

St Mary the Virgin and All Saints, Potters Bar**17th March 2024****The Fifth Sunday of Lent
(Passion Sunday)***A warm welcome to St Mary's,
especially if this is your first time here.**Please stay for refreshments after the Parish Eucharist.***TODAY'S SERVICES****8.00am HOLY COMMUNION****10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31 vv 31-34 *The old covenant made with Abraham is to be replaced by a new relationship – that which Jesus sealed with his blood.*New Testament Reading: Hebrews 5 vv 5-10 *Jesus is the high priest who makes intercession for us.*Gospel: John 12 vv 20-33 *As a voice was heard when John baptised Jesus in the river Jordan, so now a voice manifests his divine nature.***Hymns:** 445, 407, 83, 294, 90 (omit * verses)**Anthem:** O Saviour of the world – Goss**4.00pm THE CROSS OF CHRIST** - a service of music and readings for Passiontide – **at King Charles the Martyr Church****The Week Ahead****Monday** 8.00pm Lent study group**Tuesday** **St Joseph of Nazareth**

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Church cleaning

12 noon Silent Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday **St Cuthbert, bishop & missionary**

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for private prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Holy Communion

8.00pm PCC meeting

Thursday **Thomas Cranmer, archbishop & martyr**

9.30am Holy Communion

(Book of Common Prayer)

10.15am Lent study group

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for private prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 9.00am St John's School end of term service

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Next Sunday is PALM SUNDAY – start of Holy Week8.00am Holy Communion *with blessing of palms*10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST** – *we gather for the Liturgy of Palms in the car park of Parkfield Medical Centre*

5.00pm Evensong

Guest Preacher: Fr Ayoob Adwar, Curate-in-Charge of South Mymms and Ridge

Readings next Sunday morning are: Isaiah 50 vv 4-9a; Philippians 2 vv 5-11 and Mark 11 vv 1-11.

A dramatized reading of the Passion according to St Mark will take place at the 10am Parish Eucharist.

Website: www.stmaryspb.org.uk**Parish Notices****HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**Next Sunday – Palm Sunday

Eucharists at 8.00am and 10.00am; Evensong at 5.00pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week

10.00am Eucharist and short address

8.00pm Compline and short address

Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday

11.00am Chrism Eucharist at St Albans Abbey

8.00pm The Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

10.45am Walk of Witness from the church to the War Memorial for ecumenical service at 11.00am

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

1.30pm The Good Friday Liturgy

7.00pm William Lloyd Webber's 'The Saviour' performed by the Good Friday Choir at the URC

Saturday 30th March – Holy Saturday

8.00pm The Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day Dawn Service with Communion at 6.30am
Eucharists at 8.00am and 10.00am**Full details can be found in the separate leaflet****Easter Lilies** **TODAY** is the last opportunity to give names to Richard or Pearl. A donation of **£1.50** is requested for each name you wish to remember. Names can also be emailed or phoned through to Richard with payment made by electronic bank transfer.If you are a regular worshipper here, please consider joining our **Electoral Roll**. Elizabeth Liney or Richard have application forms - to be returned by Sunday 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.Church cleaning is **this Tuesday** from 10.00am. If you are able to lend a hand, that would be much appreciated.**If you would like to take a part in the reading of the Palm Sunday Passion Gospel, please let Richard know****For your prayers****The sick** Paul Camp, Janet Daniels, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Bill Peters, Marilyn Grosse, Elinor Battersby, Valerie Taylor, Suzanne Edwards, Ricky Mella, Thomas Dey, Regina, Laura Page, Vilma Bonnici**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 Zerfahs, John Stanton, Johanna Stanton, Betty Lockton, Stephen Disley, Zanna Bloomfield, Keith Probert, Ann Williams**The recently departed** Ann Pescod, Claude Hickson, Patricia Poole, Andrew Dixon**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week**

Leslie Flower, William Byrne, Kathleen Warnes, Cyril Waterlow, Anne Knowles, Victor Taylor, Frederick Warnes

Our parish We remember those who live in Oakroyd Avenue, Oakroyd Close and Otways Close**Fr Stefan Chrysostomou, Vicar** Tel: 01707 859028Email: vicar@stmaryspb.org.ukPlease send any items for this sheet to **Richard Osborn**Email: rmosborn@hotmail.com

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COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on
the cross
we may triumph in the power of his
victory;
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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM

Either Psalm 51:1-13

R *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me. **R**

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.
I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me

and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart. **R**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may
rejoice.

Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit. **R**

Or Psalm 119:9-16

R *Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.*

How shall young people cleanse their way
to keep themselves according to your
word?

With my whole heart have I sought you;
O let me not go astray from your
commandments. **R**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,
that I should not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord;
O teach me your statutes. **R**

With my lips have I been telling
of all the judgements of your mouth.
I have taken greater delight in the way of
your testimonies
than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments
and contemplate your ways.
My delight shall be in your statutes
and I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son,

he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

