

SUNDAY 13 April
PALM SUNDAY

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion with junior Church

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.

READINGS *(in pew bibles)*

OT Zechariah 9: 9-12, p. 920

Gospel Matthew 21: 1-13, p. 24

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Lord God, Your Word is true, and You are faithful. You promised salvation through the Messiah and today, we remember that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies of our promised Redeemer. We acknowledge our need for salvation from our sins and rejoice that Jesus is our Deliverer. We celebrate Him as King and ask that His Kingdom come into our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, Thank You that Jesus came humbly, riding on a donkey, proclaiming peace.
We pray for peace in Jerusalem, peace in Gaza, and peace in our times. Make us instruments of your peace and guide us in the ministry of reconciliation.
We bring before you our loved ones who do not know You. May they find their peace in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you want to put a note in the pewsheet, please contact Emma in the office, no later than 9am Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK – HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Tuesday of Holy Week

7.30pm An evening of prayer accompanied by music on the harp, with Lucy Bunce

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday

9.30am Meet in churchyard for the walk to Grantchester Meadows Service at 10.30am, followed by hot cross buns in Grantchester Village Hall.

2pm Meditations on the Cross (in church)

Easter Sunday

7am Easter Sunrise Service on Grantchester Meadows

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion, followed by coffee, and Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard

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CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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Please note Emma is Away 14 to 21 April

CHURCH NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY

Please contact Mandy if you would like to join a group on Tuesday evening online or Wednesday evening in person.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING
TAKES PLACE IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY 27 APRIL
AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE

All are welcome to attend. Coffee will be served as usual, while the meeting is being prepared.

Part 1: The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) takes place first and is solely to elect the two Churchwardens who will serve for the next year. All those attending may vote.

Part 2: The Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) follows with reports from all areas of our church life, the formal adoption of the accounts for 2024, and the elections for vacancies on our Parochial Church Council (PCC).

To have a say in the outcome of the APCM elections you must be on the church's Electoral Roll.

To stand for election to the PCC, you must have been on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months. The PCC, together with the Vicar and Churchwardens, makes decisions about how the church is run. If you have not been on the Electoral Roll for long enough, it may be possible to be a co-opted member. Please speak to the Vicar or Churchwardens if you are interested in joining the PCC.

Nomination forms for the role of Churchwarden and PCC member are available at the Churchwarden's pew.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to donate a Lily in memory of a loved one, please pass a contribution of £5 to Edmund, together with the name of the person you wish to remember. The names will be read out during the 10am service on Easter Day.

GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life and ministry of our church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
- Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
- Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.
- Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this.

Everything helps – thank you!

Jesus enters Jerusalem



Suffering Saviour, share with us your strength in the face of suffering and grant us your vision as we tread the path through this world. Make us firm in faith as we seek to walk in your ways. Amen.

A Palm Sunday reflection

by Janice Scott

Janice Scott sets Palm Sunday in context.

Palm Sunday is the only occasion in the Gospels where Jesus appears to have made advance preparations, and the only time when we're told that he rides. So why did he make elaborate preparations to ride into Jerusalem? Presumably he was physically demonstrating a powerful message – that he was indeed the king coming in peace, as prophesied by Zechariah. Certainly the crowd went wild with excitement, spreading their cloaks on the road – a centuries-

old way of acclaiming a king (2 Kings 9:13) – and hailing him as “the Son of David!” – a well-known title for Israel’s Messiah.

At the beginning of Passover week the city would have been full and the Roman presence very obvious, because nationalist trouble would be expected. By riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus may also have been emphasising the difference between earthly rulers such as Pilate or Herod, who rode on splendid mounts or in elaborate chariots, and God’s servant king, who came humbly and in peace. 🍌

Heather Smith *reflects on* Philippians 2:5-11

Today Jesus enters Jerusalem and the crowd welcomes him, but as the week goes on it becomes clear that the welcome was simply that of people who were carried away in the moment, and that they are capable of a shocking turnaround. Ask any leader or politician and they will tell you that your supporters can turn on you in an instant when the circumstances change or someone else offers a better chance of advancement. It all seems so meaningless and unfair, with people playing games to obtain a little more power without caring who gets hurt in the process.

We human beings search for meaning and we rail against cruel or distressing events that seem to have none. If the events of Holy Week were simply the meaningless disloyalty of a crowd and pointless cruelty of those afraid for their own positions, we might still be struggling to find meaning for our own lives. But today’s reading from Philippians gives us the meaning we desire. Christ emptied himself and humbled himself to death on a cross, but God exalted him, making his story the most meaningful narrative in history.

Philippians encourages us: “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We too might suffer, but his suffering gives our suffering, and our whole lives, the meaning we search for. 🍌

Finding God on the smallholding

by Jeni Parsons

We’ve gone from resting here in the winter to working flat out in the spring, with lambs, chicks and ducklings to care for, two piglets arriving and a polytunnel to weed and plant. Some days it’s going well and others are a tragedy that needs rescuing somehow. From twenty-four eggs, only a lone duckling hatched yesterday,

so I made a dash to a friend who’d found a hen with ten surprise chicks in the barn and I collected two little bundles of fluff. Introducing chicks to a duckling meant watching them crossing boundaries of voice, appearance and species, and yet this morning they are finally snuggled up together.

God encourages us to make community where there’s brokenness, to get over our judgements and to not give up in despair. I learn so much from these tiny creatures and they have become my prayer for today for this God-given world. 🍌

“No pain, no palm; no thorn, no throne.”

William Penn (1644-1718), English writer and religious thinker