and Peter put his foot in it (as he so often did!). He wanted to make 'dwellings'

(literally, booths or tents) to hang on to the vision, to make it more permanent, allowing the disciples to almost wallow in it, to avoid the reality that would face them of life at the bottom of the mountain.

They could not – they had to go back down the mountain and get on with the banalities and the encroaching sufferings, of real life. But the vision remained with them – deep inside them rather than in suspended tents.

God allows us glimpses of his glory in all sorts of unexpected places and times (a sunset, a new baby, in church...) and these can sustain us too as we face everyday life.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For all those affected in any way by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey
- That we may prepare for, and keep, a holy Lent.
- 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 baptised in February: Harry and Oscar Ford, Zara Mean, Lucy and Harriet Walwyn Salisbury.
- For all those who live and work in Australia Avenue
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Howard Baxter, Julianne 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, Douglas Thomson.
- 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 19th February 2023:

Sunday	Psalm 72	2 Corinthians 4.3-6	
Monday	Psalm 71	Jeremiah 1	John 3.1-21
Tuesday	Psalm 73	Jeremiah 2.1-13	John 3. 22-end
Ash Wednesday	Psalm 38	Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19	1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thursday	Psalm 77	Jeremiah 2.14-32	John 4.1-26
Friday	Psalm 3	Jeremiah 3.6-22	John 4.27-42
Saturday	Psalm 71	Jeremiah 4.1-18	John 4. 43-end

Rotas for next week:

Sunday 26th February, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Ralph Hinchliffe

Intercede: Shula Tajima

Welcomers: Jacqueline, Simon and Ben

Coffee: Lisa and Kim

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:

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 8.00pm, Choir practice
Saturday 18 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 19 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 21 st	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 11.00 am, Funeral of Tony Boaks, RIP
Wednesday 22 nd Ash Weds	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion, with ashing 7.30 pm, Holy Communion, with ashing c. 8.15 pm, Lent course introduction (use Sunday zoom link)
Thursday 23 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 am, Baby and Toddler Group 3.00 pm, Gaynor's Gift, in the vicarage
Friday 24 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 2.30 pm, Flower meeting, vicarage 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom

Saturday 25th **8.30 am**, Morning Prayer, on zoom
 9.30 am, Marriage preparation day, in church
 Sunday 26th 10.00 am, Parish Communion
 12.00 pm, Baptism
 6.00 pm, SAS: Eucharist for St. David's Day at All Saints church

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

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

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>

Living your best life?

Everybody wants to know how to live their life in the best way possible, and we all need a vision for what it means to be human.

The Beatitudes, the incredible manifesto from Jesus recorded in the Sermon on the Mount, are our guide to living well and a great way of exploring faith... whatever stage of the journey we're on.

Taking place this Lent, **Come and See** is a series of daily emails and a short video to watch each Sunday. The emails include a scripture reading, a reflection from the bishop and a daily moment to pause and be encouraged before the busyness of the day begins.

Now in its third year Come and See is hugely popular, thanks in part to its deceptively simple approach.

Whether you're exploring faith for the first time or have been coming to church for many years, just five minutes a day using the Come and See materials promises to be life-giving, and life changing.

Come and See is free of charge. Find out more and register online at oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

Messy Church our next Messy church is on Friday 3rd March when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus turns water in to wine. 4pm. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email Revd. Sally to book places (so we know how many to cater for).

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. We have permission just for the afternoon to park on both sides of High Town Road. All are welcome at this service, men included! Ruth Sheppard and Gill Curry

Easter flowers: there will be a meeting at the vicarage at 2.30 pm on Friday 24th February to plan Easter flowers (and Mothering Sunday). Anyone is welcome to come along. If you would like to help but can't make the meeting just let Revd Sally know.

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 March.

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=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

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=WnF3aEQ2dTdLYjB1dDEvQ2YwcTJJZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7768 8468

Passcode: 132142

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Saturday 4th March 2023

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