



## St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

**24th March 2024**

*A warm welcome to St Mary's,  
especially if this is your first time here.  
Please stay for refreshments after the Parish Eucharist.*

### OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** with the blessing of palms

Old Testament Reading : Isaiah 50 vv 4-9a *The prophet provides a foretaste of the Cross combined with a touch of confidence in God's ultimate redemption.*

New Testament Reading : Philippians 2 vv 5-11 *St Paul speaks of Jesus' humility, suffering and ultimate triumph.*

Gospel: Mark 11 vv 1-11 *Jesus enters Jerusalem and is hailed by many as Messiah.*

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*The service begins in Parkfield Medical Centre car park with the Liturgy of Palms.*

*In the Passion Gospel, the whole congregation joins in with the words **in bold** in the service sheet.*

**Hymns in church:** 82, 86 (omit \* verses), 273, 439

**Anthem:** God so loved the world - Stainer

5.00pm **EVENSONG** Hymns: 96, 379, 92

### The Week Ahead

This is the most important week of the Christian year. Please do try to take part in the Holy Week drama, by joining us for the services this week.

**Monday** 10.00am Holy Communion & short address  
8.00pm Address and Compline  
*Preacher: Richard*

**Tuesday** 10.00am Holy Communion & short address  
10.40am – 12 noon Church open for private prayer  
12 noon Silent Prayer  
12 noon Knit & Natter group meets  
8.00pm Address and Compline  
*Preacher: The Revd Atalie Gaines,  
Vicar of King Charles the Martyr*

**Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion & short address  
10.40am – 12 noon Church open for private prayer  
8.00pm Address and Compline  
*Preacher: Fr Stefan*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

11.00am Chrism Eucharist at St Albans Cathedral – all welcome  
8.00pm **SUNG EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER, Procession to the Altar of Repose and Passion Watch** until 10.30pm.

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Our livestreamed services can be viewed at:  
[www.facebook.com/stmaryspb](http://www.facebook.com/stmaryspb)

### GOOD FRIDAY

10.45am Walk of Witness from St Mary's to the War Memorial where there will be a short ecumenical service at 11.00am  
12.30pm Stations of the Cross  
1.30pm **THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY**  
7.00pm **'The Saviour'** by William Lloyd Webber at the URC *(sung by the Good Friday Choir)*

### HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm **EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER**

**NOTE: CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND!**

### EASTER SUNDAY

6.30am Churches Together Dawn Service with Holy Communion, followed by breakfast in hall  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST**

### Parish Notices

If you are a regular worshipper here, please consider joining our **Electoral Roll**. Elizabeth Liney or Richard have application forms - to be returned by 7th April.

**Lent Giving** We are supporting **Homeless Action in Barnet**. Donations can be made using the yellow Gift Aid envelopes (marked "HAB" or "Lent") or by bank transfer.

The next lunchtime recital will be on **Tuesday 2nd April** at 12.30pm when we welcome the group 'Hertsmere Winds'. Light lunches will be available from 12 noon.

If you know that you subscribe to our **weekly email bulletin** but don't seem to be receiving it, please do check it is not being diverted into your junk/spam mail! If you don't subscribe to the bulletin but would like to receive it, please email Richard (email address below).

### For your prayers

**The sick** Paul Camp, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Bill Peters, Marilyn Grosse, Elinor Battersby, Valerie Taylor, Suzanne Edwards, Ricky Mella, Thomas Dey, Regina, Laura Page, Vilma Bonnici, Vic Jones-Lloyd

**We also pray for** Ron & Joan Golden, Jackie Plummer, Doreen Whittle, Kate Schofield, David Hancock, Tess, Keith Downes, Jayne Hutton, Susan North, Robert Peters, Brooke Martin, David Evans, Nicola Stiff, Alison Stevens, Brian Warren, Desmond Haynes, Marjorie Zerbahs, John Stanton, Johanna Stanton, Betty Lockton, Stephen Disley, Zanna Bloomfield, Keith Probert, Ann Williams

**We also remember** HM The King, HRH The Princess of Wales and Bishop Alan

**The recently departed** Claude Hickson, Patricia Poole, Gladys Reid, Ronnie Stokes

**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week** Hilda Forman, Alan Fletcher, Kenneth Rutherford Davis

**Our parish** We remember those who live in Park Avenue, Park Drive and Parkfield View

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### 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.

### LITURGY OF THE PALMS

#### GOSPEL

Either **Mark 11:1-11**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus 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.

Or **John 12:12-16**

**PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 19-end**  
(or **118:19-end**)

**R** *This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

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

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

I will give thanks to you, for you have  
answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.  
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

The Lord is God; he has given us light;  
link the pilgrims with cords  
right to the horns of the altar.  
You are my God and I will thank you;  
you are my God and I will exalt you.  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

### LITURGY OF THE PASSION

**FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

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?

**PSALM Psalm 31:9-16 (or 31:9-18)**

**R** *Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord  
God of truth.*

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
my soul and my body also.  
For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of my affliction,  
and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my  
enemies  
and even to my neighbours,

an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they flee  
from me. **R**

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of  
mind;  
I have become like a broken vessel.  
For I have heard the whispering of the  
crowd;  
fear is on every side;  
they scheme together against me,  
and plot to take my life. **R**

But my trust is in you, O Lord.  
I have said, "You are my God.  
My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.  
Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and save me for your mercy's sake." **R**

Lord, let me not be confounded  
for I have called upon you;  
but let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them be silent in the grave.  
Let the lying lips be put to silence  
that speak against the righteous  
with arrogance, disdain and contempt. **R**

**SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.*

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.

### PASSION

Either **Mark 14:1 – end of 15**

Or **Mark 15:1-39 [40-end]**

### POST COMMUNION

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.

