

# St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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## Week commencing: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Easter 5, Parish Communion

This Sunday we have a service of Holy Communion at 10 am, both in-person in church and also on zoom. As it is the second Sunday of the month there is also a Communion service (BCP) at 8.00 am in church. There is also Sundays at Six this week.

On Thursday the church celebrates Ascension Day and there will be a service of Holy Communion in church and on zoom at 8pm. to which all are welcome. Zoom details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86818812754?pwd=OHZpSEZjT3J0bHJhTUU4K0VnVDYwZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 1881 2754

Passcode: 127213

**Morning Prayer** continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am; **Evening Prayer**, Fridays at 5pm. All Saints church also offers **Night Prayer** on Thursdays at 8pm.

**Sundays at Six** continues on Zoom at 6pm on alternate Sundays each month. The next will be tonight and then 23<sup>rd</sup> May, and will use the little Blue Prayer booklet.

It is also the start of **Christian Aid week**. There is more information about this later in this news sheet.

### Thought for the week:

At Westcott House, the Theological College in Cambridge where I, and many others, trained for ordained ministry, there is an icon in the Chapel where we gathered three times a day for worship. You can see it here. In the icon Jesus holds an open Bible with words from John 15: you did not choose me, but I chose you.

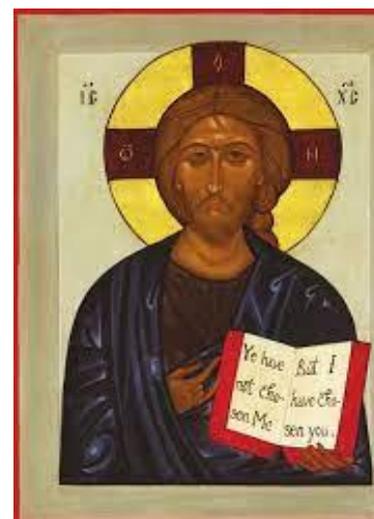
Those words were really important for eager ordinands to hear. There was a temptation to feel special – we had got through the selection process (which is gruelling). There was a temptation to feel that we were among the elite – those who had chosen to go to college and become leaders in the church.

It was important to be constantly reminded that it was Jesus who had chosen and called us to his service.

But there was also a temptation to feel powerless – the more we learned the more we realised that we needed to learn. The icon also reminded us that Jesus had chosen us – each of us – just as we were – and that he wanted each of us to minister WITH him, not FOR him.

The Westcott icon was a potent symbol and reminder to ordinands every day.

Of course, it is not just ordinands who need to hear that is it – perhaps every disciple needs a copy of that icon to remind us that Jesus calls every single one of us – just as we are.



*Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May:*

Sunday	Psalm 104. 28-34	John 21.1-19	
Monday	Psalm 65	Deuteronomy 26	1 Peter 4. 1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 126	Deuteronomy 28.1-14	1 Peter 4. 12-end
Wednesday	Psalm 132	Deuteronomy 28. 58-end	1 Peter 5
Thursday (Ascension Day)	Psalm 110	Isaiah 52. 7-end	Hebrews 7. 26-end
Friday (St. Matthias)	Psalm 16	1 Samuel 2.27-35	Acts 2.37-end
Saturday	Psalm 47	Numbers 11.16-17, 24-29	1 Corinthians 2

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

- Take some time for stillness and the rest in the beauty of creation (any little bit of it)
- Thanksgiving for the lifting of restrictions
- For the people of India
- For action following the publication of the report of the Archbishop's Anti-Racism TaskForce
- For the staff and children of New Brainstorm school in Uganda
- That we might be kind to each other – in 'thought, word and deed'
- For our care for God's world and our environment
- For our prayer shawl ministry, Gaynor's Gift, and those who will receive shawls, in love
- For those who will stand to serve on the PCC
- For Revd. Phyl, as she prepares for priesting in 26<sup>th</sup> June
- 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 May: Elise Rutland, Harry Portsmouth, Daisy Stevens, Travis Romero.
- For all those who live and work in Lonsdale close
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Mick Curley, James Clarke
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in May: Vic Kellerman, John Wells, Geoffrey Thrift, William Mayers, Helen Bailey, Kathleen Heskith, Gerald Gunner, Ronald Birch, Geoffrey Hutson, Michael Poynter, Terence Comley, Glyn Jackson, Alicia Teare, Angela Beavis, Patricia Kealey, Robert Ashby, Priscilla Evans, David Trinkwon, Ivy Trillow, Edwina Richardson, Brian Webb.

**Rotas for next week: 16<sup>th</sup> May, Parish Communion in church and on zoom**

Read: Richard Burdett      Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Welcomers: Michael, Eileen, Ann Burdett      Antibac after service: Sally Somerville

Ascension Day:

Read: Barbara Essam      Intercede: the vicar

Welcomers: John, Mike and Lisa      Antibac after service: a kind volunteer!

**Our church is floodlit at night.**

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored by  
The Barber Family,  
In memory of Mick Hine, dearly loved and greatly missed.*

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



## What's on...

### This week:

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 4 pm, Messy Church, on zoom 5 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8 am, Holy Communion, BCP, in church 10. 00, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom 6.00 pm, Sundays at Six, on zoom
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 3 pm, Prayer Shawl meeting, zoom 8 pm, Holy Communion for Ascension Day, church and zoom
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 5 pm, Evening Prayer, on zoom 8 pm, Choir practice
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9 am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10 am – 12.30 pm: Open church prayer and planning, on zoom
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10. 00, Parish Communion, in church and on zoom

### Looking ahead:

**Messy Church:** our next session is on Zoom (email Revd. Sally for the link) from 4-5pm this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Zoom link from Revd. Sally.

**Church planning morning:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 10 am – 12.30 pm, on zoom.

The PCC has a planned morning to consider prayerfully and through discussion, where God may be leading us as a church, as we merge from the pandemic. We will have brief presentations from members of the Standing Committee about new documents and initiatives from the national church / diocese, and we will begin to revise our Mission Action Plan.

This session is open to EVERYONE associated with the church. Please do join us if you possibly can - sadly it is another provide your own coffee time!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533727040?pwd=RS9kaDNBeWhWRTNtU1dNS2loRU8wQT09>

Meeting ID: 845 3372 7040

Passcode: 820500

**APCM** – The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 11.15am on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021** in St. Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX. This is preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect our churchwardens.

The APCM is when the PCC reports on its activities during the year and the financial state of the church. Elections also take place for churchwardens and PCC Members.

Nominations are now required for the 2 churchwardens, 4 PCC members (3 yrs.), 1 PCC member (1 yr.) and 1 Deanery Synod (2 yrs.).

The nomination forms for all the elections are on the table at the rear of church. Please complete the appropriate form with your nomination and hand directly to a churchwarden, the PCC secretary or one of the ministers. Please ensure you use correct form for the position you are nominating someone for. Remember that the person you are nominating must sign the form agreeing to their nomination. Ralph Hinchliffe, PCC Secretary.

**Bulletin:** The 2020 Bulletin was sent to you with this week's news sheet and is also on our website now. If you need a hard copy, please contact the office – we would be grateful for a contribution towards the cost of printing hard copies.

**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, or speak to Revd. Sally or email to the office for an emailed form. Please return the form directly to Ann Burdett (Electoral Roll officer), 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 brown board at the back of church if anyone wishes to check it.

**And also:**

**Recycling paper face coverings:** There is a box in church to place your used paper face coverings. These are then taken to Wilko for recycling.

**Christian Aid week news, CTiM, from Revd. David Downing, URC minister and Chair of CTiM:**

***Christian Aid Week Zoom Service, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May***

Like last year, Churches Together will be ensuring we can't forget the work of Christian Aid as we join together using Zoom for our Christian Aid Week Service. It will be at 5pm and will kick off the week. We will sing songs, hear scripture, and learn about the work going on, in conjunction with churches across the UK and beyond!

If you need help connecting to Zoom, or if you want to phone in then please let me know.

The code to join us is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2557731522>

***300,000 Steps***

This year Christian Aid are asking people to take 300,000 steps to raise money for Christian Aid; and I've accepted the challenge. In the wet, dry, cold and warmth of May I will make sure that I make sure that people who are suffering most from climate change are getting the support they need through Christian Aid. If you can sponsor me, it would be like hearing you cheer me on!

You can get in touch with me via [revmandm@gmail.com](mailto:revmandm@gmail.com), or you can sponsor me directly by go to: [www.facebook.com/donate/137225505049642/](http://www.facebook.com/donate/137225505049642/)

***Psalmathon***

This month, as part of Christian Aid Week, we are invited to join with Christian Aid supporters in Marlow in reading all 150 Psalms end to end, on Zoom. This event will be on Sunday 16th June, from 12pm to approximately 7pm. Phew! But you don't have to be there the whole time.

We need LOTS of readers, and we hope that everyone who reads will get their friends and family to sponsor them, raising bags of money for Christian Aid. So please join in! Go

to <https://tinyurl.com/psalmathon> for more details and to book your place as a reader: you will be asked to specify a one-hour slot during which you will get your turn. There is a £5 registration fee.

We will then send you full details and you will be encouraged to get sponsorship. Nearer the time, we'll confirm which Psalm(s) you will be reading, and we will send you the Zoom code for the event.

An invitation from Rabbi Jonathan Romain: with lockdown ending the week prior... come and meet the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd. Olivia Graham who will speak on **THE CHALLENGES WE FACE**, organised by the Berkshire Council of Christian and Jews **on Tuesday June 29th at 8.00pm** at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (ample parking inside the Synagogue car park).

Numbers may have to be limited, so please book in advance by emailing [projects@maidshul.org](mailto:projects@maidshul.org) with your name and address; or let us know if you want the Zoom link.

**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

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=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=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRlZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349                      Passcode: 945101

**Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm, every other Thursday**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84874518710?pwd=eFFwSEd5SS9NdmdTdDVIQXICRlBWUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 7451 8710                      Passcode: 078376

**Night Prayer from All Saints: Thursdays at 8pm**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75976544021?pwd=Q1pJVlplTytOdHg0VXhSRGxWRzIzZz09>

Meeting ID: 759 7654 4021                      Password: 5rHziv

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