

Notices

Today there will be an informal Communion Service at Fraser Court at 6.30pm.

The **Eco-group** will meet today after the service to review recent events and do some planning.

Maundy Thursday 18th April at 7.30pm Celebrating Communion and foot washing for those who wish to partake.

Good Friday 19th April at 10.30 Short Service of Reflection joining march of witness at 11.10am.

St Martin's Eco Congregational Lunch Sunday April 28th and is in aid of Elinor's Orphanage in Liberia. Everyone is welcome to stay and share a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese. Payment by donation please. There will also be home baking, books and plants for sale.

Newsletter for May-June. Please send or give all contributions for the May June Newsletter by Sunday 28th April. Thank you.

Quiet Space will be on Saturday 4th May in the meeting room, downstairs in St Martin's. We'll begin at 09:45 for approx. 1 hour. This includes Tea and Coffee afterwards.

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21st April 2019
Easter Sunday

10.30am **Celebrating Communion**
Preacher: Yousouf Gooljary

Readings: Acts 10. 34-43
1 Corinthians 15. 19-26
Luke 24. 1-12

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Palm Sunday Sunday 14th April 2019

Blessing of the palm Crosses



*Living out faith in our community
through prayer, reflection and action*

Hymns HON 435,53, 335, 11

Liturgy of the palms

Introduction

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
Amen

Dear Friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings; we may share his risen life.

The Palm Crosses are held high by the people while a prayer of blessing is said.

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and

follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and ever living God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Read by: Penny Allen

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 backward. 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?

Psalm 118 1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2. 5-11

Read by: Penny Allen

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.

Today to replace the Gospel and the sermon there will be a dramatic reading of the passion narrative in the form of a play performed by members of the congregation.

Chalice: Stuart Robertson: Frank Alexander