



24<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Palm Sunday

St James' Church  
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**Rector**

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Day off: Tuesday

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**Notices**

**Preparing for Easter**

Would you like to help with decorating the church for Easter? Come along on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Donations of cash, flowers or greenery will be very welcome. For more information, speak to Liz Holland or Pat Snell.

**After Supper He Washed Their Feet**

Could you offer a foot to be washed at the Maundy Thursday service? Please add your name on the list at the back of the church. Also on Maundy Thursday, please sign up at the back of the church to take part in The Watch.



10.00 am Music

**Processional hymns**

- i All Glory, Laud and Honour
- ii Give Me Joy in My Heart
- iii Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

**Offertory hymn**

457 My Song is Love Unknown

Communion Anthem

Hark, the Glad Sound!

**Recessional hymn**

92 Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

**This Week**

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March**

John 12: 1 – 11

10.30 am Communion, The Old Rectory

12.00 noon Eucharist

7.00 pm Choir practice

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup> March**

John 12: 20 – 36

6.00 pm Eucharist

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March**

John 13: 21 – 32

12.00 noon Eucharist

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> March**

John 13: 1 – 17 & 31b – 35

10.30 am Chrism Mass, Exeter Cathedral

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday

Parish Eucharist followed by  
The Watch

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March**

John 18 & 19

9.30 am All-age service followed by hot  
cross buns

1.00 pm Stations of the Cross

2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Matthew 27: 57 – 66

10.00 am Church decorating for Easter

7.00 pm Easter Vigil starting in the hall

**Next Sunday: 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Easter Day**

Mark 16: 1 – 8

1.00 am British Summer Time begins

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

## 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.***

## First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

## Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Palm Gospel Reading: Mark 11: 1-11

When Jesus and his disciples 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.

## 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.***