



17th March 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

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Decorating for Easter

This activity is open to all on Saturday 30th March between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Donations of flowers and greenery on the day, or cash any time, would be very welcome. For more information, please speak to Pat Snell or Liz Holland.

TODAY

12.00 noon Annual church meetings
6.00 pm Evening Worship

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am
Online: Mon, Wed
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 18th March John 8: 1 – 11
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 19th March Matthew 1: 18 – 25
9.15 am School visit to the church
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Wed 20th March John 8: 31 – 42
12.00 noon Holy Communion

Thu 21st March John 8: 51 – 59

Fri 22nd March John 10: 31 – 42
11.30 am Funeral of Peter Jeffrey

Sat 23rd March John 11: 45 – 57
5.00 pm Concert: University of Exeter
Symphony Orchestra

Next Sunday: 24th March

Palm Sunday Mark 15: 1 – 39
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist with
procession (start in the hall)



10.00 am Music

Entrance hymn	28	All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure
Offertory hymn	554	Praise to the Holiest in the Height
Recessional hymn	389	Lift High the Cross (omit verses marked *)

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading: John 12: 20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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.