

Readings Sunday March 29th

PALM SUNDAY

1st reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

2nd reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-end 27



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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 25th March : Christian Aid

Lenten Lunch : Christian Community

Centre : 12.15 - 1.30

Thursday 26th March: Lent Lunch, Barn

Hall, 12pm-2pm. Fundraising for the Lent

Appeal, Fishermen's Mission. Soup and

bread, tea and coffee.

THE GRAPEVINE

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PASSION SUNDAY

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

First reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Second reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are

you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had

said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips

of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

All Saints' Clarice Westlake, Chris Chinnery, Christine Watt, Anne Vickery

St Mary's, Brixham Gordon Smith, Graham Ward, Helen Kelly and daughter Sarah, Ivor John, Robin Hale, Paul Stamp, Paul Oxenbury, Joshua Jackson, Judy Jolly, Rev'd Ken and Val Dixon, Jean Buttersworth, Joan Christley

St Mary's, Churston Eric Smith, Jo & David Lambert, Vikki Sheen, Derek Brown, Wendy Tonkin, Jamie, Sandra Marley, Phil; Derek Knowles; Geoff Gadsby

Kingswear Marcia and Christine Abdilla, Stela.

PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Unni Tomlinson.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

All Saints', Lower Brixham

Tuesday 24th 10am: Holy Communion +Lent Course

St Mary's, Brixham

Wednesday 25th 10:30: Holy Communion + Lent Course

The Barn, Galmpton Thursday 26th
12pm- 2pm Lent lunch. 2pm: Lent Course

Sunday 29th March

PALM SUNDAY

All Saints'

NB time : 10:00: Mission Community Eucharist

Full choir, blessing of palms, Palm Sunday Eucharist and Passion Reading.

St Mary's, Brixham

11:00 Holy Communion

Accessible said Palm Sunday Eucharist with palm blessing and Passion reading.

St Mary the Virgin, Churston

No service.

St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear

No service

The Barn, Galmpton : No service.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 28th March 3pm: St Mary's Brixham Vintage spring social for older folk of all abilities: St Mary's, Brixham.
Hilary : 01803 852323

Good Friday 3rd April : 'Come and Sing'

St Thomas, Kingswear John Maunders' Sacred Cantata 'Olivet to Calvary'.

4:30 Rehearsal (music provided)

6:30 : Service following light refreshments for singers.

Sunday 5th April 6:30am: Easter Dawn

Service at Berry Head Meet at Berry Head by the signpost that is at the end of the tarmac path that leads from the car park.

