



# St. Luke's Church,

## Maidenhead



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[This sheet is also available on the above website]

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### Week commencing: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Palm Sunday

As we enter Holy Week this Palm Sunday, we are conscious that this year is different to last – we are not actually locked out of our church buildings - but we are still unable to keep Holy Week and Easter in the way that we might choose. Let's be positive and recognise the good that has come from new ways of worshipping, challenging us to think about what we are doing and who best to express our faith.

On Palm Sunday will use a different service – you can find the order on the website - and we will have a dramatic reading of the passion – on Zoom. I do hope you can join us. You should have a palm cross delivered to you this weekend, along with some other goodies. You may like to have your cross handy during the zoom service. Please do let me know if you are missed out on the delivery and I will get a pack to you.

There will also be a service of Holy Communion in church at 8 m on Palm Sunday – no need to book, but do... **remember to put your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night.**

**Morning Prayer** continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am; **Evening Prayer**, Good Friday at 5pm. Why not join in for Holy Week. There will then be no services the following week as members of the ministry team are taking much needed leave.

**Sundays at Six** continues on Zoom at 6pm on first and third Sundays each month. There will also be one this Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, when Fr Jeremy will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Zoom.

**Thought for the week:** Jerusalem was crowded in the last week of Jesus' life. It was Passover time; there were Jews from all over the world in the city to celebrate together. There were a whole variety of rituals to undertake, and some serious shopping to do on the side too. As Jesus walked with his cross right across the city to Calvary, he would have been jostled by the noisy, curious crowds.

Not much has changed over the years!

When we are not in global pandemic, Jerusalem at this time of year is heaving with people – combining spirituality with shopping.

And for us? Even under restrictions, we can find that Holy week becomes busy – zooming into this service, going to church for that, making sure we have food in for the Bank Holiday, catching up with family phone calls.

Jesus made a point of taking time out to be with His father in the bustle of that week – on the Mount of Olives and in the Temple.

Will we make time and space for God in our busyness this week?



*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Holy Week) are:*

|           |                |                        |                 |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday    | Psalm 61,62    | 1 Corinthians 2.1-12   |                 |
| Monday    | Psalm 41       | Lamentations 1.1-12a   | Luke 22.1-23    |
| Tuesday   | Psalm 27       | Lamentations 3. 1-18   | Luke 22. 39-53  |
| Wednesday | Psalm 102.1-18 | Wisdom 1.16-2.1, 12-22 | Luke 22.54-end  |
| Thursday  | Psalm 42,43    | Leviticus 16.2-24      | Luke 23.1-25    |
| Friday    | Psalm 69       | Genesis 22.1-18        | Hebrews 10.1-10 |
| Saturday  | Psalm 142      | Hosea 6.1-6            | John 2.18-22    |

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

- For our keeping of Holy Week
- For our schools, in this last week of term, and especially for St. Luke's and St. Piran's schools, and Riverside.
- For our government, and our nation, as we slowly 'unlock'; for patience
- For every family bereaved through Covid 19, and all others too
- That we might be kind to each other – in 'thought, word and deed'
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For our care for God's world
- For our prayer shawl ministry, and those who will receive shawls, in love
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the Synagogue, Mosques, Gurdwara and elsewhere
- For the people of Myanmar, Yemen, Ethiopia, Syria, Armenia and other places of conflict
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash,
- For all those who live and work in Killarney Drive
- The sick and those who care for them: Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Mick Curley, Brenda Windass
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Susan Robinson, Tony Lucas
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anthony Wright, Anna Meredith, Rex Hugo, Audrey Eggleton, Arthur Harris, Brian King, Sandy Raffan, Ernest Gammon, Dora Newcombe, Marjery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Victor Garroway, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Beryl Bintliffe, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Gillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis.

**Rotas for next week: 4<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday**

Read: Joan Harnby    Intercede: Ministry Team

Welcomers: Sue Hinchliffe, Mike Mason and Lisa Sharp    Antibac after service: TBC

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

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

To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally. All weeks are now available for the rest of this year!



## What's on...

**Messy Church:** our next session is on Zoom (email Revd. Sally for the link) from 4-5pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please let Revd. Sally know before Easter if you'd like a craft pack – I shall be on leave immediately after Easter so will get the packs out in Holy week.

## Holy Week and Easter

### **Palm Sunday: 28th March**

8.00 am, service of **Holy Communion** in church (with usual Covid security - distancing, masks etc)

10.00 am, Zoomed **Word service** with shared reading of the Passion

6.00 pm, Zoomed **Stations of the Cross**, led by Fr. Jeremy.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRIZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349

Passcode: 945101

### **Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week**

Church open for an hour daily for **private prayer**, Monday – Wednesday 7-8 pm.

9pm, daily, Zoomed **Night Prayer**: different each night

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85420430149?pwd=UGZ4alhHRXpJdmVxYTNUSt0JGdmVhdz09>

Meeting ID: 854 2043 0149

Passcode: 562306

### **Tuesday 30th, 3pm: *Breaking Day***, a virtual passion play

With our friends at All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Join us to reflect on the Passion in a different way. Link available via our weekly email (not public).

### **Maundy Thursday: 1st April,**

7.30 pm, **Holy Communion** in church and zoomed. **Watch** until 10 pm. For those who wish to stay. We will not be able to move around the church so you may wish to bring a cushion (and even a rug / blanket) if you are planning to stay for the Watch.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85261049666?pwd=d0llUnZPMlpNQjNGWldUWHJpbSt6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 852 6104 9666

Passcode: 846428

**Prayer Stations in the front church garden, prepared with our Primary School. Drop by to see Reflective videos on our website, use at any time**

### **Good Friday, 2nd April**

1.30 - 3.00 pm **At the foot of the Cross**, a service of reflection , music , reading and silence (in church only, not Zoomed)

5.00 pm **Evening Prayer**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810

Passcode: 171263

**Holy Saturday:** Easter flowers will be prepared to decorate the church. If you would like to help, please contact Rita – she would love to have helpers.

**Holy Saturday / Easter Eve** we are invited to join Fr Jeremy and All Saints for an **Easter Vigil** (shorter than usual) on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83883647103?pwd=SkdwZzUwTko4TXJhTHdzckVBVTNKdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 8364 7103

Passcode: 918251

### **Easter Day, 4th April**

10.00 am, in church and zoomed **Holy Communion**, with blessing of the Easter garden and lighting of the Paschal candle

**NB: in-church places MUST be booked:** sally514@btinternet.com. Places are filling up so please do book now.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076 Phone in details below.

**Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry** it is never too late to join in this beautiful simple knitting ministry. Details are on our website and Revd. Terrie can tell you more. Next get together: 3pm, on Maundy Thursday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84874518710?pwd=eFFwSEd5SS9NdmdTdDVIQXICRIBWUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 7451 8710

Passcode: 078376

**Quench:** The charity which runs the Quench shops, in Wokingham and Maidenhead, is looking for additional trustees. Could this be something God is calling you to? Our vision is to provide a Christian presence on the High Street which is easy for anyone to walk into and to resource Christians and their churches. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Jeremy Hyde [jeremy@quenchshops.com](mailto:jeremy@quenchshops.com)

**The latest** edition of **Inspire** is now available electronically. Huge thanks to Ruth Humphreys who has done a fabulous job in editing it, and to all those who contributed some great articles. The magazine was attached to the weekly email last week and is also on our website. Hard copies have been made available to the dozen people that we deliver to without internet facility. There will be some hard copies for sale in church at the slightly higher price of £2.50 per copy.

**'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.'** (Psalm 19:1-2)

**Hope**

*You don't need to create  
your own hope –  
the sky is full of it.  
Wake up early one day  
(I dare you)  
and watch the sun rise,  
watch how it encourages the Earth  
to become itself, only more so,  
watch how it allows all things  
(even the sad beings)  
to be colourful, and beautiful,  
then listen,  
listen as it says  
quietly, but undoubtedly,  
'We begin again.'*

*Gideon Heugh*

**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

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password      Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing \*6 (star six)

**Zoom Morning Prayer at 9 am Tuesday - Saturday**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925                      Passcode: 180609

**Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810                      Passcode: 171263

**Sundays at Six:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRlZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349                      Passcode: 945101

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033