

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Palm Sunday**

10.00 a.m. Church Family All-Age Communion  
6.00 p.m. Choral Meditation on the Passion

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**Collect for Today**

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**

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**Service Readings**

Isaiah 50:4-9a (*p.691*), Philippians 2:5-11 (*p.194*) and Matthew 27:11-54 (*p.30*)

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**Please pray for**

... Dave Barclay, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell, Jean Reed, Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... the family and friends of Nita Morgan whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Hedgeway, Henley Bank, High View Road and Hollow Close.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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**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.**

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**Financial Giving**

Donations are welcome at all our services. If you don't give regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme, please put your donation in the bowl, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

The triumphal entry into Jerusalem – which Palm Sunday celebrates – is one of the most joyful moments in Jesus’ life and ministry. A spontaneous outpouring of praise and worship erupts, seemingly from nowhere, in which Jesus himself is caught up. You probably know the story well:

Jesus begins to make his way to Jerusalem, for the Passover Festival; and he asks the disciples to go ahead of him to a village where they will find a colt, tied up and which no one had ridden. The disciples find the colt and bring it to Jesus; they then throw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on the animal. And as he rides along the road people spread their cloaks on the road, and some cut branches from the trees and put them on the road. Then the whole crowd of disciples breaks into a spontaneous outpouring of praise – ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!’, ‘Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’.

And when the Pharisees tell Jesus to rebuke his disciples, he doesn’t say, ‘I’m so sorry’ – he says, ‘I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out!’. Jesus himself is caught up in the sheer joy of the moment.

As we know, Palm Sunday quickly gives way to the beginning of Holy Week: Judas’ betrayal, the Last Supper, Peter’s denial, Jesus’ arrest and trial, and the most harrowing of events – his death on the cross. But it’s good for a moment today to savour the joy of Palm Sunday, as Jesus rides into Jerusalem, riding high on the praises of the people. It’s a unique moment, and one we need to treasure.

**Beverly**

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## Mission Focus for March: A Rocha International

A Rocha International ([arocha.org](http://arocha.org)) is a global family of conservation organisations including A Rocha UK which is a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK and worldwide to care for the environment – for God, nature and all People. Recognising the need ‘more than ever’ to act to protect and care for nature today, they have a commitment to Creation Care via a ten-year framework for caring for our planet in a way that honours God and his creation.

## Notices

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**Easter Lilies:** If you would like to make donation for an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please put your donation, with names, in an envelope along with in the letter box opposite the office door. Suggested donation is £5 per lily.

### **Holy Week and Easter Services:**

#### † ***Maundy Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April***

*9.30am:* Holy Communion

*8pm:* Holy Communion with foot washing

*9-10pm:* The Vigil – a time of quiet reflection in the Reading Room

#### † ***Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April***

*10.30am:* 'Walking with Jesus to the Cross' on the field followed by hot cross buns. The children will be re-enacting the story of the last days of Jesus' life.

*12-1pm:* 'The Watch' An hour of quiet reflection in church.

#### † ***Easter Day, 5<sup>th</sup> April***

*5.30am:* Sunrise Communion Service. An outdoor service around an open fire at the front of church. Stay for breakfast afterwards.

*10am:* All-Age Family Communion followed by an Easter egg hunt.

**Confirmation Classes:** We'll be offering a six-week Confirmation Course for young people and young adults, starting on Sunday 19th April, and running through to Sunday 24th May. The classes will take place in the Reading Room, from 2.30-3.30pm, and be led by Andy Wells and Beverly. We'll be studying a book called, 'Faith Confirmed' by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright. Please let Beverly or Andy know if you'd like to join the course. (Each person will be free to decide at the end of the course if they feel ready to be Confirmed).

**Building a Space for Everyone:** On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm we're holding a Big Build event in church. We'll be inviting people from the local community to join us for a tour, drinks and nibbles, a presentation and a Q&A session. Everyone is welcome and do please tell friends and neighbours about it. We'll need to know numbers, so if you'd like to come please book online or email Trish. More information, and a link to ticketing, on the website:

[allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/the-big-build/community-event/](https://allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/the-big-build/community-event/).

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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and on Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.**

- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Finance Vision Group, Reading Room, 10.00am  
Pastoral Team, 5 Elmside, 10.30am  
Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm
- Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> *Maundy Thursday*  
Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am  
Communion & Vigil, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> *Good Friday*  
'Walking with Jesus to the Cross', meet at front door, 10.30am,  
followed by coffee and hot cross buns.  
The Watch, Church, 12 noon-1.00pm
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, Church, 10.00am
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> *Easter Sunday*  
Sunrise Communion, 5.30am, followed by breakfast  
Church Family All-Age Communion, 10.00am, followed by an  
Easter egg hunt!

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Ps. 41, Lamentations 1:1-12a, Luke 22:1-23
- Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Ps. 27, Lamentations 3:1-18, Luke 22:(24-38)39-53
- Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Ps. 102, Wisdom 1:6-2:1; 2:12-22, Luke 22:54-end
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Ps. 42, Leviticus 16:2-24, Luke 23:1-25
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Ps. 69, Genesis 22:1-18, Hebrews 10:1-10
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Ps. 142, Hosea 6:1-6, John 2:18-22

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## Service Readings for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31:1-6, Romans 6:3-11 and Matthew 28:1-10

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