

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

Palm Sunday has always struck me as a delightful and fun day. I can so easily get caught up in the expectation and the joy of the people of Jerusalem as Jesus enters the city.

I can see and hear the children as they run to meet him. This great teacher, this man who is God, Jesus who has given us so many signs and such wonderful love.

The noise, the smells, the hands held high waving palm branches crying out 'Hosanna in the highest!'

But in the midst of that joy there is a deep darkness. It is harder for us to experience fully the joy of the people of Jerusalem because we know the story, we know what comes next.

We know the agony that awaits Jesus and his disciples.

We know the darkness of the garden at Gethsemane (where we will join the Disciples in their Watch on Maundy Thursday).

We know the pain of the arrest and His condemnation. His struggle to carry the cross, His falls, the reversal of the joy of the crowds to jeers, hatred and spittle.

Palm Sunday marks the start of that journey of darkness.

It also, and this is the vital part of the story, marks the start of the journey towards the light.

We KNOW that Jesus will come again, that He will rise three days later, that He will save us all - and in that joy we share a large part.

This week, accept and see the darkness... then let the light destroy it utterly.

Fr. Matthew



Notices

Easter Live!

I'm sorry to share that we've taken the difficult decision to postpone Easter Live! A number of factors have conspired against the event, not least our leader being poorly. We pray for her recovery and strength and we are plotting on an event for Pentecost.

Team Easter Fun Day

Saturday 4th April, 10:30am - 3:30pm Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Crafts, Refreshments, Lego Display - all free - St. Paul's, Devon Square.

Holy Trinity Sunday

Joint event in Bovey Tracey.

PPT and St. John's will unite to offer a joint service in Marsh Park. We'll process from our churches, meet in the park and offer the eucharist together. Then we'll enjoy a family fun day together. It's the perfect Sunday to invite friends and family and to stay around for games and a BBQ.

Years Mind

I am updating the Year's Mind list - if you have a loved one you would like remembered on the anniversary of their death please contact me.

Maundy Thursday

We will have our annual joint Maundy Thursday service at St. Luke's this year. Please do make every effort to attend at St. Luke's. The service concludes with the start of The Watch at St. Luke's and The Light will travel to St. John's, to arrive at about 8:30pm.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

This year the Newton Abbot Parishes Team have put together a one hour Walk of Witness telling the story of Jesus' Passion in the form of a travelling play. It starts at 11am at Bearnies School Playground in Newton Abbot.

Today

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday ●

10am - Sung Parish Mass with procession [SJ & SL]

5pm - Evensong at St. Barts (TQ12 6AX)

Psalter Week 2, A(II), Holy Week

Upcoming Dates

March

26th - Oswestry Chrism Mass, Exeter Cathedral, 11am - 3pm
Lent Course, Bread of Life, 7pm [WH]

29th - Palm Sunday Processions 10am [SL & SJ]
Evensong, St. Bart's
Joint Evensong with PPT

April

2nd - Maundy Thursday, 6pm Joint Mass [SL]
Watch at both churches until 10pm
Light arrives and Watch begins at St. John's, 8:30pm

3rd - Liturgy of Good Friday, 3pm [SL & SJ]

4th - Vigil Mass of Easter, 7:30pm [SJ]

5th - Dawn Mass of Easter & Breakfast, 5:30am [SL]
Easter Sunday Mass, 10am [SL & SJ]

10th - Bingo! 7pm [SL]

13th - Summer Term Planning Meeting, 7pm [WH]

18th - Table Top Sale, 10am [WH]

25th - Oswestry Regional Festival, Truro Cathedral

May

2nd - Quiz with fish and chips, 7pm [SL]

10th - Blessing of the Bikes, Exeter Cathedral, 3:30pm

Further ahead

5th September, Glastonbury Pilgrimage

[SJ] St. John's | [SL] St. Luke's | [WH] Wickham Hall

[SC] St. Catherine's School

Please pray for:

LT Oliver Pelendrides, Mark, Vicky Pearce, Jean & Phil, Jennifer Benney, Jude, and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Pray for the souls of:

All those whose anniversary of death falls this week.

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Fr Alan White and Deacon David Rogers

The week ahead:

Monday 30th March

Monday of Holy Week ●

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: The homeless

Tuesday 31st March

Tuesday of Holy Week ●

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: St. Luke's

Wednesday 1st April

Wednesday of Holy Week ●

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: St. John's

Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday ●

6pm - High Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Luke's

*with washing of feet, stripping of the altars
and Watch until 10m.*

8:30pm - The Light arrives at St. John's

and Watch continues until 10pm.

Prayer focus: St. Catherine's School

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday ●

11am - Walk of Witness, Bearnas School Playground

3pm - The Liturgy of The Passion [SL & SJ]

with veneration of The Cross

Prayer focus: Stover School

Saturday 4th April

Holy Saturday ●

7:30pm - Vigil Mass of Easter, St. John's

THE GREATEST CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Prayer focus: Haytor View School

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday ●

5:30am - Dawn Mass of Easter [SL]

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10am - Easter Sunday Mass [SL & SJ]

Year A(II), Easter