

✠ Sunday next before Easter ✠
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 29th MARCH

PALM SUNDAY



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.
Amen.

FIRST READING

(Isaiah 50:4-9a)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious; I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me. It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

(Philippians (2.5-11))

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

(Matthew 21.1-11)

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: 'Say to Daughter Zion, "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?' The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself
that the world might live,
let us share your death and
passion;
and make us perfect in your love.
Amen.



PRAYER AFTER 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.
Amen.

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NOTICES FOR 29th MARCH 2026

WELCOME – as we gather together to hear from God in His word, to receive God in the Sacrament, and to encourage each other in the faith.

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THE NAIL – Wednesday 1st April 7:30pm here in church. You are invited to witness the events of Good Friday through the eyes of the six main characters: Peter, Pontious Pilate, Caiaphas, Judas, the Centurion & Mary Magdalene. Each character tries to explain why the death of Jesus isn't their fault. (Characters are played by John & Glenys Bradley, Simon Wilson, Fr Jordan, Elizabeth Wilding and Lorraine Smith. Rev Peter Smith will narrate.) (Bring your hankies!)

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY – sit back and experience the Passion Play in words and music.

ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE - join us on Sunday 26th April @ 9:30am as both congregations celebrate our Patronal Festival of St George (no 11:30 service at All Saints) followed by fellowship and lunch. Bring food to share, drinks will be provided. Please sign the list at the back of church for seating purposes. Thank you.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2026 - is a legal document. This month, before the APCM on April 28th is held, an annual review of the roll will be conducted, and a display notification of the review will appear on March 15th. Revision and preparation of the roll will take place between April 7th and April 11th and be compiled and displayed on April 12th. Some non-residents may not meet the attendance criteria to remain on roll which could lead to non-attenders being removed unless there are mitigating circumstances. The roll will then be published on May 1st. It is important to remember that not being on the Electoral Roll does not mean that you are not part of our church family, it does however mean that you are not eligible to seek election for certain roles e.g. PCC Member or Synod Member and you are not eligible to vote at the APCM. You will find names only version displayed on the internal notice board of each Parish Church. *Sara Shingler – Electoral Roll Officer.*

CONFIRMATION 2026 – the confirmation service is on Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm, at All Saints'. Anyone interested please contact Fr Jordan for more details.

Our hymns this morning:

Processional **14** All glory, laud and honour
Gradual **195** From heaven you came
Offertory **463** My song is love unknown
Communion **Choir: Hosanna to the Son of David**
165 Father of heaven, whose love profound
206 Glory be to Jesus
762 You are the King of glory
Post Comm **583** Ride on, ride on in majesty

MOTHERS' UNION - on 9th May St. George's & All Saints' MU are holding a 'Craft Fair' celebrating the 150th Anniversary Challenge given to all our branches. If you are a 'crafter' and wish to sell your wares: table tops cost £10. St. George's Church Hall is the venue, coffee and homemade cake for a small charge, 10 - 2. (Enquiries to Joanne Salisbury, (tel: 07974 451740) Entry to the event is free.

CASHLESS DONATIONS, ST GEORGE'S CHURCH –

One-off or regular, please use these bank account details:-
Account Name – **St Georges Parochial Church Council**
Sort Code – **160039**
Account Number – **16383850**

We also accept cashless donations via the Give A Little Platform (bank transfers do not incur fees). See the separate QR Code. If eligible, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form, available at the back of church, allowing us to reclaim tax on your donation. Thank you.



ADVANCE INFORMATION

HOLY WEEK – Services and events here starting 29th March:
Palm Sunday – Eucharist with Passion Play 9:30am
Wednesday - Eucharist as usual 10:00am
The Nail: dramatization of Good Friday 7:30pm
Good Friday – Devotions at the foot of the cross. 2:30pm
Easter Day - Sunday, usual Eucharist 9:30am

VACANCY PRAYER

You are encouraged to please use this prayer daily.
Heavenly Father,
In this time of waiting, we place our trust in You.
Keep us unified as a parish and faithful in prayer.
Send down your Holy Spirit to guide those responsible
for choosing our new incumbent.
May the one chosen be a wise and gentle shepherd
of your people, ready to serve us with joy,
build us in faith and grow our church family.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:
Marian Crossthwaite, Harold Dunseath, Linda Eubank, Jonathan Yates, Margaret Salisbury, Simon Newell, Dorothy Treadwell, Marjorie Baxendale, Audrey Clark
The recently departed:
George Donnelly, Peter Elkins, David Guest
Also for those whose years' mind falls at this time:
Joan Staziker, Bill Snell, Bernard Guest, Barbara Morris, Bernard Gagan

