

Notices continued:

Craft Project: if anyone has any odd, mismatched wine/brandy/similar stemmed glasses that they no longer use/want, please can you give them to Isobel who is collecting them for another craft project.

Dementia Aware Deanery: To mark this Deanery being a Dementia Aware Deanery, there will be a service to celebrate this part of our journey together at a Service of Celebration on **Sunday 14th May** at St Mary the Virgin, Davyhulme. The service will start at **2:30pm** and be followed by light refreshments. The Mayor of Trafford and Archdeacon Cherry Vann will be present at this service to support us in our celebration. This will allow plenty of time for those who wish to attend the cathedral later that afternoon for the **Collation of our new Archdeacon Karen Lund at the service starting at 5:30pm.**

Plant and Ploughman's - Saturday 20th May: Any spare cuttings, annuals, perennial plants, trees, plant pots, garden tools, bags of spare compost, plant food etc. will be very welcome. A good time to clear out the garden shed and green house!

The social committee would like your help to make this day as successful as possible. If you are willing and able to offer help in any way whether it is helping to provide ingredients for the ploughman's lunch, a pudding, help in the kitchen please see the list at the back of church. If you make an incredible **Victoria sponge**, why not take part in the Victoria sponge baking competition which will take place on 20th May. Further details to follow.

This year we are **celebrating 175 years** of the consecration of the present St. Matthews Church building. On **Sunday 17th September** we are having a Celebration Service at 10am, led by the Bishop of Manchester, followed by a buffet lunch. We would love to invite all those who have a connection to St. Matthews to our service and lunch. If you know of anybody who would like an invitation please can put contact details on the list at the back of church, or speak to Jeannette.

Dates for your diary:



May 20th - **Plant sale and Ploughman's Lunch**

June 3rd - **Quiz night**

July 8th - **Garden Party**

August 13th - **Parish B.B.Q.**

September 16th - **Gift day and Lunch**

September 17th - **175th Celebration service followed by lunch**

October 7th - **Quiz night**

November 11th - **Charities Fair**

Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 9th April 2017 Palm Sunday - Holy Week begins

Today's Hymns:

11	All glory, laud and honour
435	Ride on, ride on in majesty
46	At the name of Jesus
311	Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
153	Give me joy in my heart

This week's services and events:

Today:

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with blessing of Palms

Monday 10th April:

7:30pm Holy Week service

Tuesday 11th April:

9:45am Ecumenical Prayers at Sevenways

7:30pm Holy Week service

Wednesday 12th April:

10am Midweek Eucharist followed by coffee in Hall

7:30pm Holy Week service

Thursday 13th April - Maundy Thursday:

7:30pm Agape in Hall

Friday 14th April - Good Friday:

9am Morning Prayer

10am Deaf/Hearing service

2pm Children's service

Saturday 15th April:

10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

Sunday 16th April - Easter Day:

6am Dawn Service followed by breakfast

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

For prayer:

- David and Amy Roche working with CMS in the Lebanon
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran
- Those to be baptized:
 - 28th May - Ellie Lois and Lola Joyce (parents Steven and Hayley)
 - 20th August - Michael Warren, Alfie George and Lola Dawn (parents Becky and Alex)
 - 27th August - Isla Rose (parents Ashley and Amy)
 - 27th August - Isabella-Grace (parents Andrew and Joanne)

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. **Amen.**

Today's Readings:

Matthew 21: 1-11 - for the Blessing of the Palms

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 26: 14-end of 27

Please see separate sheet

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. **Amen.**

Readings for Easter Day:

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 28: 1-10

Notices:

Agape Meal: Please sign the list if you will be attending this moving and important event on Maundy Thursday (13th April). It starts at 7:30pm in the Hall. For more information please speak to Kate or Simon.

Easter Flowers: Jeannette and Marjorie would be grateful for any money towards Easter flowers so we can once again decorate our Church beautifully for this important festival. Thank you.

East Africa Appeal: The Disasters Emergency Committee is asking for donations to help the 16 million people facing famine in East Africa. There is a collection box at the back of Church for your donations. This will be sent via Christian Aid.

St George's Day Charity Dinner: will be on Sunday 23rd April at 7pm - cost £10 for a 3-course dinner and entertainment from Shakespeare's 'As you like it'. All proceeds will go to the Foodbank and The Clock Fund as well as a couple of other local charities. Please purchase your tickets from Hazel or Justine.

Annual Parochial Church Council (APCM): will be on 30th April. In preparation for this please would you:

- check your details in the **Electoral Roll** which is in the black folder at the back of Church.
- consider who you would like to **represent you on PCC**. We have one PCC vacancy and 3 Deanery Synod vacancies. Nomination forms are at the back of Church.
- Sidespeople: you will need to sign on the form at the back of Church to agree to continue in this role before being admitted to the role by those attending the APCM.
- if you normally submit a **report to the APCM** then please be aware that reports need to be with the Secretary by Easter Day.