



WEEKLY NOTES

Palm Sunday

17th April 2011

Please come to coffee in the church hall (just across the road) after the 9.30 service. If it's your first visit, you'll be made especially welcome.

Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially in the Anglican Communion, for the province of Jerusalem and the Middle East; in this diocese, our Rural Dean, the Reverend Stuart Thomas; in our parish for the newly-elected churchwardens and PCC members; and for all who live in Preston Drive.

Collect and Post-communion Prayer (at 8am and 9.30am)

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.

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.

In Church this week

Our services in Holy Week and Easter take us through the greatest events in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and so they are the most important of the church year.

On Maundy Thursday evening, after the Eucharist that commemorates the Last Supper, there is a watch until 11pm and all are welcome to come and go through the evening and to watch a while with Christ.

The services on Good Friday all bring us to Jesus on the Cross.

Then the joy of the resurrection bursts forth at Easter. On Easter Eve the new fire is lit, we renew our baptismal vows, bless our new Paschal candle, and celebrate the First Eucharist of Easter. Our Easter celebrations continue on Easter Day itself.

Full details are on the back page of these Weekly Notes.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (*Common Worship*)

We begin with the order for Palm Sunday on the purple sheet. Please stand and face the west end when the service begins.

Eucharistic Prayer **B**: page **188** with the short preface on page **312**

We continue with the Lord's Prayer on page **178**.

9.30am PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST (*Common Worship*)

We start outside or at the west end of the church, and follow the order on the purple reading sheets.

The service begins as the choir sings Palestrina's *Pueri Hebraeorum*.

Please join the procession after the choir and altar party as we all go to our places in the church. As soon as the choir reaches the chancel, Williamson's 'Procession of Palms' is sung, and with the aid of the Children's Hour team, Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem is re-enacted. You are invited to sit during the 'Procession of Palms.'

After the Passion gospel and a period of silence we continue in the 'Sung Eucharist' booklets on page 6 with the prayers of Intercession.

OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 86

Eucharistic Prayer: **B** with short preface

And now we give you thanks because, for our salvation, he was obedient even to death on the cross. The tree of shame was made the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Mass Setting: *Batten* – Short service

Anthem: *Cum Angelis* – *Schubert*

Cum Angelis et pueris fideles in veniamur, triumphatori mortis clamantes: Hosanna in excelsis.

With angels and boys, may we be found faithful, shouting to the one who is triumphant over death: Hosanna in excelsis.

Notices are given today after the post-communion prayer

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 83

Organ: Toccata in Seven - *Rutter* [MA]

11.00am SUNG EUCHARIST (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Mass Setting: *Byrd* 5-part Mass

INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 510

The service begins on page 31 in the green *Shorter Prayer Book*.

Kyrie Eleison

The Collect for Palm Sunday is on page 63

The Epistle: Philippians 2.5-11

GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 82

Passion Gospel: St Matthew 27.1-54

A few moments silence, then we sing the Nicene Creed (page 34): *Merbecke*

Biddings for prayer and notices: The Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 78 (TUNE NEH 202) (*during which a collection is taken*)

Kneel for the Prayer of the Church (page 36) and following

CONSECRATION HYMN: NEH 313

Please come forward for Holy Communion while *Agnus Dei* is sung.

Anthem: O salutaris hostia – *Elgar* (for words see hymn NEH 269 part 2)

After Communion, page 44 for the Lord's Prayer and following

The *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted during Lent.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 94

Organ: Fugue on psalm 94 – *Reubke* [JSH]

No evening service today

NOTICES

Please pray for the members of our **First Communion class** who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Easter Day.

Be alert! Registration plates were stolen from a car parked on Church Street last Sunday during morning services. Please report anything suspicious you see.

Those who take **Bible Reading Fellowship Notes**, please note that subscriptions are due in by the end of April. See John and Sarah Stovell, who are also happy to talk to anyone who would like to join this scheme to receive simple daily bible reading notes.

Lent project – Age Concern Epsom and Ewell. The four Lent lunches have been held with over £600 donated. Many thanks to all who have helped or contributed in any way, and to Humphrey Reynolds for his presentation. Please take away a Lent box at the back of church for your donation to Age Concern and return it on Easter Day. Many thanks. (Cheques please to St Mary's PCC).

Mothers' Union Clothing Collection. We will be collecting good quality clean clothes (of the standard you would give to a good friend) for the Genesis clothes shop on the Manor Estate in Sheffield. To donate any items of clothing, put them in strong black bags, securely tied at the neck, and leave them in the Welcome Area on Sunday 1 May. More information from Wendy Varney.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Coffee morning in the church hall, 10.30-12, all welcome.

FUTURE DATES

Saturday 30th April: Recital by our Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes, of Popular organ classics, including Elgar, Purcell, and Holst. Tickets on sale now.

Saturday 21st May: Spring Market- plants and stalls, 10am-12, in the church hall.

Also Saturday 21st May: Eve Myatt-Price celebrates her 90th birthday with a variety concert in church at 7.30pm.

Thursday 16th June: The coach outing to Bournemouth will depart St Mary's at 9am sharp, leaving Bournemouth 5pm to arrive back in Ewell around 8pm. Brief comfort break on each journey. Seats cost £10 each. To book, please give names with money to Joan Boulden or Lynne Yuille ASAP.

Saturday 2nd July: The Revd Iain McKillop's ordination to the priesthood will take place at 10.30am in Guildford Cathedral. Iain hopes to see many St Mary's people there, and invites us all to a party afterwards at St Lawrence Church Hall, Effingham.

Holy Week & Easter Services

18 th Apr	Holy Monday	9am Morning Prayer
19 th Apr	Holy Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Communion (in the parish room)
20 th Apr	Holy Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer 11.40am Litany 12noon Holy Communion (1662)
21 st Apr	Maundy Thursday	9am Morning Prayer 8pm Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper (& watch till 11pm)
22 nd Apr	GOOD FRIDAY	11.15 Children's Stations of the Cross 12noon An hour at the Cross 7pm Sung Liturgy of Good Friday
23 rd Apr	Easter Eve (Sat.)	8.30pm Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
24 th Apr	EASTER DAY	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Procession and Sung Eucharist 11am Festal Mattins