



SUNDAY 2nd April

Lent 5

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

**DON'T COME TO CHURCH FOR THE PARISH EUCHARIST
GO TO APSLEY LODGE FOR THE PROCESSION AT 10.00am
AND DON'T FORGET THE CARROT FOR THE DONKEY!**

TODAY'S SERVICES

Hymns

67 94 95 74 93

Choir Anthem:

Thou Knowest Lord by Henry Purcell

Acclamation

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 exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Intercessor

Chris Gadd

Readers

Adrienne Bridger

Liturgical Gifts

The liturgical gifts have been given by

Happy Birthday today to Daphne de Mellow.

This week to Wendy Pearce (3rd), Lindsay Gibson (5th) and Audrey Linney (8th)

Retiring Collection

PSPA (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy)

Parish Office

The Parish Officers are Helen Wilkes and Marian Haughton. Next week Candy Williams and Anne Morgan.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

<p><u>Today</u> 8.00am Eucharist 9.45am Sunday School 10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST with Open Sermon Why is Holy Week So Important? 11.30am Baptism of Ava Holden 6.00pm Taize Evening Worship</p>	<p><u>Monday</u> 2.00pm Lent Group Meeting</p>
<p><u>Tuesday</u> 10.00am Parent & Toddlers Service Followed by Group in Hall 7.30pm WMF Special Meeting</p>	<p><u>Wednesday</u> 10.00am Said Eucharist 10.30am Refreshments in Church Hall 2.00pm Springwood School in Church 7.30pm Music Festival Planning Meeting</p>
<p><u>Thursday</u> 6.30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><u>Friday</u> 10.00am Coffee & Cake in Hall 12.15pm Stations of the Cross</p>
<p><u>Saturday</u> 10.00am Servers' Rehearsal</p>	<p><u>Next Week's Readings</u> Matthew 21: 1-11 Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 26: 14-27 : 66</p>
<p align="center"><u>Next Sunday</u></p>	
<p>Theme: Palm Sunday 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION and PARISH EUCHARIST 11.30am Rehearsal for Passion Reading</p>	<p>6.00pm Eucharist with Gifts of Healing 7.00pm Servers' Rehearsal</p>

Lent, Holy Week & Easter Lent has now begun. Each week during Lent there are services every Sunday evening and Stations of the Cross on different days. Please make sure you take home the purple "Lent, Holy Week & Easter" leaflet which gives details of all the services.

The Parish Eucharist today will be shorter than usual – ending about 10.45, and after a small gap it will be followed by the sermon. You will be invited to sit nearer the

front of the Church so that you can ask questions or make a comment about the sermon. The theme is: “Why is Holy Week so important?” The session will end by 11.15am at the latest with coffee in the Hall. Once Sunday School has finished, the children are welcome to come into Church for the sermon, or to stay in the Hall and wait for their drinks.

New Servers Today sees a new team of children serving at the Altar for the first time – Martin Lloyd, Amber Gadd, Wendy Lloyd, Euan Toft and Simon Lloyd. This is an opportunity to involve our children and young people in the Liturgy although at the moment the team will not be serving regularly. Thanks to Dick Handy for crafting the new, smaller candle holders and cross.

This Evening there’s a service at 6.00pm, as there is every Sunday during Lent. Today is a service in the style of Taize and next week there’ll be a said Eucharist where the gifts of healing will be offered – laying on of hands and anointing.

Next Sunday. The Parish Eucharist begins at Apsley Lodge, just off The Heroes round-about at the top of the pedestrian ramp. Please get there in time for a 10.00am departure. The Procession will wind its way around the Precinct with stops for the confession and Gospel and also stops to dedicate both the new notice board and the defibrillator. If you’re staying in Church, please make your way to the Clock where the Gospel will be read. It’s hoped the Procession will be broadcast into the Church. The donkey won’t be coming into Church so if you want to feed it or take photographs, please do so during the Procession. There is an 8.00am Eucharist as usual

Stations of the Cross this week is on Friday at 12.15pm.

Altar Candles Each week throughout Lent a new candle is added on the Altar to show how many weeks we are through the season. Today there are 5 candles. Thanks to all those who are doing Adrienne Bridger’s Sacristy jobs whilst she recovers from an operation.

Springwood Schools are in Church on Wednesday afternoon for their Easter Service. As the Church will be very full, it will not be open to the public during this time.

Lent Lunches The next lunch is Holy Wednesday, April 12th, from midday in the Church Hall. Bring your friends to enjoy soup and a roll. Donations will be welcomed for Christian Aid.

Parent & Toddler Service This is in Church on Tuesday at 10.00am. It's a chance for those from the weekly group to come into Church for a brief, simple service. You are very welcome to join them.

Did you know.....that a group of George's Men has worked tirelessly on the church windows over the past three weeks removing the double glazing panes and thoroughly cleaning the gap and the panes...no mean feat! Well done men! The forthcoming trip to the brewery will have been well earned!

St. George's Police Children Trust It has been suggested that a collection be taken in memory of PC Keith Palmer, who was killed in last week's Westminster attack to support the St. George's Police Children Trust. The special appeal has now been closed, but if you'd like to contribute to the Trust in his memory, please put your gift in a marked envelope and place it in the collection plate next Sunday. All money collected in this way will be sent off before Easter.

Maundy Thursday Following the Parish Eucharist on Maundy Thursday evening a Vigil will be held in the Lady Chapel. You are welcome to come at any time during the evening to offer prayers, to read or just to be in silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The Vigil ends with Compline at midnight, which is a ten minute service of Psalms and prayers. In order to ensure that there are always at least two people present in the Chapel, please will you sign the list on the book table showing when you will be there?

At the Foot of the Cross is a service on Good Friday morning to which families and children are especially welcome. It lasts about 45 minutes and is followed by hot cross buns. Later in the day is the Procession of the Cross through the market place when we join with members of the Catholic and Baptist Churches, and at 2.00pm is the main service of Good Friday – The Liturgy.

Congratulations to Sandra Hewett and Lesley Handy who spent last Saturday doing Body Combat in aid of Cancer Research. If you sponsored them, please let them have your money today in the hall after the 10am service.

Thanks to Rosemary Monk and her team for last Sunday's breakfast. £85 was raised and this is being given to the Waterloo Food Bank.

Passover Seder and Parish Lunch This year on Holy Saturday you're invited to a Seder Meal, which is the meal Jesus was eating just before his arrest and crucifixion. This meal became known as The Last Supper. At St. George's it's a three course meal with wine following Jewish traditions and is on Saturday, April 15th at 7.30pm, followed by the Lighting of the New Fire of Easter. The Parish Lunch is on Sunday April 30th straight after the Annual Parish Meeting. This is also a three course meal with aperitif and wine. Tickets are available from Lynda Sheffield and Jane Rice-Oxley and cost £10 for adults and £3 for children. If you buy tickets for both meals, the cost is reduced to £18 and £5. Today is the last chance to purchase tickets.

Christian Aid Collection Thank you for your generosity in supporting the special appeal for East Africa. The total amount raised is £1,020 which includes the retiring collections in Church, money from the Lent Lunches, gift aid and match funding from the Government.

PCC Members Wanted Forms are available on the table at the back of church for new PCC members, Deanery Synod representatives and Churchwarden. If you are interested in doing any of these please take a form, complete it and let Jane Cook have it back before the APCM on 30th April.

London Marathon Martin Cavey, the eldest son of Margaret & David, who lives in Christchurch has been awarded a place to run in the London Marathon on the 23rd April on behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Before the start of this year Martin had never attempted any long distance run and at the age of 45 a full marathon is therefore a considerable challenge for him, as is his commitment to raise a minimum of £2000 for Multiple Sclerosis. If you would like to assist him to raise money for this worthwhile charity please add your name to the sponsorship form at the back of the church.

Lent Group Reminder The Lent Group will meet on MONDAY 3rd April NOT Tuesday at 2pm, at 144 Stakes Hill Road.

St. George's Book Club Two books suggested before the next meeting on the 9th of May are "The Light Between Oceans" by M L Steadman and/or "The Postcard" by Leah Fleming." The next meeting will be held at Pat Mitchell's house in Bedhampton. Her address is 3 Ashwood Close PO9 3QT.

Praying for those in need Please let us know if you need to have someone included on the prayer list. Also let us know if that person has got better so we can celebrate their recovery.

Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Anna Chapman, Richard Tickner, Danny McMurdy, June Webster, David Skinner, Rose Hurry, Rene Mayne, Evelyn Summers, Audrey Mentor, Sydney Mayo, Jeremy Kenward and Peter dancer.

Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Eric Walker

Remembering Those Whose Anniversary of Death Falls At This Time

Please pray for the souls of:



Betty Herbert and Ivy Dymott.

School of the Week



Please pray for the staff and students at:

Morelands Primary School

PARISH DIARY

Monday 3 rd April	Lent Group at 144 Stakes Hill Road
Wednesday 12 th April	Christian Aid Lunch - Midday
Friday 14 th April	Good Friday
Saturday 15 th April	Seder Meal
Sunday 16 th April	EASTER DAY
Friday 21 st April	Walsingham Pilgrimage
Tuesday 25 th April	Tweenies Film Night
Thursday 27 th April	Mothers' Union. Sue Kanavan talk on Faith in action.
Sunday 30 th April	APCM and Parish lunch
Saturday 6 th May	Confirmation by the Bishop at St. Mary's Church, H.I.
Tuesday 9 th May	St. George's Book Club at Pat Mitchell's House
Wednesday 17 th May	George's Men – trip to Irvings Brewery
Thursday 18 th May	Mothers' Union – presentation on 'Stella's Voice'
Wednesday 24 th May	Tweenies – Summer chocolate heaven
Thursday 25 th May	ASCENSION DAY
Sunday 28 th May	Open Garden and Cream Tea
Saturday 4 th June	Churches Together Musical to be held at St. George's Church
Saturday 10 th June	Summer Fete and Music Festival Begins
Friday 16 th June	Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer service
Thursday 22 nd June	Mothers' Union Outing
Wednesday 12 th July	George's Men – annual cricket match
Tuesday 18 th July	Tweenies – BBQ, Croquet and swim
Thursday 20 th July	Mothers' Union Worldwide Box opening and tea party
Saturday 22 nd July	Parish trip to Windsor
Saturday 28 th October	Opera Comique concert

NB Please email items for the bulletin to Lesley Handy at:
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