



Parish of Paignton
St John the Baptist, Paignton
St Boniface, Paignton



SUNDAY 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

Holy Week: Please do take a Holy Week leaflet if you haven't already to remind you what parish services and activities you can join in with in order to experience the full joy of reaching and celebrating Easter Day.

NOTE: *the principal service for Easter is at 7.30pm on Saturday 30th March!!*

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Church at 10am. There is an ecumenical service in Palace Avenue Gardens starting at 10.30am which replaces the Walk of Witness.

6.15am Easter Day Sunrise Service: Firstly, don't forget the clocks go forward the night before!! If you are coming to breakfast after the service, we need numbers for catering purposes. Please can you let Carol know today or leave a message or send a text to the Parish Office number by 5 pm on Tuesday 26th March.

Easter Memorial Flowers: Please fill in the form at the back of the church if you want to donate in the name of a loved one to our Easter Flowers; the names will be displayed in the church over the Easter season.

Craft, Cake & Chatter. Come along and join our group of crafters next Wednesday (27th) in the Coverdale Hall at 1pm - tea/coffee and cake as well!

Clergy update:

Fr. Simon: we are delighted to announce has been appointed as the interim chaplain of HM Chapel Royal Hampton Court Palace for the next 12 months but we will still occasionally see him on his visit's back to his beloved Devon home.

Fr. Nicholas: will be off receiving medical treatment in April returning in May.

Fr. Neil: will be on leave from after services on Easter Day until Tuesday 9th April.

Electoral Roll: The annual revision is now underway; see noticeboard for details.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- All who are despondent, despairing or broken in spirit & face a difficult week;
- All who have been condemned by unjust laws and cruel regimes;
- All who need God's love and protection including ourselves and those in need or suffering including those who have asked for our prayers:

Lorraine, Margaret, Carol, Audrey, Suzanne, Marilyn

- The souls of those who have died recently
their families and friends and any whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

June Chapple

Collect:

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; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11.1–11

¹¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

¹¹ 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.

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50.4–9a. Page 611 of the ESV Bible

Philippians 2.5–11. Page 980 of the ESV Bible

Mark 14.1–15.47

Study Notes for Mark 11.1–11

The parallels are Matthew 21:1-9; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:12-16.

Previous chapters tell us that Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem has started in Galilee. After reaching Jericho, he and his disciples turn west, passing south of the “Mount of Olives”. Both “Bethphage” and “Bethany” were on the slope of the mountain,

across the Kidron Valley from Jerusalem, so which “village” (v.2) is intended is unknown. A vision in Zechariah 9:9 prophesies says “your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey”. The Hebrew text and the Septuagint translation of this verse both say that there are two animals but Mark has only one when Jesus borrows “a colt” (a young equine animal, probably a donkey) for his entry into Jerusalem. While Christians later took “The Lord” (v.3) to be Christ, it is more likely that ‘*the master*’ is meant. In v.6, we read that the two disciples follow Jesus’ directions, and are successful. The “leafy branches” in v.8 are not said to be palm fronds. In 141 BC, during the Maccabean revolt, the victors celebrated the capture of the Jerusalem citadel “with praise and palm branches” (1 Maccabees 13:51). Palm branches were used in connection with the Feast of Tabernacles (see Leviticus 23:39-43) but not for Passover. “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” (V.9) is from Psalm 118:26. “Hosanna” literally means save we pray but here it is a greeting of homage. The word “Hosanna” in the text is transliterated Aramaic, not Hebrew. Verse 10: “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David”: This is not part of the Old Testament quotation; rather this is a comment by the crowd that gives the event a messianic direction in line with the hopes expressed in Psalms of Solomon 17 for a glorious Davidic ruler who will restore and perfect Israel’s fortunes on earth. The crowd seeks, and expects, “the coming kingdom” (v.10) to be an earthly one, free from Roman control. The “highest heaven” is where God dwells. To visit the Temple (v.11) upon arrival in the city is normal, but Jesus does it alone. He has no comment on what the crowd has shouted. His kingdom will be established through rejection, death, and resurrection.

Questions for reflection:

Read the passage slowly and reflectively. Note anything that particularly strikes you and refer to the notes if they are helpful. Spend a few moments in quiet reflection. If you are a group, share your reflections.

1. What do you think motivated so many people to greet Jesus in this way?
2. How often do we go from shouting “Hosanna” to “Crucify”
3. What motivates people to follow a crowd?

Read the passage for a final time and give thanks to God for the gift of his holy word.

Useful contact information

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(Please note that Fr Neil’s rest day is Monday)

This Weeks Diary

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms:

Mark 11.1–11

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50.4–9a. Psalm 31.9–16. Philippians 2.5–11. Mark 14.1–15.47

8:00 St John's: BCP

10:00 St John's: Parish Eucharist (**Hymns: 225, 58, NH&W 66, **, 328**)

11:15 St Boniface: Community Praise

Monday 25th March– Friday 29th March- Morning Prayer

8:30am & 5pm: St John's: Common Worship

Monday 25th March: Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42.1–9. Psalm 36.5–11. Hebrews 9.11–1. John 12.1–11

09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

7.00pm St John's: Compline and Reflection

Tuesday 26th March: Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49.1–7. Psalm 71.1–14 [or 71.1–8].1 Corinthians 1.18–31. John 12.20–36

09.30 St Boniface

7.00pm St John's: Compline and Reflection

Wednesday 27th March: Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50.4–9a. Psalm 70. Hebrews 12.1–3. John 13.21–32

11:00 St John's: Holy Communion

7.00pm St John's: Compline and Reflection

Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12.1–4, 11–14. Psalm 116.9–end.1 Corinthians 11.23–26. John 13.1–17, 31b –35

7:00pm St John's: Maundy Thursday Service (*incl. Foot Washing*)

8 – 10pm St John's: The Watch

Friday 29th March: Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13—end of 53. Psalm 22. Hebrews 10.16–25. John 18.1—end of 19.

10.00 St John's: Stations of the Cross

2.00pm St John's: The Liturgy of the Last Hour (*incl. Veneration of the Cross*)

Saturday 30th March: Easter Eve

Job 14.1–14. Psalm 31.1–4, 15–16 [or 31.1–5].1 Peter 4.1–8. John 19.38–end

7.30pm St John's: Easter Vigil, Service of Light, First Eucharist of Easter

Sunday 31st March: Easter Day

Acts 10.34–43. Psalm 118.1–2, 14–24 [or 118.14–24]. 1 Corinthians 15.1–11. Mark 16.1–8

06.15 Paignton Beach: Sunrise Service, followed by Breakfast at the Coverdale

8:00 St John's: BCP

10:00 St John's: Parish Eucharist (**Hymns: music sheets, 75, NH&W 267, 428**)

11:15 St Boniface: Easter Garden Worship