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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
**THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

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*At this time of great difficulty we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.*

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**Collect for the Week**

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.

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***During this continued period of lockdown both Churches will remain closed for public worship. We will re-open for services in both Churches on Easter Sunday, the Parish Church is now fully booked.***

**This week the Churches will open for private prayer:-  
on Sunday between 10 am and 11 am at the Parish Church  
& Monday/Thursday/Friday at the Church Centre between  
10 am & 12 noon.**

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**10.00 am Service of the Word – posted on YouTube**

Ministers: The Vicar & Tim Cripps

Passion Narrative

Intercessions: led by Ginette di Palma

**10.00 am Parish Church open for private prayer until 11 am**

**10.00 am Family Service via Zoom**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### HOLY WEEK

#### **MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March**

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

#### **TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office closed

#### **WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup>**

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

#### **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April**

##### **Maundy Thursday**

10 am -12 noon Church Centre open for private prayer

#### **FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

##### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Parish Office closed

12 noon – 3 pm Parish Church open for private vigil

12.30 – 2.15 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

#### **SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **NEXT SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

##### **EASTER DAY**

##### **10.00 am Easter Day Festival Eucharist**

**(live streamed and posted later)**

President: The Vicar, Minister: Tim Cripps, Preacher the Vicar

Intercessions: Led by Tony Bourne

First reading: Acts: 10.34-33 read by Roland Millar

Gospel reading: Mark 16.1-8, read by May Graves

##### **10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre**

**(also on Zoom)**

**Lead: Daphne Pilcher**

## **From The Vicarage**

Greetings to you all. At this time of the Christian calendar, called Passiontide, one key question that comes up in our prayer materials is this: "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by"? We've just marked a year since the first lockdown with a period of reflection at mid-day on the 23rd of March. I pray that whichever way this question is asked our reply would always be "of course, it is something to us" - that you are feeling lonely, scared, or even happy, and by God's grace I trust that we will respond appropriately - as we have been doing on numerous occasions.

*Ronnie*

## **Church Opening**

It is wonderful that both Churches will re-open on Easter Sunday. The aim is to then continue with 10 am services each week for the time being.

## **Family Service**

Following the PCC meeting on 22nd March it was agreed that "live" services should recommence from the beginning of April. Family Service will, therefore, hold its first "live" service on 4th April. We will also be offering it over the Zoom link which will remain the same. However, for the time being there will be NO children's groups. Look forward to seeing you in either way then.

## **APCM - Change**

The annual meeting has been moved to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 8 pm. It is likely that it will take place on Zoom, there will be more details nearer the time.

## **Sensory Blankets**

Valerie Pentecost is using her time during lock to make sensory blankets. She would be very grateful for any wool donations that she can use for crocheting. You can leave wool at the Parish Office or bring to Church once we resume services. Thank you.

## **Community Larder**

The Larder will be open on Good Friday this year, as there are no other activities going on at the Church Centre.

We continue to pray for the project and give thanks that it is running so well and being used by many local people.

## **Electoral Role**

Today (28<sup>th</sup> March) is the final day of the revision of the Electoral Roll for 2021. If you have not yet sent in your forms or notified me of any changes, you can email, phone or put the details in the letter box at the Parish Office. The revision will be displayed this week. Thank you – Ginette.



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