



SIGNPOST



Week Commencing Sunday 29th March 2026

We Pray For: Vikky, Peter, Terry, Phil, Sarah, Paul & Children, Andy & children, Jamie, Albert, Gill.

No Hymns this week - Easter play by Harewood Juniors.

Notices:

No Evening Prayer on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Cross Roads Cover Correction: Stations of the cross is Tuesday.

Foundation Safeguarding Training – in person, Monday 11th May 2-4pm & Thursday 14th May 7-9pm contact Laura to book.

25th April - We are holding a wedding celebration to mark 70 Years of St Georges, if you have any photos of your wedding at St Georges or anything wedding related you'd be happy to be displayed, please let Rachel or Gioia know.

Foodbank - Collection tray at the back of the Church. There is no collection on Good Friday but extra crates have been left to enable donations to continue. Current urgent needs are: coffee, squash and shampoo.

The latest information on foodbank stocks can be found here: www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk Thank you!

Day	Time	Location	Event					
Sun 29 th	10.00am	English Martyrs car park	Palm Sunday Donkey Procession			Crucifer David	Coffee Volunteer Please	
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	Eucharist					
Mon 30 th	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer					
Tue 31 st	09.30am	Small Hall	Coffee Pot					
	10.00am	St George's	Eucharist					
	11.00am	St George's	Day of prayer for peace – please sign up, or drop in anytime					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
	7.30pm	St George's	Stations of the Cross					
Wed 1 st	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer					
	7.00pm	Lady Chapel	Lent Group					
Thu 2 nd			Maundy Thursday					
	10.30am	St Margaret's	Eucharist					
	2.00pm	Lady Chapel	Final Lent Group					
	7.30pm	St George's	Contemplative Eucharist (Crucifer: Roger)					
Fri 3 rd			Parish office closed today					
	1.00pm	Grange Baptist	Eucharist					
	2.00pm		Walk of witness from Grange Baptist to English Martyrs					
	3.00pm	English Martyrs	Passion of the Lord					
Sat 4 th	10.00am	St George's	Church Cleaning					
	8.00pm	St Margaret's	Service of Light with the first Eucharist of Easter					
Sun 5 th	10.30am	St George's	Easter Day Eucharist	Welcomer Margaret	Crucifer Sylvia E	Readers Susan Derek	Intercession Paul	Coffee Volunteer Please
	4.00pm	St Margaret's	Family Celebration at Easter					

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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 Matthew 21:1-11

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2. 19-end (or 118:19-24)

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 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 as 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 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**

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 **Matthew 26:14 – end of 27**

Or **Matthew 27:11-54**

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.

