

## St. Mary the Virgin PEW SHEET – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Morning Praise

### COLLECT for Palm Sunday

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

**HYMNS:** **167** Give me oil in my lamp, **457** Make Way, Make Way,  
He will hold me fast (on Pew Sheet) (Offertory Hymn), **987** Here is  
love vast as the ocean (on Pew Sheet).

**READINGS:** Philippians 2: 5-11 (p.194), Matthew 27: 11-54 (p.30)

### THIS WEEK

- 9.15am **Morning Prayers** – Zoom Tues–Wed (link from the office), in church **Tues-Wed 9.15am, Sat 10am**
- 10am-12pm Church Open for **Quiet Space** every weekday
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mar Tues 11am **Lent Course** in Meeting Room
- 1<sup>st</sup> April Wed 10am – 11.30am **Coffee Morning** for the Bereaved or those who live alone  
12.30-3pm Meetings Room & church open as a **Welcome Space** (takes place weekly)  
7pm **Lent Course** in Meeting Room
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April **Maundy Thursday** – 4.30pm **Holy Communion**  
7.30pm **'Night Falls'** by Riding Lights Theatre Group at **Shirley Baptist Church**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April **Good Friday** – 9.30am **Walk of Witness** from Hayes Village Hall to Hayes Free Church then **10.30am joint service. 12-3pm Meditations** and **Proclamation of the cross at St. Mary's**
- 4<sup>th</sup> April Sat - 10am-12pm Church Open for **Quiet Space**  
11am **Twinkles** in Meeting Room  
8-9pm **Easter Vigil**

**Next Sunday**  
**5<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday - 8am Holy Communion and 10:30am Family Communion**

*Jesus, we remember that many who claimed you as King on Sunday shouted 'Crucify' on Friday. So, confirm our faith today that our love for you will never falter but will remain constant now and for ever. Amen*



**Gracious and humble King, on this Palm Sunday** we remember your entry into Jerusalem, not with force or splendour, but in peace, riding on a donkey, showing us a different kind of power - the power of mercy, courage, and self-giving love. Lord Jesus Christ, as we gather with palm branches and

hopeful hearts, walk with us on this holy day. Bless our steps, our worship, and our witness, that we may follow you with courage and compassion. May your peace rest upon St Mary's, and your love guide us through the week ahead. Amen.

Lord Jesus, we ask you to draw near to all who are sick today. Bring them the peace that calms every fear, and the comfort of your healing presence. Bless those who care for them, and let your compassion be their guide. Especially we think of: -  
**SALLY NAISH - ALAN WOOLSTON - ELEANOR BROOKS - HILARY ABRAHAMS - DIANA HEATHER - ANN BARTLETT - BARBARA JARVIS - SARAH WILLIS - MARK MARKCOONS - JO WATKINS - MARTYN DILLEY - SUZANNE MILLER - SUE & EMMA KINKEAD.** Amen.

### **Blessing for Lent**

As Holy Week begins, hold us close in your gentleness and lead us toward the cross with trust, knowing that your love will not fail and your light will rise again. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.



Please **support the work of St Mary's** via the contactless payment device at the back of church or donate via the 'give a little' website or QR code here. Any donation gratefully received.

**THANK YOU** to those who came along to help out with the Church Spring Clean yesterday.

**During Holy Week** - there will be a few images displayed on the walls of the Church to help us think about the Bible narrative of the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Do take time to pop into the Church to sit and reflect.

**Readers needed please for the Easter Vigil - 4<sup>th</sup> April 8pm**

If you would like to be a Reader for this service, please speak to Rev. Amanda.

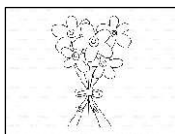
**Blaze Team** If you would like to **join the Blaze Team**, on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**, leading our 6-10 year old group – please let Rev Amanda or Rev Tim know.

**All are welcome** to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination, prayer, reading and meditating on God's holy word. **THIS LENT SEASON** come and join us to explore purposes in areas of life, **Tuesdays 11am-12.15pm 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – 31<sup>st</sup> Mar or Wednesdays 7pm-8.15pm 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – 1<sup>st</sup> Apr.**

**Safeguarding** - we are circulating a **short questionnaire** about Safeguarding. Responses will help us ensure St Mary's remains a safe, respectful and protected environment for everyone. Please put completed forms in the safeguarding box at the back of Church. If you have any questions please speak to Rev Amanda or Clare Scriven.

**Youth Worker** - following our **Community Survey** and discussions at church we are hoping to appoint a **Youth Worker**. To **be part of the team** discerning this role, speak to Rev Amanda.

**Flowers**



We will be dressing the church with **Flowers for Easter** on **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00am and 11.00 am**. If anyone would like to join us, please let Sue Powell know 07711 721177. There will be a

**Collection Tin** at the back of the Church for those that would like to contribute toward this joyous activity in this way - this Sunday & over the Easter Weekend.

**He will hold me fast**

1 When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

Refrain  
*He will hold me fast*  
*He will hold me fast*  
*For my Saviour loves me so*  
*He will hold me fast*

3. Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast  
*He will hold me fast...*

5. For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last

*He will hold me fast...*  
*He will hold me fast...*

**987 Here is love vast as the ocean**

1 Here is love vast as the ocean,  
loving kindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of life, our ransom,  
shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember;  
who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
throughout heaven's eternal days

2 On the mount of crucifixion  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God's mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers  
poured incessant from above;  
and heaven's peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.