



Welcome on Palm Sunday

Sunday 24th March

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Welcome on Palm Sunday! Join us in church or online

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**The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors
or for personal prayer**

Sun 24 Mar PALM SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/5W96kSpwWos?feature=share
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' <i>informal praise and worship led by our young people</i>
Mon 25 Mar	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Tues 26 Mar	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – <i>knit and natter</i> <i>(no knitting on 2 & 9 April)</i>
Wed 27 Mar	9am Holy Communion
	10am Ukrainian support group
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' <i>in the church</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers <i>practise in church</i>
Thurs 28 Mar MAUNDY THURSDAY	7-9pm Reading of St Mark's Gospel <i>and we will share in the bread and wine of the Last Supper</i>
Fri 29 Mar GOOD FRIDAY	10am All Age Service <i>followed by hot cross buns and coffee</i>
	2pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' <i>(livestreamed)</i> <i>A service of reflection with periods of silence</i> https://youtube.com/live/Tw2Mry8fh7s?feature=share
Sun 31 Mar EASTER SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <i>Please wear white/gold/yellow!</i>

Collect True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



Lent Course and
Home Group
Leaders

Readings

Psalms 118:1-2; 19-end

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures for ever

² Let Israel say: "His love endures for ever"

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the
righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to
the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may
enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you
answered me;
you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us!

LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless
you.

²⁷ The LORD is God,

and he has made his light shine on

us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal
procession

up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is
good;

his love endures for ever.

Mark 11:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly."'

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

¹⁰ 'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

‘Marking Lent’ On **Maundy Thursday** 28 March (from 7- 9pm) you are invited to join us for a reading of all of Mark’s Gospel up to and including the Garden of Gethsemane, and we will share in the bread and wine of the Last Supper

Help please !



Good Friday – we would like to serve hot cross buns and tea/coffee after the service at 10am. We need a team of about 3.

Easter Sunday – we need a team to serve coffee and tea after the 11am service.

Please contact Pere in the office if you would like to help with either of these dates.

Mummy & Me This is a weekly group running in the church every Friday morning for parents and babies offering friendship, support and teaching. They would be really grateful for some more help with serving refreshments and tidying up at the end of the session (some chair moving included). It’s from around 9.30 – 12. Please contact Pere if you would like to get involved. It’s a lively group of around 30 or so mums and their babies.

Occasional cleaner in the Centre We are looking for someone to help with occasional cleaning in the Centre usually on a Friday evening and sometimes a Sunday afternoon. It is a paid position and will involve vacuuming, mopping, general cleaning. Please contact Pere if you are interested or require more information. Thank you.

Dates for the diary

Good Friday 29 March Christians Together Walk of Witness It begins at the Town Hall at Castle Circus at 12 noon and progresses down Union Street to stop and sing outside WH Smiths, then on to the harbourside and to the circular area between the Princess Theatre and the Rotunda at around 12.30pm for more singing and prayers, finishing at approx. 1pm. All hymn sheets will be provided. All welcome 😊

APCM 19 May @ 4.30pm – advance notice of our Annual Church Meeting. If you have recently joined the church please see Paulina about joining the Electoral Roll.

News

The Chaplaincy Team which serves our local hospitals are looking for new volunteers to work with them. There are opportunities at Torbay and elsewhere. They plan to run an introductory course for new volunteers in April. For more information contact 01803 654186 or tsdft.chaplains@nhs.net

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

24 March Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

11am Morning Worship

5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30'

28 March Maundy Thursday

7-9pm Reading of St Mark's Gospel
and sharing of bread and wine

29 March Good Friday

10am All Age Service

followed by hot cross buns and coffee/tea

2pm 'At the Foot of the Cross'

a service of reflection with periods of silence

31 March Easter Sunday

8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

11am United Family Communion

followed by coffee/tea



Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Dear Lord, as I face a new week, I rejoice not because everything in my life is always good, but because I have a God who is always good.

Tue 'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted...' Psalm 34 v18. Pray for all those caught up in war and violence.

Wed Pray for our own country with the risk of increased conflict caused by extremist views. May there be love and respect amongst all people.

Thurs 'The Earth is the Lord's' Psalm 24v1. Pray that everyone will respect our beautiful creation and play their part in looking after it.

Fri Dear Lord, may we all be stirred by your Holy Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus this Easter.

Sat Praise God for our church leaders and all who serve at St Matthias in any way. Pray that more people will come forward and offer help.

Sun Dear Lord, we pray for those who are ill or suffering in any way. May they all look to Jesus to find healing and strength.

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