



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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Week commencing: 7th February 2021

The Second Sunday before Lent

It was lovely to see so many people at our online Christingle service last week. Charlotte, one of our younger friends, painted the lovely picture above, inspired by that service.

We will be using the order of service for a *Word Service during Epiphany* for the next two weeks leading up to Lent (even though we are now in 'ordinary time'). I do hope that many of you will be able to join us this Sunday at 10 am. We also hope that from this week folk will be phoning in to the service too – please call me if you'd like details of how to do this, or see the links at the end of this weekly sheet.



Lots of people are asking deep questions of faith at this time. **Come and See** is an invitation to everyone and anyone who feels adrift in this pandemic, whether or not they know anything about the Christian faith. We will be participating in this diocesan initiative as a church but there is lots to find out for yourself too – do look at the website – and perhaps encourage friends too to 'come and see' just what Jesus means to us.

Revd. Phyl will be using the course from *Come and See* during Lent in preparation for baptism/confirmation. If you think you might like to join that group please speak to Revd. Sally or Phyl asap.

Morning Prayer continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am; **Evening Prayer**, Friday at 5pm.

Sundays at Six continues on Zoom at 6pm on first and third Sundays each month. The next is TONIGHT: 7th February, often using Night Prayer from the blue *Prayers during Coronavirus* booklet.

Roots at Home: https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22407/roots-at-home_7-feb-2021.pdf

Thought for the week:

Jesus is the very centre of our faith. He was there at creation with the Father. He is seated in glory in heaven. And yet on the cross he showed just how much God loves each one of us – just as we are – and he died, and rose, for every one of us. Even though he is eternal and all powerful, he also knows what it is to live a human life, and he knows all that we are going through now. And he cares, deeply, for each of us.



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 7th February are:

Sunday	Psalm 29	Matthew 6.25-end	
Monday	Psalm 30	Ecclesiastes 7.1-14	John 19.1-16
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Ecclesiastes 7. 15-end	John 19.17-30
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Ecclesiastes 8	John 19. 31-end
Thursday	Psalm 37 *	Ecclesiastes 9	John 20.1-10
Friday	Psalm 31	Ecclesiastes 11.1-8	John 20. 11-18
Saturday	Psalm 42	Ecclesiastes 11.9-end of 12	John 20.19-end

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for further approved vaccines for Covid19 and pray for those rolling it out, especially for Phyl and Jeanette
- For every family bereaved through Covid 19, and all others too
- Pray with our Archbishops, for our nation
- For those whose non-Covid care or treatment is on hold
- 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 those who feel alone and are struggling with these long winter months
- For all online worship and other activities
- For school teachers, parents home schooling, and all children
- For our care for God’s world
- For our new 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
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in February: Isaac Smalley and Elsie-Rae Jarnak
- For all those who live and work in Holmanleaze
- The sick and those who care for them: Monica Olley, Stan Swansborough, Tony Boaks, Mick Curley.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Trevor Tilbury, Joan Rowe
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in February: Peter Sharp, Edward Dobson, Beryl Horsham, Valerie Merkel, Robert Crick, Daphne Lewis, Kenneth Dovey, Richard West, Helena Eaton, Doreen Leverkus, Monica Macaulay Brown, Jean Glossop, Doreen Palmer, Melanie Stuij, Rodgers Murwisi, Peter Curtis, Harvey Lovegrove, and Joan Bartholomew
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Rotas for next service: 14th February

Read: Ralph Hinchliffe Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by

Joan Lynch

In memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore, and in thanksgiving for his example



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally. There are plenty of weeks available this year.

What's on...

Church Social – Quiz: huge thanks to James for organising our quiz – and congratulations to Dave, Phyl and Rachel who narrowly pipped the competition to the winning post. James and Louisa would also love to participate in our quizzes so a willing volunteer to lead the next one would be most welcome – contact Revd. Sally.

Lent course: will run on Wednesday mornings at 11 am and Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm for 90 minutes. The two sessions each week will be the same. Please do try to stick with one group or the other. We will use Zoom to work through some excellent materials from the national church in a five-week course called *Living in Love and Faith: Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage*. I do encourage everyone to join in this opportunity to reflect on our own identity as children of God - and that of others too. The course booklet costs £5 if you'd like your own hard copy (there are still a few available) or they can be found online:

<https://llf.churchofengland.org/pluginfile.php/69/course/section/74/LLF%20Web%20Version%20The%20Course.pdf>

Zoom links:

Wednesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87204057445?pwd=RWtCS2xFelZ5VUcrSDIqeHY4TGFDdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 0405 7445

Passcode: 441510

Thursday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89179240683?pwd=V0d2dVdueWVhOVJxa2NNWDdSeXBOUT09>

Meeting ID: 891 7924 0683

Passcode: 677112

If you would like to phone in please let Revd. Sally know and she will edit the link to allow this.

Keeping Lent: giving things up may not be quite the order for Lent this year – many folk have already given up (though not voluntarily) most of the things that enrich their lives! So why not use the Friendly February calendar to challenge yourselves, or perhaps give to a particular charity, or join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, or do some spiritual reading – the Bible is a good place to start! Ask Sally, Terrie or Phyl for advice if you like. Or you may join us for Zoomed Morning Prayer once or twice a week (or every day) or say Night Prayer at home (order of service on the website).

Here are some good books for Lent reading, all available from Amazon Smile (for St Luke's) or Quench (online, see below) or Church House Bookshop online:

- Thy will be done, Stephen Cherry (Lord's prayer)
- Rooted in love, Sarah Mullally (daily readings)
- At home in Lent, Gordon Giles (everyday objects)
- The way of Julian of Norwich, Sheila Upjohn (Julian reflection)
- A cross in the heart of God, Samuel Wells (God's love)
- Walking in the way of the cross, Stephen Cottrell and Paula Gooder (Biblical stations of cross)
- Living His story, Hannah Steele (everyday faith)
- And, of course, the Love Lent booklet you should have, and there are many more books to browse.

Ash Wednesday: assuming that stats keep falling, there will be in-person services in church on Ash Wednesday, 17th February, at 10 am and 8pm. The evening service will be zoomed (but not recorded). These will be Holy Communion services with (self administered) ashing. Please book your place by emailing Revd. Sally. I can also deliver ashes to use with the zoomed service if essential, but will need some notice please.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81826276512?pwd=ZHhzODIUdFF2MFJ5SUUrdmd0RUIWdz09>

Meeting ID: 818 2627 6512

Passcode: 103713

And phone Dial 0 131 460 1196

- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 818 2627 6512 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password
- Type in 103713 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you, You can unmute yourself by pressing *6 (star six).

Keeping busy

Inspire: Ruth (Admin) is going to pull together another edition of Inspire. Do email articles to the parish office by 28th February. Ideas: how you coped with the pandemic, recipes for Lent, book reviews, photos, poems and short stories, what God has been saying to you... And THANK YOU for all so far received!

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.

Sharing reading with children: here's an idea that may appeal to families and older people, to take some stress from parents and encourage older folk. Are there any parents who would value having another adult (of any age!) listen to their child read on Zoom (or read a story to them), and any adults who would like to do that? If so, please let Revd. Sally know and we will set up a system and pairing – with a full risk assessment and proper safeguarding in place.

The Joy of Movement Exercise to music for the over 50's
Every Tuesday from 12th January to 16th February 2021, 6pm to 7pm via ZOOM
JOIN US Send an email to Paul: samuelsberks@aol.com

Books and jigsaws: Nicola Jones has kindly offered to coordinate book and jigsaw swaps – contact her directly on nicojo@btinternet.com. She has the following titles available now:

New books for sale:

Jeff Lucas - Helen Sloane's diary. £3 Roger Carswell - Before you say, "I don't believe". £3
Steven Lawson - John Knox Fearless Faith. £3
John Koessler - The surprising grace of disappointment. £3 Krish Kandiah - Paradoxology. £5
Adrian Plass - Bacon sandwiches and Salvation. £5 Cathy Madavan - Digging for diamonds. £5

Pre-read books to lend:

Tim LaHaye - Soul harvest. Tim LaHaye - Nicolae. Tim LaHaye - Tribulation force.
Elisabeth Elliott - A chance to die. The life and legacy of Amy Carmichael.
Rob Parsons - Loving against the odds. Stephen Lungu - Out of the black shadows.
Stormie Omartian - The power of a praying parent.
Jonathan and Ana Gallagher - Parenthood: the nuts and bolts.
Christian Brother Yun - The heavenly man.
Vaughan Roberts - Distinctives. Vance Christie - Timeless stories.

Quench is now taking orders for the Real Easter Egg - fairtrade chocolate, palm oil free, no plastic packaging and the added bonus of sharing the real message of Easter! The Original Milk Chocolate Eggs are £4.50, Dark are £5.50 and the Specials are £9.99. GOOD NEWS! This year sees the introduction of a white chocolate edition for £4.50! As usual, each one comes with an Easter story/activity booklet. The Special Edition also comes with an orange milk chocolate bar and a limited edition A5 Easter Card. Please email admin@quenchshops.com to place your order ASAP (ideally by 3rd Feb) Thank you! (If we are unable to open in time for Easter, we will deliver within a 10 mile radius of the shop)

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

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFhVlNad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
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- 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=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

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=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRIZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349

Passcode: 945101



PRAYER FOR THE NATION

In response to reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, the Archbishops invite all to call on God in Prayer. Starting today we invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. The Archbishops suggest that you place a light or a candle in your window, if it is safe to do so.

A number of prayers have been suggested
Here is the first of them

**we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them,
now and always**

Gracious God,
as we remember before you the thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.
Be gentle with us in our grief,
protect us from despair,
and give us grace to persevere
and face the future with hope
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.

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