

Notices (continued):

Our **APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be on **Sunday 28th April 2019 at 12noon** in the Hall. In preparation for this:

- ❖ the nomination forms for election as Churchwarden
- ❖ the nomination forms for election to PCC (4 vacancies)
- ❖ the new Electoral Roll
- ❖ copies of the reports and material for the meeting

are all at the back of church. Please do check the Electoral Roll to ensure your entry is correct. Please do give serious consideration to standing for PCC yourself or nominating someone else. Thank you.

Our meeting will conclude with a **Bring and Share lunch**.

Used stamps: Don't throw them away as they can raise money for the Leprosy Mission. Please place any of your used stamps in the box at the back of church. Please would you cut them off envelopes, leaving a very small margin around each stamp.

If you would like to **give** to those whose lives have been **devastated by the flooding** in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, please place your donation in the big plastic container at the back of Church. It will be sent off through **Christian Aid**, part of the Disasters Emergency Committee. So far we have raised and sent of £98.

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Welcome to St Matthew's *Sunday 14th April 2019* *Palm Sunday* *Holy Week begins*

Today's Hymns:

327	Majesty
435	Ride on, ride on in majesty
66	Bread is blest and broken
186	Great is thy faithfulness

This week's services and events:

Today:

8am Holy Communion
10am Deaf/hearing Eucharist

Monday 15th April:

7pm Holy Week Service

Tuesday 16th April:

NO 9:45am Ecumenical Prayers
7pm Holy Week Service

Wednesday 17th April:

10am Midweek Eucharist
followed by coffee in Hall
7pm Holy Week Service

Thursday 18th April:

Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Agape in Choir Vestry followed by
Stripping of the altars in Church

Friday 19th April: Good Friday

10am Good Friday service
2pm Children's Good Friday service

Saturday 20th April: Holy Saturday

10am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry
1:30pm Training for ministry of
Laying on of hands in Choir Vestry

Sunday 21st April: Easter Day

6:30am Dawn Service
8am Holy Communion
10am Easter Day Parish Eucharist

For prayer:

- Anne Plested now in Bethlehem with CMS
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran
- Appointment of a new Headteacher for St Matthew's School

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:

John 12: 1-3

Matthew 21: 1-11

John 2: 13-20

Luke 22: 14-20

Luke 23: 33-49

****The readings can be found at the end of the pew 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.

We have been asked to continue to pray for the Brexit situation using this Prayer for the Nation:

God of hope,
in these times of change,
unite our nation
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 10: 34-43

Luke 24: 1-12

Notices:

Cruz: The Diocesan monthly newsletter for **April**, is now available along with this month's diary dates and letter in the place of the magazine. These are **50p** each. We do encourage you to have a copy to know what is going on.

Easter Day breakfast: If you would like to join us for breakfast on Easter Day after our Dawn Service (6:30am) please put your name on the list today. The list will be removed after today's service. **Please can you also sign the list to bring one item of food!** Thank you.

Easter Flowers: if you would like to give money towards our Easter flowers, please give any donations to Jeannette or Kate. Thank you.

Sweet Peas: Anne and Steve would love sweet peas for their wedding. Would you be able to grow some so that they bloom for mid-August? If you can, please let Anne and Steve or Kate know. Thank you.

Today's Readings:

John 12: 1-3

Six days before Passover Jesus went back to Bethany, where he had raised Lazarus from death. A meal had been prepared for Jesus. Martha was doing the serving, and Lazarus himself was there. Mary took a very expensive bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet. She wiped them with her hair, and the sweet smell of the perfume filled the house.

Matthew 21: 1-11

When Jesus and his disciples came near Jerusalem, he went to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives and sent two of them on ahead. He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will at once find a donkey and her colt. Untie the two donkeys and bring them to me. If anyone asks why you are doing that, just say, 'The Lord needs them.' Right away he will let you have the donkeys." So God's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, "Announce to the people of Jerusalem: 'Your king is coming to you! He is humble and rides on a donkey. He comes on the colt of a donkey.'" The disciples left and did what Jesus had told them to do. They brought the donkey and its colt and laid some clothes on their backs. Then Jesus got on. Many people spread clothes in the road, while others put down branches which they had cut from trees. Some people walked ahead of Jesus and others followed behind. They were all shouting, "Hooray for the Son of David! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hooray for God in heaven above!" When Jesus came to Jerusalem, everyone in the city was excited and asked, "Who can this be?" The crowd answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

John 2: 13-20

Not long before the Jewish festival of Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem. There he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple. He also saw moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he took some rope and made a whip. Then he chased everyone out of the temple, together with their sheep and cattle. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins. Jesus said to the people who had been selling doves, "Get those doves out of here! Don't make my Father's house a marketplace." The disciples then remembered that the Scriptures say, "My love for your house burns in me like a fire." The Jewish leaders asked Jesus, "What miracle will you work to show us why you have done this?" "Destroy this temple," Jesus answered, "and in three days I will build it again!" The leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple. What makes you think you can rebuild it in three days?"

Luke 22: 14-20

When the time came for Jesus and the apostles to eat, he said to them, "I have very much wanted to eat this Passover meal with you before I suffer. I tell you that I will not eat another Passover meal until it is finally eaten in God's kingdom." Jesus took a cup of wine in his hands and gave thanks to God. Then he told the apostles, "Take this wine and share it with each other. I tell you that I will not drink any more wine until God's kingdom comes." Jesus took some bread in his hands and gave thanks for it. He broke the bread and handed it to his apostles. Then he said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Eat this as a way of remembering me!" After the meal he took another cup of wine in his hands. Then he said, "This is my blood. It is poured out for you, and with it God makes his new agreement.

Luke 23: 33-49

Then the soldiers came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed Jesus to a cross. They also nailed the two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus. Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people! They don't know what they're doing." While the crowd stood there watching Jesus, the soldiers gambled for his clothes. The leaders insulted him by saying, "He saved others. Now he should save himself, if he really is God's chosen Messiah!" The soldiers made fun of Jesus and brought him some wine. They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!" Above him was a sign that said, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging there also insulted Jesus by saying, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and save us!" But the other criminal told the first one off, "Don't you fear God? Aren't you getting the same punishment as this man? We got what was coming to us, but he didn't do anything wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into power!" Jesus replied, "I promise that today you will be with me in paradise." Around noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until the middle of the afternoon. The sun stopped shining, and the curtain in the temple split down the middle. Jesus shouted, "Father, I put myself in your hands!" Then he died. When the Roman officer saw what had happened, he praised God and said, "Jesus must really have been a good man!" A crowd had gathered to see the terrible sight. Then after they had seen it, they felt brokenhearted and went home. All of Jesus' close friends and the women who had come with him from Galilee stood at a distance and watched.