

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent and Passiontide begins**

8.00 a.m. BCP Communion

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship

5.30 p.m. Youth Group

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**Collect for Today**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**Service Readings**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (*p.746*), Hebrews 5:5-10 (*p.217*) and John 12:20-33 (*p.103*)

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**Please pray for**

... Kat Gillett, Shirley Parfoot and Annie Twidell.

... the family and friends of Malcom Groves whose anniversary of death is at this time

... those who live and work in Bannisters Road, Beechcroft Drive, Benbrick Road and Bray Road.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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**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. **Amen.**

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**Donations**

These are the ways we encourage everyone to give:

- The collection during the third hymn
- The collection plate at the back
- The contactless donation machine at the back
- The QR code to take you to our online giving page
- By setting up a standing order to All Saints



*Don't forget to Gift Aid if you can! Thank you.*

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## Dear Friends

This Sunday is the start of Passiontide - the two weeks leading up to Easter. A week from today it'll be Palm Sunday, that bittersweet arrival of Jesus, with donkey, well-wishers and palm leaves - triumphal, but not the hero's welcome that his followers might have thought. They had no idea of the brutal arrest, trial and crucifixion yet to come.

A fortnight today it'll be Easter Sunday - the culmination of the craziest three days in history, upturning the order of things. God on a cross, Almighty becoming lowly, death giving way to new life.

So, this Sunday, all of that is to come. Rather than spend time with the baffled disciples - not knowing what's up ahead - today's readings instead invite us to consider what Jesus felt at this point. Knowing what's coming. Offering up tearful prayers to the Father, but not asking to be spared. Instead, 'Father, glorify your name' is Jesus' prayer.

So, this Sunday's a bit like a film trailer: 'Coming Soon: Easter'. And like the movie tagline goes: this time it's personal.

May the Lord be with us today as we think on Him.

**Paul Young**

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## Mission Focus for March: ReSkilled

ReSkilled is a local charity based at St Peter's Shared Church in Bellfields. It has been set up to help long term unemployed people aged 25+ move towards work using a wood workshop, to raise their confidence and develop transferable work skills. They would really value prayer:

- For those who have expressed an interest in attending but haven't actually managed to start due to various personal circumstances
- For participants who have been with ReSkilled for a while and are trying to make the next step into paid work or volunteering, to find the right connections and opportunities for them to move on.

## Notices

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**Welcome to Jake and Claire** who join us today to listen to the third and final reading of their banns of marriage. We'll be praying for them during our service today.

**Youth Group TONIGHT** at 5.30pm. This is your last chance to tell Jeanette if your youngster would like to come.

**Licencing of the new Archdeacon of Surrey:** Revd Canon Catherine Mabusa at 6pm TONIGHT at Guildford Cathedral. All welcome. *(There will be no Tea-Time Church on today).*

**Hearing Clinic and Hard of Hearing Group:** The next meeting is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please call Mike on 569825 if you'd like to come.

**Palm Sunday:** Next week for Palm Sunday, if you'd like to process from the top of Vicarage Gate we'll be leaving at 9.55am.

**Easter Monday Walk:** 1<sup>st</sup> April. We'll leave church at 10am to walk to Puttenham via St Catherine's for a picnic lunch. We'll be at Watts Gallery at 11.30am if you'd like to join from there for a shorter walk. You can either walk back again, or arrange a lift home afterwards. See Carolyn if you'd like to come.

**Cally Burch's licensing:** Cally has now finished her curacy in Fleet and will soon be taking up a new position in Bridport, Dorset. Her licensing service is at 7pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at St Mary's Church, 84 South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NN. Everyone is welcome and I'm sure Cally would be delighted to see her friends from All Saints to give support for her next step.

**\*APCM Change of date\*** We have had to postpone the APCM to *Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April* at 11.15am. This is because the accountancy firm preparing the 2023 accounts have not yet finished their work. As a consequence, the electoral roll revision period has been extended to 6<sup>th</sup> April. Please see Richard Pointer if you wish to join the roll.

**Holy Week and Easter Services:** Here are the dates for you to pop in your diaries.

<b><i>Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March</i></b> 10am: Family Communion and Anna's baptism 6.30pm: Choral Meditation on the Passion <b><i>Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March</i></b> 9.30am: Family Communion 8pm: Holy Communion with Foot Washing 9-10pm: The Vigil	<b><i>Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March</i></b> 10.30am: 'Walking with Jesus to the Cross' followed by hot cross buns. 12-3pm: 'The Watch' <b><i>Easter Day, 31<sup>st</sup> March</i></b> 5.45am: Sunrise Service followed by breakfast at the Vicarage 10am: All-Age Family Communion followed by Easter Egg hunt
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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.**

**Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.**

- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Women's Bible Study Group, 12.30pm  
Hearing Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm  
Hard of Hearing Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> QE Easter Service (years 3 and 5), Church, 10.00am
- Weds 20<sup>th</sup> QE Easter Service (years 4 and 6), Church, 10.00am  
Dray Court Easter Service, 2.30pm  
Lent Course – week 5, Zoom, 7.30pm
- Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am, Revd Paul Fenner presiding  
Choir Rehearsal, 7.30pm
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am  
Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Orchard Project Volunteer Morning, 10.00am-1.00pm
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> *Palm Sunday*  
Family Communion with Children's Church and baptism of Anna, 10.00am  
Choral Meditation on the Passion, 6.30pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Ps. 73, Exodus 8:1-19, Hebrews 11:17-31
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Ps. 25, Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 13:54-end
- Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Ps. 55, Exodus 9:1-12, Hebrews 12:3-13
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Ps. 40, Exodus 9:13-end, Hebrews 12:14-end
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Ps. 22, Exodus 10, Hebrews 13:1-16
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Ps. 23, Exodus 11, Hebrews 13:17-end

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## Service Readings for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end

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