



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week commencing: 5<sup>th</sup> February, Third Sunday before Lent

Our 10 am service this week is All Age Holy Communion with Baptism, as we welcome Harry and Oscar Ford into the family of God's church.

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills  
and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ  
to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him  
should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

1Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.

3'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.

4Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? 6Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

7Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

8Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

9Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

10If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. 12Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

*Isaiah 58. 1-9a*

### **The Gospel Reading**

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 13'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. 18For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

*Matthew 5: 13-20*

### **Hymns for Sunday**

713: Lord of all hopefulness

604: Brother, sister let me serve you

808: This little light of mine

### **Thought for the week**



One of my favourite places on earth is Galilee, right up in the north of Israel. The place where Jesus grew up and began his ministry. In the centre of the area lies the Sea of Galilee itself, surrounded by hills. Along the top ridges of those hills are lots of little villages. At night, from one side of the lake, I love to see the lights gradually come on in each settlement as the darkness settles over the land. The lights then twinkle all night, pointing out each settlement clearly. They cannot be hidden.

Further north is the beautiful ancient small city of Safed, high on a hill. It may be that it was this city that Jesus had in mind when he said: a city built on a hill cannot be hidden. By day the city can be seen by enemies - and it can see enemies coming - and by night it's lights shine for all to see. It is lit by many oil lamps, placed in stands for maximum use and impact.

Jesus likens this to the Christian life. He is the light of the world – he shows the right way to travel, to live. His followers also model that, helping to bring hope, life and purpose to the people of the world.

At baptism each new member of God's family is given a candle as a symbol of the light of Jesus shining out through them – not to be hidden away but to shine brightly for all around.

However old we are, however long ago our baptism, the Christ light in each of us still burns, growing stronger and brighter as we grow in faith. May we shine out like those cities on hills, bringing the much needed light of Christ to the people around us.

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

- 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: Carol Kharas, 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023:**

Sunday	Psalm 5 and 6	Ats 3.1-10	
Monday	Psalm 30	2 Chronicles 2.1-16	John 17.1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 36	2 Chronicles 3	John 17.6-19
Wednesday	Psalm 34	2 Chronicles 5	John 17.20 - end
Thursday	Psalm 47*	2 Chronicles 6.1-21	John 18.1-11
Friday	Psalm 31	2 Chronicles 6.22 -end	John 18.12-27
Saturday	Psalm 42	2 Chronicles 7	John 18.28 - end

### **Rotas for next week:**

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom**

Read: Malcom Moulton

Intercede: Terrie Robinson

Welcomers: Rachel, Don and Shula

Coffee: Lisa and Kim

### **Our church is floodlit at night.**

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by Jeanette Lock  
*In loving memory of Stephen*

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 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group 12 noon, Warm Welcome 7.30 pm, Fabric cttee meeting
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.30 am, Funeral of Carol Kharas 4.00 pm, Messy Church
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am, Baptism Stay and Play
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am, All Age Holy Communion and Baptism
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 7.30 pm, PCC Standing Committee
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00 am Holy Communion 8.00 pm, Deanery Synod
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler Group 2.00 pm, Teas (community hall) 7.00 pm, Christmas Tree Festival de-brief (on zoom)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5.00 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	NO Morning Prayer
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am, Holy Communion 10.00 am, Parish Communion 12.00 pm, Baptism 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, Zoomed from ChOGS

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

12 <sup>th</sup> February	Iona Evening worship, on zoom Led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Eucharist for St. David, in church at All Saints
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Reflections, on zoom Led by St. Luke's
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      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 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

## **Also coming up..**

**Christmas Tree Festival de-brief:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83637233056?pwd=MWsvQ21lcmg1ODVYMW1hQzIGVHRsUT09>

Meeting ID: 836 3723 3056

Passcode: 554587

Do come along to feed back.

## **Ash Wednesday: 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

The first session will follow the Ash Wednesday evening service at around 8.15 pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, thereafter Wednesdays at 11 am in church and on zoom, and Thursdays at 7.30 pm in person, venue TBC.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

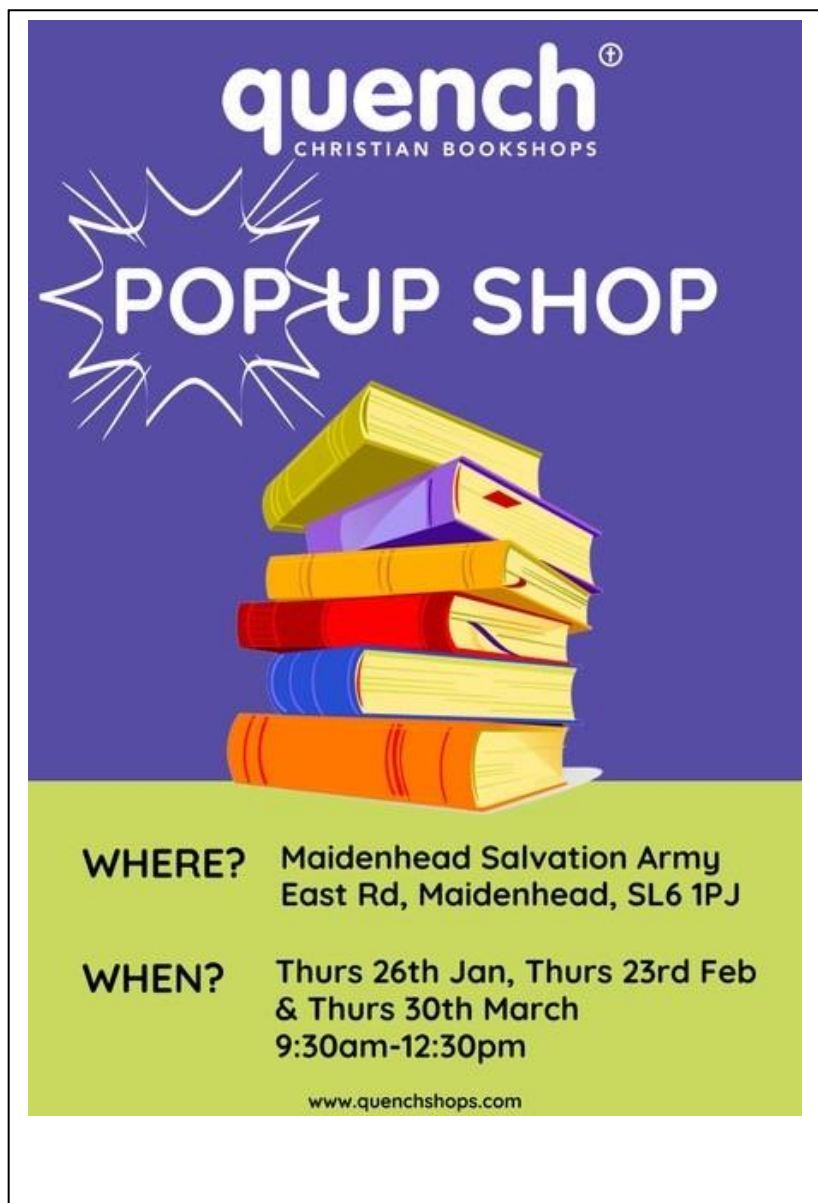
As there is limited parking in East Road, arrangements are being made with the police for parking in High Town Road to be available. All are welcome at this service, men included! It would be good to see you there. Ruth Sheppard and Gill Curry

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Eco church day** see flyer below - and book the date now!

**28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> April – a Quiet day on prayer** . 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](mailto:inspire@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) by 17<sup>th</sup> March ready for an Easter publication date. Thank you.



### **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.

Please do pass this information to anyone who you think may be interested.

### **From RBWM**

The Hines Meadow Car Park charge on Sunday proposal has been dropped.

### **Local elections in May**

You may have seen the new public awareness campaign, launched by the Electoral Commission,

highlighting that voters in England will need to show photographic ID in order to vote at polling stations going forwards, starting with the local elections this May.

May's elections may seem a distant thought, but it is worth voters taking note of the changes now, and checking they have appropriate ID. That way, when polling day arrives, all they have to do is remember to bring it along to the polling station. If a voter doesn't have accepted photo ID, they can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

[Please see the Electoral Commission's website for full details.](#)

### **And From River Church - Nancy Goudie's Spiritual Health Days**

We have an exciting event coming up for all ladies on Saturday 11 March 10.30am-4pm. We're really thrilled to be hosting Nancy Goudie as she brings her Spiritual Health Day - "Born to be Significant" - to Maidenhead. The day will be hugely encouraging and is designed to take us deeper in our walk with God and encourage us on our faith journeys.

Booking details are on the link below and bursary tickets are available if cost is an issue.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nancy-goudies-spiritual-health-days-tickets-264124542617>



### **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.

**Warm Welcome** Thursdays midday – 2pm, a warm space in church to meet with others (or just be quiet and warm) and have a warm meal. Free, and open to all.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 3<sup>rd</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> February.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**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 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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