



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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Week commencing: 27th February 2022 Sunday next before Lent, Parish Communion

This Sunday we have a service of Parish Communion at 10 am in church and on zoom. This is the last Sunday before Lent starts. On Ash Wednesday there will be services of Holy Communion with ashing (optional) at 10 am and 8pm. The evening service should be zoomed. Do come along to one or other as we start the journey of Lent together.

Morning Prayer continues: Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom, at 8.30 am (9 am on Sat.)

Evening Prayer, on Fridays at 5pm also on zoom, except on the first Friday monthly.

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

A reading from Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians

12Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

1Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

2We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

2. Corinthians 3. 12-4.2

The Gospel reading

28 Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Luke 9. 28-36

Sunday's Hymns:

383 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
248 'Tis good, Lord, to be here
Meekness and majesty

Meekness and majesty,
manhood and Deity,
in perfect harmony,
the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.
*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through
sacrifice,
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father forgive.'
O what a mystery...

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of His throne.
O what a mystery...

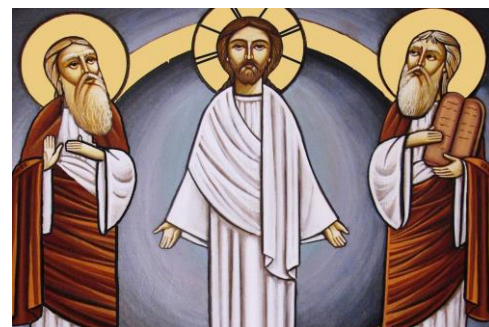
*Graham Kendrick
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Thought for the week: this week we turn away from glory and turn our faces to Lent, Holy Week and Jesus' suffering. We have one, last glimpse of Jesus' glory today – just as his disciples did en route to Jerusalem for what would turn 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.



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 27th February 2022:

Sunday	Psalm 2	1 John 3.1-3	
Monday	Psalm 80	Genesis 37.1-11	Galatians 1
Tuesday	Psalm 89.1-18	Genesis 37. 12-end	Galatians 2.1-10
Wednesday	Psalm 38	Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19	1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thursday	Psalm 77	Genesis 39	Galatians 2.11-end
Friday	Psalm 3	Genesis 40	Galatians 3.1-14
Saturday	Psalm 71	Genesis 41.1-24	Galatians 3. 15-22

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For schools returning to learning this week
- For ourselves – for our preparations for Lent and for self discipline during Lent
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for the UN.
- For our care for creation and sustainable living.
- For our ministry with children through Messy Church and Baby and Toddler group.
- For those who are 'feeling their age'.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash, Faith Porro.
- For all those who live and work in Ray Mead Road West.
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Howard Baxter, John Cox, Pamela Rivers, Julianne Grobler, Clarice, Andy, Dorothy Nicks, Ann Hockham, Irene, Pat Brooks, Joy Richmond, Lissa Jane.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Judy Galvin, Walter Horwood, Oliver, Barbara Stevens
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Sandy Raffan, Brian King, Ernest Gammon, Arthur Harris, Audrey Eggleton, Rex Hugo, Victor Garraway, Anna Meredith, Dora Newcombe, Margery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Anthony Wright, Lillian 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.

Rotas for next week:

Ash Wednesday 2nd March, at 8pm:

Read: Ralph Hincliffe Intercede: Ministry Team
Welcomers: Wardens? Antibac: TBC

Sunday 6th March, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom

Read: Natasha Sloan Intercede: Shula Tajima
Welcomers: John, Ben Antibac: TBC

Please do check the rotas each week and let Revd. Sally know if you are unable to read or intercede, and the duty warden know if you cannot welcome or anti bac. Thank you.

Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by
Mr T Autos*

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email the parish office: admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk



What's on...

This week:

Friday 25 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 26 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 27 th	10.00 am, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom
Tuesday 1 st March	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 2 nd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Ash Weds	10.00 am AND 8.00 pm, Holy Communion, with ashing
Thursday 3 rd	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30 – 11.00 am, Baby and Toddler group, in church 1.30 pm, Funeral of Walter Horwood, in church
Friday 4 th	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 2.00 pm, World Day of Prayer service, at St. Joseph's church 4.00 pm, Messy Church 8.00 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 5 th	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Intercessors meeting, in church
Sunday 6 th	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six: Eucharist for St. David at All Saints

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 19th March and then be published (names only) in church before the APCM on 3rd April.

Leading intercessions in church: thanks also to those who lead intercessions in services on Sundays and Wednesdays. You are all warmly invited to get together for coffee and pastries and a chat about leading intercessions at 10 am on Saturday 5th March. If you think God might be calling you also to this ministry please do come along too – and / or have a word with Revd. Sally.

World Day of Prayer: This year's World Day of Prayer service is on Friday 4th March at 2pm at St Joseph's Church. The theme this year is 'I know the plans I have for you', prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Historically Scotland does its own. It will be another 100 years before the British Isles can do it again so this year is really special and we would love as many to come as possible. Tea will be served after the service. Any enquiries to Gill Curry or Ruth Sheppard.

Platinum Jubilee Street Party: the church is planning to host a street party at lunchtime on Sunday 5th June. We will have a first planning team meeting on Tuesday 15th March, probably in church, at 7pm. Anyone who would like to be involved in this event is warmly invited come along.

Inspire: FINAL CALL the next edition of Inspire will be coming out in the Spring. Ruth would love to receive articles now (of any sort – Christmas reviews, photos, poems, reflections etc). Please email them to the office.

Lent course: Come and See

This year we will use the diocesan resource: Come and See, which this year focuses on The Lord's Prayer, and is open to anyone.

There will be five sessions, on Wednesdays (11 am, in person only, in church) and Thursdays (7.30 pm, on zoom only). Starting 9th / 10th March.



MEET ANNE ATKINS

Come and argue with Anne Atkins about her novels, BBC broadcasts and controversial views. Her talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews on Thursday 7th April at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to her in person. There is no charge, but it is important you let us know if you are coming, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: admin@maidshul.org

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. The next is 4th 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 17th March.

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 10th March.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together fortnightly to pray, knit and drink tea. Both in church and on zoom, 4th Thursdays monthly. The next is 24th March.

Sundays at Six A chance to worship with friends from All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. We will continue to meet fortnightly, with a mix of zoom and in-church services. The programme is on our website and here:

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

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

Sundays at Six:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRgZRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852

Passcode: 936128

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, 4th Thursday, monthly

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87303393953?pwd=L003Witra0E2RmExeEZiSjJbS9zQT09>

Meeting ID: 873 0339 3953

Passcode: 445440