

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.**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
2. Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
19. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
21. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.
22. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
23. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25. Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
26. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
27. The Lord is God; he has given us light; link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.
28. You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.

29. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

Reading 1: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

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?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Reading 2: Matthew 21: 1-11

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.'

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. **Amen**

Please pray for ...

- Stuart and the Ministry team.
- *Our Mission links*: The Sisters of the Church in Bristol.
- KOW Chaplain: Ruth Motion
- Those living and working in our Benefice
- *The sick**: Keith Herring, Wilf Lacey, Gerry Bale and Val Bulpitt.
- *The departed*: Richard Hall, Rex Gould, Susan Vickery. *RIP*

**after 6 weeks, we move names from this list to the Prayer Tree in St Andrew's for continuing prayer.*

Notices

Benefice Passover Supper – for everyone!

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, at Cheddar Village Hall, 6PM, followed by a short service of reflection in church. Sign-up sheets available in all three churches to be collected after **March 29th**.

Donations. Pse see Ade, Fiona, Frankie or email Samm for more info.

Easter Lilies

To donated toward the Easter Lilies in church, please see Dawn Hill – St Andrew's or Tricia Lumley – St Peter's.

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Cheddar. Monday 30th March 2026 at 7pm, refreshments after in the hall.

St Andrew's Easter Garden

Please can you bring any jam jars you have to St Andrew's ready for the children to create the Easter Garden in the porch after the Good Friday service in the morning.

SOSP Lent Chocolate Quiz sheets

Quiz sheets to complete at home, are available from and SOSP members or Rev Thea for £1 each. Return completed sheets by 3rd April. Winner announced on the **4th April during SOSP Coffee and Cake in St Peter's Church**.

Support needed

We're trying to raise £30 a week for a local homeless person to have a weekly shower, clothes wash, hot lunch and company at Greenhill. Please speak to Hilary (Thomas) if you would like to be a part of this. Thanks very much.

St Andrew's Mothering Sunday cake sale

Thank you to all who made cakes and supported the cake sale. We made a total of £124.33. Jane

Messy Church

Empty herb jars with lids are needed for the next messy church. If you have any, please pass on to Frankie. Thank you.

Helpers needed for Holiday Club.

If you would like to help out at this year's Holiday Club (from Monday 24th Aug to Thurs 27th) or would like to find out more please speak to Rosemary or come to our first meeting on Monday 13th April at 4pm in the den.

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PEW NOTES

Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke 29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday

Diary

- Mon- Thu 8.45am** KOW School Easter service,
St Andrew's
- Mon 30th 2.15pm** Fairlands School Easter service,
St Andrew's
- 7pm** Stations of the Cross,
Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Cheddar
- Tue 31st 2.30pm** (JS/ HT) Court House communion
2.15pm Fairlands School Easter service,
St Andrew's
- Wed 1st April 11am** Holy Communion, Common
Worship, St Andrew's
- Thur 2nd 10.30am** (RM) Westbury Sub Mendip
School Easter service, St Lawrence's
2.30pm (SB) Draycott and Rodney Stoke
First School Easter Service, St Peter's
6pm Passover Meal, Cheddar Village Hall
7.30pm (RM) Maundy Thursday
Meditation, St Andrew's
- 8pm** (TO) Zoom Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri 3rd 10am** (RM/ DH) Together Good Friday
Service, St Andrew's
- 12noon** Benefice Good Friday Service,
St Andrew's.
- 6pm** (TO) Taizé Service, St Peter's
- Sat 4th 10am** Morning Prayer, Den
10.30am SOSP Coffee and Cake, St Peter's
- Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday**
- 9.30** St Peter's, Draycott, *Easter HC*, Thea
- 10am** St Andrew's, Ch., *Easter HC*, Ruth, Stuart,
Alan & Ceri
- 11.15** St Leonard's, RS, *Easter HC*, Thea
- 3.15pm** Cheddar Village Hall, First Sunday - Easter,
Ruth