

Pew Sheet for 29th March 2026

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Saturday 28th March

5-7pm Youth Church at Woodford Halse

Sunday 29th March – Clocks go forward!

10.45am Assemble for the Palm Sunday procession at the end of Main Street, Aston le Walls.

Walk to the Church for the Palm Sunday Holy Communion.

Monday 30th March

7pm Compline at Eydon

Tuesday 31st March

11.30am Funeral at Byfield

7pm Compline at Boddington

Wednesday 1st April

9.45am Holy Communion at Byfield

11.15am Woodford Ecumenical Prayer Group

7pm Compline at Woodford Halse

Thursday 2nd April

7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at Byfield

Good Friday 3rd April

11am Family Service in Byfield village hall with hymns, readings and prayers followed by refreshments.

2.30pm Quiet meditation at Boddington

2.30pm Quiet meditation at Aston le Walls

3pm Reflective service at Woodford Halse

Easter Sunday 5th April

6.00am Dawn Eucharist Boddington

9.30am Holy Communion Aston le Walls

9.30am Holy Communion Eydon

11.00am Holy Communion Byfield

11.00am Holy Communion Woodford Halse

Most of our gospel readings over the past few weeks have been rather long but this week's reading is the longest of all, so long that it doesn't all fit on the pew sheet. In our service on Sunday morning we will be reading Matthew 21:1-11 and then Matthew 26:14-end of 27. The bit we miss out, Matthew 21:12-26:13, records conversations between Jesus and the priests and temple officials, and some of the teaching that Jesus gave his disciples during his final visit to Jerusalem. This means that in church on Sunday we will read the whole story of the last week of Jesus life, starting with his riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and ending with his death on a cross. Much of this week's gospel reading is uncomfortable. It tells of Jesus betrayal by Judas, his denial by Peter, Jesus trial, torture and execution. It is the kind of passage that we like to skip over quickly as we look forward to the resurrection, not the kind of passage that we like to read slowly and consider from every angle.

Over the last few weeks at the Lent Group we have been considering the ancient practice of Lectio Divina. This involves reading a passage from the Bible slowly and prayerfully, meditating on it and trying to imagine ourselves into the story as we listen for what God is trying to teach us through the passage we are reading. On Tuesday afternoons we have been using passages that are much shorter than our Gospel reading this week, but this week's gospel reading can be broken down into several shorter passages which can be read in this way.

If you come to the Palm Sunday procession at Aston this week why not take home the gospel that we will read together along with your palm cross? As we travel together through Holy Week why not break Sunday's gospel down into shorter passages to read slowly and prayerfully, a little bit every day throughout the week. As you read, imagine yourself among the characters of the familiar stories, and listen for how God speaks through the pages of the Gospel into our lives today.

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