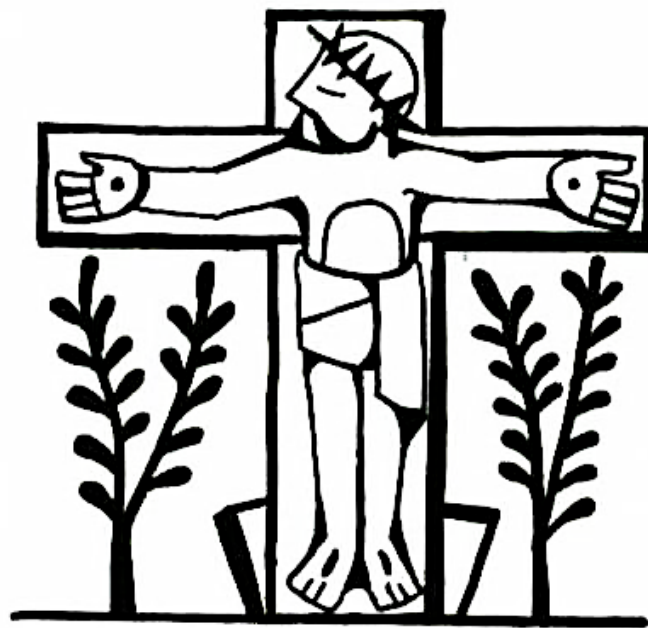


**The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Beeston**

PARISH EUCHARIST



Palm Sunday

Sunday 29th March 2026

10am

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

You are very welcome here as you join us in worship. Please sit or stand as you feel comfortable, although guidance is provided.

Please try to be quiet before the service begins.

If you are a newcomer please take note of the position of the exits, which are clearly marked. There are the doors at the rear where you came in and also fire exits towards the front left-hand side of the church. In the event of an emergency, stewards will direct you to the nearest exit and assembly point.

Toilet and baby change are available towards the back of church.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

If you would like more information about our church please speak to the Vicar or one of the stewards. Information can also be found on our website: www.beestonparishchurch.com, and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/beestonparishchurch.

Photographs and Videos

Please refrain from taking pictures or videos during the service.

Communion - We will be offering communion in both kinds (bread and wine) Please refrain from dipping consecrated wafers into the communion wine. Communion wine will be offered from a common cup in the normal way. Please receive the bread and then the wine, if you wish to, and return to your places.

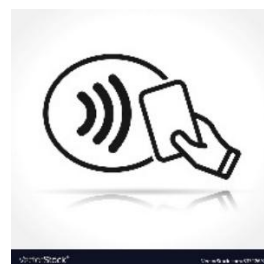
If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, come forward in the usual way carrying a service sheet with you, so we know you're asking for a blessing rather than communion.

If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please advise a steward or member of clergy and communion will be brought to you in your place.

Gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest as you go up to receive communion if this is your preference.

Financial Support

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our CAF Online Giving page. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the QR code below. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry. Additionally, there is now a contactless giving machine at the back of church available for your use.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The President is Father Wayne Plimmer

Weather permitting, this morning's service begins outside church.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Priest introduces the celebration using these words

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said.

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE PALM GOSPEL: Matthew 21.1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus and his disciples 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 fulfill 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE PROCESSION

The Priest says

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*The choir lead the procession, and the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (HON 436) begins as they enter church.*

**Make way, make way for Christ the King
in splendour arrives;
Fling wide the gates and welcome
Him into your lives.
 *Make way! Make way!
 For the King of Kings.
 Make way! Make way!
 And let his Kingdom in.*
He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the pris'ners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall
 dance,**

the blind shall see.

**And those who mourn with heavy
 hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.**

**We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all.**

**To have no Gods before him,
their thrones must fall.**

THE COLLECT

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the prayer of the day.

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

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.

All **Amen.**

All sit for the reading.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING: Philippians 2.5-11

Read by Eira Macarthur

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

All stand. During the **HYMN** (HON 567) please turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the congregation. Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road 4.
with palms and scattered garments
strowed.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die! 5.
O Christ! Thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky

look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th' approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father, on his sapphire throne,
awaits his own appointed Son.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign.

All sit for the dramatised **PASSION GOSPEL**

Matthew: Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Matthew: Jesus said,

Jesus: You say so.

Matthew: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Matthew: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Matthew: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Matthew: And they said,

Crowd: Barabbas.

Matthew: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: All of them said,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: Then he asked,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Matthew: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Matthew: Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd: His blood be on us and on our children!

Matthew: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Matthew: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called

Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Matthew: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Crowd: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

Matthew: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Matthew: that is,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Matthew: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: This man is calling for Elijah.

Matthew: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Crowd: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Matthew: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Sometimes they strew his way and
his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to
their king,
then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave
the blind their sight.
sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him
rise.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Priest says

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

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Remain standing as the Priest says

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

They rise, and needs will have my
dear Lord made away,
a murderer they save, the Prince of
life they slay.

Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might
free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story
so divine,
never was love, dear King, never was
grief like thine.

This is my friend, in whose sweet
praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

The Priest recalls the Last Supper and all respond

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and all respond

... all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

All sit. Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei is sung

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Priest invites the people to receive communion.

Come, not because you are strong but because you are weak.
Come, not because of any goodness of your own but because you need mercy
and help.

Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.
Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please come forward to receive communion if you wish. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are warmly encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing; please hold your hands by your side or carry a service sheet so the Priest knows you'd like a prayer rather than communion.

Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine, but if you'd prefer to take a consecrated wafer and not receive from the communion cup, then you're welcome to do so. Please refrain from drinking the consecrated wine if you have any cold or flu symptoms or are feeling unwell.

All The body of Christ.
Amen.

All The blood of Christ.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN (HON 33)

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that brought us, once for all, on
Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads
above,
we here present, we here spread
forth to thee
that only off'ring perfect in thine
eyes,
the one, true, pure, immortal
sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed
face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy
grace
our prayer so languid, and our faith
so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their
reward
we set the Passion of thy Son our
Lord.

ANTHEM - Hosanna

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

All Amen.

All Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.
Amen.

And then for those, pour dearest and
our best,
by this prevailing presence we
appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's
breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls'
true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them
pure and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to
persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy
feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love
us still;
and by this food, so awful and so
sweet,
deliver us from ev'ry touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad
and free,
and grant us never more to part with
thee.

Following the notices, all stand for **THE BLESSING**

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Remain standing for the Final Hymn (HON 13). Please turn to face the back of church as the procession withdraws.

**All glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

4

**Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessèd One.**

5

**The company of angels
are praising thee on High,
and mortal men and all things
created, make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present.**

**To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

PLEASE SEE HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT THE BACK OF THIS BOOKLET

Wednesday 1st 10am Said Eucharist
Sunday 5th 8am **NO** Said Eucharist
10am Parish Sung Eucharist
6:30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Prayers: Please keep those who are unwell, including Mari Herter and Stefan Delorme, Ben and Sophie Sanderson, Baby George Smith, Cynthia Wiggins, Peter Shaw, Brenda Smith, Shaun Hancox and Alan Holmes in your prayers. Please also remember those who died recently, including Beverley Gray, Jean Cameron and Raymond Blagg, as well as all those who mourn.

NOTICES

'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service: The next service will be on Tuesday 7th April from 2pm-3pm. This is a short service of music, prayers and reflection, with tea & coffee afterwards.

APCM: This year's APCM takes place on **Sunday, 26th April**, after the 10am service. If you are interested in joining the **PCC**, we have 12 places available. We will also be electing **3 Deanery Synod Representatives** as well as **Church Wardens**. Nomination forms are at the back of church.

In order to be a PCC Trustee, you must have been on the Church Electoral Roll for at least 6 months. All elected PCC Trustees must undertake safeguarding training and a DBS check

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Please can we also draw your attention to the **Gift Aid forms and envelopes**, available at the back of church? If you are a tax payer, you are able to Gift Aid any donations made, which means we will receive **25% more than the donation amount**. So, for example, should you donate £10, the church will automatically receive an extra £2.50 via Gift Aid. The Gift Aid we receive really does make a big difference, so we would appreciate you signing up for this.

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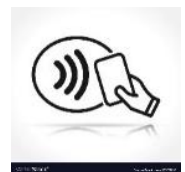
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Holy Week 2026

Monday 30 th March	7.30pm The office of Tenebrae: Entering the darkness The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness". This service has its origins in ancient monastic traditions at the end of Lent. It is marked by the reading of Psalms and verses from the book of Lamentations. It is a simple service of music, readings, silence, and the gradual extinguishing of candles. This is an opportunity to reflect on Jesus's journey into darkness during his last days on earth, while also acknowledging the darkness in our world today.
Tuesday 31 st March	7.30pm Stations of the Cross Walking the Way of the Cross with Jesus, quiet reflection and hymns
Wednesday 1 st April	10.00am Eucharist 7.30pm Renewal of Ministries and Blessing of Oils <i>at Southwell Minster. All welcome (lifts available)</i>
Thursday 2 nd April Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet & Watch of the Passion until midnight (NOTE: Incense will be used)
Friday 3 rd April Good Friday	10am Way of the Cross and Hot Cross Buns for families and children 11am Walk of Witness from Broadgate Park 12noon Church open for quiet prayer 2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday 4 th April Holy Saturday	8.00pm Lighting of the Paschal (Easter) Candle, Vigil of Readings (listening to the story of salvation from the Bible) and the first Mass of Easter (NOTE: Incense will be used) Followed by Prosecco!
Sunday 5 th April Easter Day	10.00am Festival Eucharist 6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer (Traditional Language)



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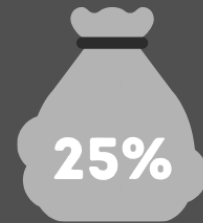
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Regular Church Services

Sundays	8am	Said Eucharist
	10am	Sung Eucharist & Sunday School
Wednesdays	10am	Said Eucharist
Every 1 st Sunday	6:30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
Every 3 rd Sunday	6:30pm	Taizé Service
Every 1 st Tuesday	2pm	'Green Pastures' Dementia Friendly Service

Regular Church Groups/Activities

Tuesdays (Term time)	9:30am	ABC2 Baby and Toddler Group
Thursdays	10am	Coffee Stop
Every 3 rd Thursday	4:30pm	Julian Prayer Group
Every Friday	7:25pm	Choir Practice
Every 1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Sunday	10am	Youth Group
Every 2 nd Sunday	6pm	Youth Group

Open Door

We aim to open on Wednesdays, following the 10am Eucharist until 12pm