



# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

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## Week commencing: 9<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday

As we approach the end of Holy Week, the **church will be open** for private prayer and quiet between 7.30 pm and 9 pm Wednesday and Thursday and anyone is welcome to drop in.

On **Maundy Thursday**, at our service of Holy Communion, we will be offering hand or foot washing for any who wish for this. You may prefer to bring your own hand towel for this service. We will also be offering the chalice for any who wish to receive from it – alongside the usual intincted wafers. Following the service, we are invited to keep watch in church until 11.45 when Compline will be said, and the church locked at midnight. You are welcome to come and go for the Watch, but please do not leave the service until the reading of the Gospel of the Watch is completed. There are Bible readings that can be read and meditated upon during the Watch and these are attached with this weekly sheet for you to download to a device.

On **Good Friday** we are invited to join the Walk of Witness in town, meet outside Sainsburys for an 11 am start.

Here in church we then have a service of quiet reflection at 1 pm and then the Liturgy of the Last Hour at 2pm. All are welcome at either or both services. If you are just coming to the 2pm service please wait for the earlier one to finish before coming into church, thank you. Evening Prayer will be said at 3.15pm and the church will then be locked for the night.

The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will all be zoomed – use the Sunday morning link.

On **Easter day** we have a Dawn service at 6.30 am – meet by the pond in Kidwells park (wear warm clothing!) and then do join us for croissants and coffee in church. There will be an 8.00 am Holy Communion service with the lighting of the Paschal Candle and then our main service (which will be zoomed as usual) is at 10 am.

### The Collect

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

### Post Communion

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave  
your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us  
from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings for Sunday

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

34Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*Acts 34-43*

### The Gospel reading

1After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' 8So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

*Matthew 28. 1-10*

### Hymns for Sunday

- 205 Jesus Christ is risen today
- 212 Now the green blade riseth
- 216 The day of resurrection
- 193 All heaven declares
- 217 The strife is o'er
- 218 Thine be the glory

### Thought for the week

The death of a loved one is always a shock, even if it has been imminent. For Jesus' family and disciples, the pain of his death was clearly acute. They believed it was final and that they would never see him again.

And so, as news of his resurrection began to circulate, they needed to know that it was true and not some further trick devised by his enemies, nor just wishful thinking on the part of the disciples.

As reality dawned, they were able to celebrate and to share 40 days with him before his return to heaven.



We don't have that luxury today in the loss of our loved ones, but we do have the assurance that Jesus' death and resurrection brought about a massive change in the order of things and made possible eternal life, with God.

In the words of St. Paul in 1 Thess. 4.13-14 '... we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died'.

**Prayer suggestions for this week:**

- That resurrection joy may fill our hearts
- For rest and re-creation for all staff and children at our schools.
- 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 a new Director of Music / organist and a Children and Family leader.
- For our care for creation for our work towards becoming an Eco church.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in April: Abigail and Jazmin Porro and the forthcoming baptisms of Smita Bora and Iris and Albert Bithell
- For all those who live and work in Blackamoor lane.
- 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, Robert Lewis, Joy Richmond, Kathy Marsden, Pauline Norris, Barbara Lewis, Bridget Morris, Nicholas.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Christopher Druce
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in April: Peter Brown, Philip Agnew, David Sherwood, Elsie Taplion, Josephine Aldridge, Myra Ford, Peter Petter, Leonard Reynolds, Paul Hill, Joan Carpenter, Muriel (Betty) Smith, Irene Weller, John Henry, Penelope Lawrence, Fiona Nunn, John Quinn, Lesley Griffiths, Doreen Headington, John Rogers, Vivienne Sewell, Roy Howton, Helen Poynter, Alma Rookie, Roger Bevitt, Diana Philps, Elsie Cummings, Pamela Neville, Bertha Selby, Dorothy Main, Philip Davies, Alan Coombs, Keith Morris, Ernie Thomas, Brenda Clark, Brian Pitts, Patricia Lovering, Brian Beard, Rita Redhead, Maureen Williams, Reginald Jacobs, Francis (Frank) Hepburn, Alice Smith, George Hayward, John McLean

*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 20223*

Sunday	Psalm 114	Revelation 15.2-4	
Monday	Psalm 111	Song of Solomon 1.9-2.7	Mark 16.1-8
Tuesday	Psalm 112	Song of Solomon 2.8-end	Luke 24.1-12
Wednesday	Psalm 113	Song of Solomon 3	Matthew 28.16-end
Thursday	Psalms 114	Song of Solomon 5.2-6.3	Luke 7.11-17
Friday	Psalm 69	Song of Solomon 7.10 – 8.4	Luke 8.41-end
Saturday	Psalm 142	Song of Solomon 8.5-7	John 11.17-44

**Rotas for next week:**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Easter 1, in church and on zoom**

Read: Michael Masango

Intercessions: Simon Bader

Welcomers: Rachel, Don and Anne

Coffee: Simone and Season

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by: Kath Davies

*“In memory of my husband,  
always loved, never forgotten”*



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:**

***Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April***

11.00 am, Chrism Mass at Christchurch cathedral (contact clergy to come along)

8.00 pm, Holy Communion followed by Watch until 11.45 pm

11.45 pm, Compline

***Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April***

11.00 am, CTiM Walk of Witness, meet outside Sainsburys

1.00 pm, An hour at the cross – quiet service of music, meditation and silence

2.00 pm, The Liturgy of the Last Hour

3.15 pm, Evening Prayer and church ‘sealed’

***Holy Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April***

From 9.30 am, decorate for Easter

4.00 pm, All Age Easter Egg Hunt and service

***Easter Day, 9<sup>th</sup> April***

6.30 am, Dawn service – meet in Kidwells Park near the pond

7.15 am, Breakfast in church

8.00 am, Holy Communion and lighting of the paschal candle

10.00 a, Festal Holy Communion

No services 10<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday Teas – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm Community Hall

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

23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter reflections, on zoom Led by St Luke’s
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Reflections for Christian Aid week, on zoom led by St. Luke’s, Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400      Passcode: 526076
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Evensong and Benediction for Pentecost, in church at All Saints
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Desert Island hymns and readings, in church, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
25 <sup>th</sup> June	International Taizé service, in church and on zoom at St. Luke’s Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400      Passcode: 526076

9 <sup>th</sup> July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
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And on the 4th Sunday monthly: 3pm, Deaf Church, at Cox Green 4pm, Sundays at 4, at All Saints

## Coming up..

**Messy Church** our next Messy church is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April when we will be thinking about Messy miracles – Jesus calms a storm. 4pm. £2 per child. All welcome. Do email the office at [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) to book places (so we know how many to cater for).

**Keeping Company:** is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 20th April.

**APCM: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**, at 11.15 (ish) after the 10 am service.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> April, and then be published (names only) in church before the APCM.**

**Coronation Celebrations:** do book Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May in your diaries for a church family bring and share lunch – details to come.

**Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III:** the Church of England has produced a booklet of prayers, one for each day of the month leading up to the coronation. They start on Easter Sunday - a good day to begin praying for our King. We have 100 copies of the booklet and will be giving them out during Holy Week. do ask for one if you do not receive one.

## DISCOVER WHAT JOSEPHUS REPORTED ABOUT JESUS

You are invited to a talk on Josephus: hero or villain ....for Jews and for Christians? Why is Josephus - chronicler of the 1st century - so controversial...but also so important for both faiths?

It will be given by Professor Martin Goodman, of Oxford University and a leading expert on the 1st century period.

His 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 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to him in person. There is no charge, but it is important you book a place, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: [admin@maidshul.org](mailto:admin@maidshul.org)

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>

**Hosting Ukrainian families:** There is a small number of Ukrainian families in Maidenhead who need our support. Can you help?

We are looking for six families who can each host a family of two or three Ukrainians who are at risk of becoming homeless. The government offers financial support to hosts of £350 per month rising to £500 per month for Ukrainians who have been in the UK for a year or more. The support should be enough to help offset the rising cost of living.

There is hope that the situation in Ukraine is starting to stabilise. If so, it should be safe enough for the families to return in the coming months. By providing a temporary home, you can make a significant difference in the lives of these families who have likely experienced trauma and stress due to the ongoing conflict.

If you are able to host, please email [nigel@openarms.charity](mailto:nigel@openarms.charity) with your details. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

**Thames Valley Police Race Action Plan:** Below is a link for Thames Valley Police race action plan on the public TVP website. The link on the site is for anonymous feedback, which we would appreciate being submitted. <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/au/about-us/our-commitment/our-race-action-plan/>

**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 term time only. We meet in church.

**Messy Church** continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5pm. Next, 28<sup>th</sup> April and then 2<sup>nd</sup> June e-mail [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk) 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 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**Thursday Teas** meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly. Next is 13<sup>th</sup> April..

**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 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**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