

St Mary's, Shalford
Benefice of Shalford and Peasmarsch
Weekly News Sheet



Palm Sunday & Holy Week

Sunday 14th April 2019

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

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As we enter Holy Week we journey with Jesus from today's Hosanna cries and triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the cross, and then on, to the empty tomb on Easter morning and the great Alleluias of risen life, Easter hope, fullness and joy.

Please join us at any of the services and gatherings in St Mary's through this Holy Week. If you are unable to be with us, we hope the prayers in this newssheet will be valuable to you as we journey together and individually with Christ

Today's 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.

Palm Gospel: *Luke 19.28-40* Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

After he had said this, he 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.'

Passion Gospel: *Luke 23: 1-49*

Post Communion Prayer:

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.

NOTICES

Services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday at St Mary's

Please join us for as much as you can of Holy Week as we journey together through this deeply transformative time, and gather for the joyful celebration of Jesus' risen life in our lives.

Monday to Friday 8.30am Morning prayer in Lady Chapel

Monday 7.30-8.15pm Holy Week Reflective service: music & image

Wednesday 10.30-11.45am 3Cs Coffee, Cake & Chat

7.30-8.15pm Holy Week Reflective service: music & image

Maundy Thursday: 6.30pm Simple Soup Supper (in church)

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday: 2-3pm Good Friday 1 Hour: reflections & music

10.30am Walk of Witness (start Guildford friary centre)

Holy Saturday: 12.30 & 2pm Wintershall Passion Play Gfd High St

EASTER DAY: 8am Holy Communion;

10am Easter Family Communion; Easter egg hunt

Maundy Thursday: Soup Supper – all welcome; please sign up in porch if you are likely to come so that soup makers can guess numbers (but just turn up if you forget!). **Foot Washing** – if you would be prepared to have your feet symbolically washed during our Maundy service, please sign up in porch.

Morning Prayer in St Mary's Lady Chapel: Every weekday 8.30am – just pop in if you can one morning. Please send any prayer requests to Rev Sarah or others and we will include in our prayers. **NB: no morning prayer in church on Bank Holidays.**

3Cs Coffee, Cake & Chat: are having a well-deserved Easter Wednesday off – no 3Cs on Wednesday 24th April.

St Mary's Church Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial

Church Meeting: All welcome on Sunday 28th April c.11.30am, following our 10am Worship 4 All with Baptism. All on the new Electoral Roll welcome to vote. Annual reports on table and PCC member nomination forms in porch. Please chat to Rev Sarah, Naomi or Ellen if you have any comments or questions ahead of the APCM.

Prayers for Holy Week

Palm Sunday: 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

Monday: 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. Amen

Tuesday: Waters of life eternal spring from those dry hours of pain, for those who withered spirits bring need never thirst again. May we become as wells in turn, whose waters never fail. Refreshing those who thirsting yearn for justice to prevail. (Stanley Hemming-Clark)

Wednesday: Some ask the world and are diminished in the receiving of it. You gave me only this small pool that the more I drink from, the more overflows me with sourceless light. (*Gift* RS Thomas)

Maundy Thursday: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant to love one another, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service: Grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again in our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. Amen.

Good Friday: Dying Jesus, at the end of yourself you turned, and spoke words of togetherness in places of the torn. May we find words to hold, especially in times when the world harms. Because sometimes words can heal. Amen. (Padraig O Tuama)

Holy Saturday: This day let all stand still in silence, in sorrow. Sun and moon be still. Earth be still. Still the waters. Let the ground gape in stunned lamentation. Let it groan as it gathers the One who was thought forever stilled. Time be still. Watch and wait. (Jan Richardson)

Easter Day: Loving God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive in our world, our church, and our hearts. Renew and strengthen us in the risen life we share in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen (Seasons)

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