

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Palm Sunday**

10.00 a.m. All-Age Communion (*9.45am procession*)

6.30 p.m. Choral Meditation on the Passion

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### **Collect for Today**

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

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### **Service Readings**

Luke 19:28-40 (*p.79*), Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end (*p.576*)

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### **Please pray for**

... Dave Barclay, Carole Bookham, Anne Bradbeer, Llew Parry (Alison's Dad), and Roger Young.

... the family and friends of Winifred Twidell, Thora Reed, Edna Hobson and Vera Greenwood whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Irwin Road, Iveagh Road, Litchfield Way and Lynwood.

... 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 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.**

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### **Financial Giving**

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

This Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week and I am wondering ...

I wonder what the disciples thought as they entered Jerusalem with Jesus on that colt on Palm Sunday? I wonder what the crowd were thinking? I wonder what was going through the minds of the Pharisees? I even wonder what the colt was thinking.



I wonder about Jesus?

This Sunday I'd like to ask you all. Let's put ourselves in this crowd cheering and singing Hosanna at the arrival of the king of kings.

Best wishes to you all.

**Andy**

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## Mission Focus for April: ReSkilled

ReSkilled is based in Guildford. Its aim is to reduce social isolation and give people back self-esteem, choices and hope. It enables them to re-discover the fulfilment and benefits of being in employment through learning woodworking skills. Please pray for the staff, volunteers and participants. See more in our April magazine and on their website: [reskilled.org/](http://reskilled.org/)

## Notices

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**Tea time Church:** There is no tea time church today as we're holding our Choral Meditation at 6.30pm.

**Big Build Update:** We have now submitted our faculty application to the Diocese and we're in a period of public notice. The faculty is displayed on the noticeboard and in the window. Any letter to the Registrar must be received by 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**Stewardship Review 2025:** If you've not had a chance to watch Andy's video, then it's here: <https://youtu.be/I1dNhEPVtBI>. Andy, our Treasurer, asks us all to increase our giving by 10% to cover our costs for the coming year. If you've not yet done that, we'd be so grateful if you could do that asap.

**Easter Lilies:** If you'd like to remember a loved one this Easter, perhaps you'd like to donate towards the lilies decorating the church. Please put their name and your donation in an envelope in the foyer post-box, or give to Trish.

### **Holy Week & Easter:**

#### † ***Maundy Thursday, 17th April***

9.30am: Holy Communion

8pm: Holy Communion with foot washing

9-10pm: The Vigil – a time of quiet reflection in the Reading Room

#### † ***Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April***

10.30am: 'Walking with Jesus to the Cross' on the field followed by hot cross buns. The children will be re-enacting the story of the last days of Jesus' life. (*indoors if wet*)

12-1pm: 'The Watch' An hour of quiet reflection in church.

#### † ***Easter Day, 20th April***

5.15am: Sunrise Communion Service. An outdoor service around an open fire at the front of church. Stay for breakfast afterwards at the Vicarage.

10am: All-Age Family Communion followed by an Easter egg hunt

**Used Stamps:** There is a collection box on the shelf in the foyer for any used stamps. We will be sending them to the Church of Scotland's stamp appeal which this year, is supporting the work of the Al Ahli Hospital in Northern Gaza.

**VE Day Celebrations:** We'll be celebrating this important day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. Please bring any memorabilia you may have and your memories as we celebrate together. Tea and cake after.

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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.**

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Vision Group, Office, 10.00am  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm  
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Central Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am  
Dray Court Service, 2.30pm  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> *Maundy Thursday*  
Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am  
Holy Communion with Foot Washing, 8.00pm & Vigil. 9-10pm  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> *Good Friday*  
'Walking with Jesus to the Cross', field, 10.30am  
'The Watch', church, 12noon-1pm  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> *Easter Day*  
Sunrise Communion Service, 5.15am  
*(followed by breakfast at the Vicarage)*  
All-Age Family Communion, 10.00am  
*(followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children)*

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Ps. 41, Lamentations 1:1-12a, Luke 22:1-23  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Ps. 27, Lamentations 3:1-18, Luke 22:[24-38],39-53  
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Ps. 102, Jeremiah 11:18-20, Luke 22:54-end  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Ps. 42, Leviticus 16:2-24, Luke 23:1-25  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Ps. 69, Genesis 22:1-18, Hebrews 10:1-10  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Ps. 142, Hosea 6:1-6, John 2:18-22

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## Service Readings for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Day

Isaiah 65:17-end, Acts 10:34-43, and Luke 24:1-12

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