



13th APRIL: PALM SUNDAY

PALM GOSPEL: Luke 19.28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him
our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience
and humility, and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50.4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; there-fore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my

adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 31.9-16

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with
sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me. **R**

I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; they put their heads together against
me; they plot to take my life. **R**

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, 'You are my God. 'My times are in your
hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.' **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be exploited, but
emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born
in human likeness. And being found in human form, he
humbled himself and became obedient to the point of
death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly
exalted him and gave him the name that is above every
name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and
every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death
on a cross. But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory

PASSION READING: see separate sheet

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, we are nothing without you.

As you sustain us with your mercy,
receive our prayers and offerings.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

HYMNS

Entrance: 647
Offertory: 121
Communion: 132
Final: 128

Bishops in our diocese: Martin, Will, Ruth.

The Sick: Ann Adkin, Chris Avery, Felicity Caperon, Sarah Cashmore, Jenny Chatterton, Tracey Divall, Eileen Head, Gwilym James, Paul Jones, Chong Lin Khong, Rita Miell, Tracey Norris, Edward Sibley, Claire Stogden, Catherine Wallis, Andrew, Rosemary, Bethany and baby Amelia.

Recently Departed: Anne Miller

Year's Mind: Peter Halton, Dorothy Isbister, Alice Clifton, James Hodges, Edward Fletcher, John Williamson

ANNE MILLER'S FUNERAL will take place at **3.15pm on Friday 25th April** at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS will be on sale in the church hall after the 10am service today in aid of 'Tarmac the Church Drive'. Cash only, please.

1839 CONSORT CONCERT, 4th May at 4pm. with saxophonist Nick Beston, the programme celebrates the influences of early music on 21st Century composers. A reflective programme for VE day will include *Son of God Mass* by Whitbourn and pieces by Gjeilo, Whitacre, Palestrina, Mouton, Victoria and Garbarek/Morales Parce Mihi Domine. Tickets £15 (under 18s free) from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/1839-consort> or on the door. Profits in aid of the "Tarmac the Church Drive" fund. Information from Sue Ellefsen, Kirsten & Duncan Smith.



FORTHCOMING SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday
8am Said Mass
10am Meet in the church hall and process into the church before Mass

Wednesday 16th April
10am Said Mass

Thursday 17th April Maundy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet and the Watch at the Altar of Repose

Friday 18th April Good Friday
2pm The Good Friday Liturgy following Christ to the cross

Saturday 19th April Holy Saturday
7.30pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter with celebratory refreshments

Sunday 20th April Easter Day
8am Said Mass
9am Family Service with Easter Egg hunt
10am Sung Mass

Wednesday 23rd April
10am Said Requiem Mass for Anne Miller



THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING AND THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place at 11.30am on **Sunday 27th April**. All those registered on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend.

St John's Church is currently in interregnum. For all enquiries please contact one of the churchwardens.

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