

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday 15th April - 7pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 16th April - 7pm The Nail

Wed 17th April - 10.30am Holy Communion in the Centre followed by a talk by Carmen Tarnowski 'This is My Body' 7pm Were you there?

Maundy Thursday 18th April - 7pm Foot Washing and Last Supper

Good Friday 19th April

12 noon All Age Service

2-3pm Tenebrae Service of the Final Hour

Holy Saturday 20th April

7pm Service of Light plus Vigil

Easter Sunday 21st April

8am Holy Communion

10am All Age Holy Communion for Easter

DEC Appeal - we are collecting for the DEC Appeal for Cyclone Amai.
Please give generously.

NOTICES

HOLY WEEK READERS - FINAL CALL! As a Church community we have a full programme of services and events to enable everyone to engage more fully with Holy Week. Please consider signing up for a reading on the sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

CENTRE & CHURCH TIDY UP LAST SAT - many thanks to all involved last weekend. A good job done. If anyone divided clumps of snowdrops, are there any spare? It would be lovely to increase the numbers in the churchyard. Please let me know Diana Butcher 568915.

MERROW COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR meets every Monday, 5-6pm in Merrow Hall, St John's Centre. Come and join us! No Meeting on the 22nd April (Easter Monday) or Bank Holiday Mon 6th May.

MERROW GOSPEL CHOIR TOGETHER WITH EMILY'S OTHER CHOIRS have released a **CHARITY SINGLE** to raise funds for **Parkinson's UK Guildford and South Surrey**. To listen to the single and to donate please go to **St John's website: www.saintjohns.org.uk**

TOOLS FOR AFRICA - we are working with a Christian charity called TWAM (Tools with a Mission) to collect tools for African countries. Please look in your sheds, garages and cupboards for builders', carpenters', electricians', garden, motor mechanics' and plumbers' tools. We are also collecting sewing machines, knitting needles, haberdashery materials and PC/ Laptops. The collection box is in the Centre foyer; it will be emptied periodically by Gordon Farquharson. Please see more information in April's Parish Magazine and at the back of Church and in the Centre. Larger items can be collected - phone Gordon on 07785 265909.



St John the Evangelist Merrow 14th April 2019 PALM SUNDAY Today's Services



8.00am Holy Communion BCP

President & Preacher: Rod Pierce

**10.00am Holy Communion CW -
with procession of Palms**

Service starts from the Centre

President : Diana Matthews

Preacher: Rona Stuart-Bourne

Reading, Intercessions & Element: Robert & Gwenneth Avis

HYMNS:

159 All glory laud and honour

164 You are the King of Glory

763 Praise to the holiest

161 Ride on ride on in majesty

7.00pm Seven Last Words

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

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.

First Reading

 Isaiah 50. 4-9a

The servant of the LORD said: 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 awakens – awakens 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.

Second Reading

 Philippians 2.5-11

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.

Gospel

 Luke 19: 28-40 **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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.

PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, The Most Revd Suheil Dawani, Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem

DIOCESE CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for our Diocesan Synod - Bishop Andrew (President), Bishop Jo (Vice President); Revd Cathy Blair (Chair, House of Clergy), Stephen Roberts (Chair, House of Laity)

Prayer requests:

for all who serve on Diocesan Synod

for all who support and administrate its functions

for those elected to General Synod and for those serving on diocesan councils, boards and committees

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH AND DEANERY: Pray for those who live and work in Merrow Park and for the PCC and parishioners of St Mary's and St Albans, Worplesdon

FOR THOSE BAPTISED YESTERDAY, FOR THEIR PARENTS AND GOD-PARENTS: Ella Ivy Mae Vaughan

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Linda & Paul Ratnieks Penny Evans
John Higgins Joan Ashbee Elizabeth Jordon Barbara White Brenda Mansey
Sarah Donoghue Clifford King

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN:

Yvonne Tarrant Alan Whicheloe Lynn Riley Reginal Irving Webb

This week at St John's

Morning Prayer - Mon, Tues & Wed at 8.30am

NO EVENING PRAYER

Join Rona for Morning and Evening Prayer by clicking on the link to the Church of England Daily Prayer page on our website.

Please be assured that Rona prays the Daily Office both in Church at published times, and privately at other times. Prayer requests are always welcome.

Mon 9-10am

No Contemplative Prayer

5-6pm

Gospel Choir in the Centre

Tues 7.30pm

No Bell Ringing practice

Wed 10.15am

No Wed Coffee Club (returns 1st May)

WED 6pm

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice returns on Fri 26th April

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