



St Mary's Bridgwater & Holy Trinity, Chilton Trinity

Palm Sunday

Dear All,

Hope you are all doing well - I sure many of us can't quite believe that it's been a year now since the start of the pandemic. This last week we have reflected on the many lives that have been lost over the last year but, also the hope we have for the future. Hope is something that we discover in the joy of the

Easter message however, before we get to the Easter celebration we first journey through **Holy week** starting on Palm Sunday. Holy week is a significant time that invites us to enter into Jesus' passion by 'handing ourselves over' to the events of this week...Mary's costly act of preparation for Jesus' burial, Jesus' final teaching regarding the cost of discipleship, the tenderness of the Last Supper, the pain of betrayal, Jesus handing himself over to his enemies in the garden of Gethsemane, the arduous journey to the cross, the despair of Holy Saturday and the joy of resurrection Sunday.

For some of us, we might like to take a few moments each day for personal contemplation or join with others throughout the week.

Each day at 7.30pm (Monday - Thursday) we have an opportunity to join, via zoom, with St Mary Magdalene, Taunton as Bishop Brian Castle leads us in a short reflection. There are also going to be daily reflections available on the Bath and Wells website which you might find helpful.

On **Maundy Thursday** the church will be open for individual prayer in the morning and again for private reflection during the an hour 'at the Cross' from **2-3pm on Good Friday** or, the option to join again with St Mary Magdalene for Brian Castle's final reflection at 2.30pm.

At **9.30am on Easter day**, I'm really excited that we have the opportunity to receive communion together back in the church building. Whilst we are still not allowed to sing it will be wonderful to celebrate together the joy of Easter! We realise that some of you may not be able to make it to the building and so we hope to still put something online so that everyone can be included - zoom coffee will also remain for a while yet!

Easter brings with it a sense of hope for us all. As a PCC we have been thinking and praying about our vision as we continue to journey through vacancy. The hope we have as we move forward is that we might 'love, serve and welcome all, as a nourishing community, passionate and energised by our faith.' This is really exciting place for us to be in so, let's be expectant, as we listen and follow in the footsteps of Christ, in all that lies ahead.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, every blessing, Suse x

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Monday

10am - Zoom Craft group
Meeting ID: 871 4205 5835
Passcode: Craft

7.30pm Holy week reflection
Meeting ID: 884 6610 1536
Passcode: SMMTHW

Tuesday

7.30pm Holy week reflection
Meeting ID: 884 6610 1536
Passcode: SMMTHW

Wednesday

9am Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 350 341 4741
Passcode: Prayer

7.30pm Holy week reflection

Meeting ID: 884 6610 1536
Passcode: SMMTHW

Maundy Thursday

9.30-12noon Church open for prayer

Good Friday

2-3pm Church open for the 'hour at the Cross'

2.30pm Holy week reflection
Meeting ID: 884 6610 1536
Passcode: SMMTHW

Easter Sunday

9.30am in Church

From 10.30am Zoom Coffee
Meeting ID: 350 341 4741
Passcode: Prayer

Gospel Reading: Mark 11.1-11)

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Lent Appeal for Zambia

As we can't have our usual Smarties appeal this year, I wonder if you would like to put your spare cash to one side during Lent for me to collect in after Easter. I know that our friends in Mawanda Parish are always very grateful for your support.
Many thanks, *Richard Philpott*

Vacancy Prayer: God our Father

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place; Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; And guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new Incumbent for this parish, that the one who we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example
in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

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

200 Club 18th March 2021

1st Alison Green

2nd Stuart Vinecombe

3rd Juliet Sully

4th Diana Pearce

Holy week reflections from Bath & Wells Diocese

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2020/04/holy-week-reflections>



**DON'T FORGET TO
SPRING FORWARD**

Remember to set your
clocks ahead 1 hour on

28 March 2021