

St. Luke's Church,

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Week commencing: 21st March 2021, Passion Sunday

We move into Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent, this Sunday, and time to reflect more deeply on Jesus' love for us through his suffering. Our service this Sunday will use the Service of the Word in Lent, for the last time. Next week, Palm Sunday, will use a different service and we will have a dramatic reading of the passion – on Zoom.

Morning Prayer continues daily, Tuesday – Saturday on Zoom at 9am; **Evening Prayer**, Friday at 5pm. Why not join in as we move into Passiontide?

Sundays at Six continues on Zoom at 6pm on first and third Sundays each month. The next will be TONIGHT, 21st March, when we are invited to the Riding Lights Passion Play, see later (and see the weekly email for joining details).

Roots at Home: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22434/roots-at-home-21-march.pdf>

Thought for the week:

In the Calvary Chapel of the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem there is a mosaic fresco of Jesus being nailed to the cross. To me, it is both stunningly beautiful and terrifyingly real. As he lies with arms outstretched, nails are driven into Jesus' wrists.

Today there is an altar in front of it. Some years ago, I was in the chapel and noticed that people were queuing to place their hands on the lower, outstretched hand of Christ. I queued to do the same thing.

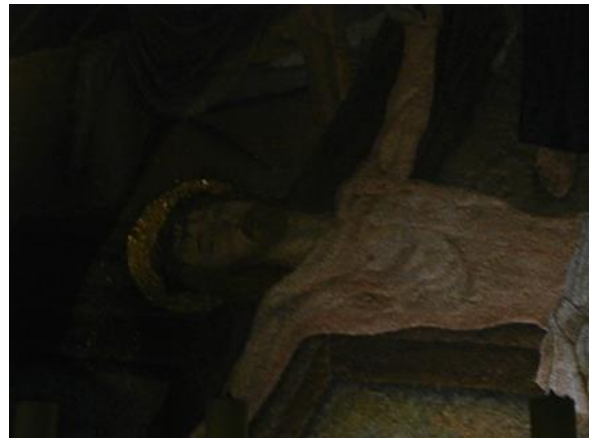
It is impossible to describe the feeling as I placed my hand as near as I physically could into the hand of Jesus – at the very point where he was about to die, in the every place where it actually happened. The crucifixion became a very real event – as Jesus died for me – for every one of us.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, in the dungeon that Ralph describes so beautifully in his piece in this edition of Inspire, walking the Via Dolorosa (way of the cross, or sorrows) today, I find I am brought closer to the passion of Jesus.

Places can help us to reflect on just what Jesus did for us, on the cross.

But, of course, we don't have to travel to the Holy Land for that (indeed, right now, we simply can't!).

I wonder where you might find in the next couple of weeks that you can make your special place to be with Jesus, and accompany him to the cross, spending a little time each day thanking him, and reflecting on what his suffering means to you.



Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 21st March are:

Sunday	Psalm 107. 1-22	Hebrews 12.18-end	
Monday	Psalm 73	Jeremiah 2.1-10	John 11.28-44
Tuesday	Psalm 35	Jeremiah 22.1-5, 13-19	John 11.45-end
Wednesday	Psalm 55	Jeremiah 22.20 – 23.8	John 12. 1-11
Thursday (annunciation of the BVM)	Psalm 111	1 Samuel 2.1-10	Romans 5.12-end
Friday	Psalm 22	Jeremiah 24	John 12. 20-36a
Saturday	Psalm 23	Jeremiah 25. 1-14	John 12.36b - end

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- Give thanks for vaccines for Covid19 and pray for those rolling out the programme
- For our keeping of Passiontide
- For our schools, and especially for St. Luke's and St. Piran's schools, and Riverside.
- For our government, and our nation, as we slowly 'unlock'; for patience
- For every family bereaved through Covid 19, and all others too
- That we might be kind to each other – in 'thought, word and deed'
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick
- For our care for God's world
- For our prayer shawl ministry, and those who will receive shawls, in love
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the Synagogue, Mosques, Gurdwara and elsewhere
- For the people of Myanmar, Yemen, Ethiopia, Syria, Armenia and other places of conflict
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in March: Olivia Carter, Robyn Nash,
- For all those who live and work in Kidwells close
- The sick and those who care for them: Monica Olley, Tony Boaks, Mick Curley, Brenda Windass, Katharine McKay
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Christine Dawson, Susan Robinson, Tony Lucas
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in March: Lilian Vizard, Edgar Walford, Anthony Wright, Anna Meredith, Rex Hugo, Audrey Eggleton, Arthur Harris, Brian King, Sandy Raffan, Ernest Gammon, Dora Newcombe, Marjery Lawson, Ellen Ritson, Victor Garroway, Christine Sawyers, Caroline Wood, Robert Russell, Jacqueline Mundy, Alan Moss, Beryl Bintcliffe, Francis (Jack) Garnett, Gillian Sinclair-Hill, Eileen Herbert, Stella Lee, Andrew Curtis.

Rotas for next week: 28th March, Palm Sunday

Read: Shula Tajima Intercede: Ruth Sheppard

Our church is floodlit at night.

This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by Johanna Raffan:

"Sandy:

much missed, especially during this last year."

To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally. All weeks are now available for the rest of this year!



What's on...

National Day of Reflection: This coming Tuesday 23rd March marks a year since the start of Lockdown#1. A National Day of Reflection will be kept, and the **church will be open** all day from 10 am – 4 pm. We have so much to be grateful for and folk to remember too. Do consider popping into church at some point to light a candle, be quiet and reflect, or take a flower from the porch. There will be a book to list names to remember at Easter – recently passed or further ago. Also, an opportunity to donate towards church Easter flowers (only via the box in church).

A Thanksgiving Service for Tony Lucas will be held at St Chad's Church, Welbourn on Tuesday 23rd of this month at 12 noon. Please do remember Tony and Gill and her family at this time.

Messy Church: our next session is on Zoom (email Revd. Sally for the link) from 4-5pm on Friday 9th April. Please let Revd. Sally know before Easter if you'd like a craft pack – I shall be on leave immediately after Easter so will get the packs out in Holy week.

Lent and Holy Week plans

Sunday 21st March, 6pm, Tuesday 30th, 3pm: Breaking Day, a virtual passion play With our friends at All Saints and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green Join us to reflect on the Passion in a different way - from the comfort of your armchair. Link available via our weekly email. See the wording there.

NB: Clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night 27th March

Palm Sunday: 28th March

8.00 am, service of Holy Communion in church (with usual Covid security - distancing, masks etc)

10.00 am, Zoomed service with shared reading of the Passion

6.00 pm, Zoomed Stations of the Cross, led by Fr. Jeremy.

Monday - Thursday of Holy Week

Church open for an hour daily for private prayer, Monday – Wednesday 7-8 pm.

9pm, daily, Zoomed Night Prayer

Maundy Thursday: 1st April,

7.30 pm, Holy Communion in church and zoomed (sadly no foot washing but please bring a small hand gel or wipes if you can – all will become clear!).

Watch until 10 pm. For those who wish to stay.

Prayer Stations in the front church garden, prepared with our Primary School. Drop by to see Reflective videos on our website, use at any time

Good Friday, 2nd April

1.30 - 3.00 pm At the foot of the Cross, a service of reflection, music, reading and silence

Easter Day, 4th April

10.00 am, in church and zoomed Holy Communion, with blessing of the Easter garden and lighting of the Paschal candle

NB: in-church places MUST be booked: sally514@btinternet.com

Gaynor's Gift: Prayer Shawl Ministry it is never too late to join in this beautiful simple knitting ministry. Details are on our website and Revd. Terrie can tell you more. Next get together: 3pm, on Maundy Thursday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84874518710?pwd=eFFwSEd5SS9NdmdTdDVIQXICRIBWUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 7451 8710

Passcode: 078376

Church cleaning: we will have a church cleaning party on Friday 26th March from 10 am – midday. Please come along and help out if you can. Face coverings needed and you may wish to bring your own tools.

Children's Society: Lockdown hasn't stopped people giving generously to The Children's Society this year, as Kristina and Richard counted donations amounting to a total of £571.06.

Thank you to all those who handed their boxes in to Sally. Kristina will return these to you in the coming weeks. Kristina is liaising directly with The Children's Society to update the list of box holders which has diminished over recent years for various reasons, and will be seeking to understand from them if there are better, perhaps more convenient ways, for the St Luke's congregation to support this wonderful charity.

The pandemic has plunged families into poverty, leaving children isolated and scared about the future. Without the help of supporters, the Children's Society cannot counsel, support and campaign for the young people whose hopes and happiness are the most threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect.

If you would like a box, please let Kristina know and she will provide you with one. But you don't have to have a box to support The Children's Society, you can simply write a cheque to church and pass to Richard Burdett who does all things necessary to make sure TCS receive the full amount. Or alternatively you could donate directly online following the link

: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

Thank you for your continued support. Kristina Smith.

And our very own Revd. Canon Terrie Robinson has been appointed as the new Children's Society Ambassador for Oxford diocese. Terrie will tell us more about this voluntary role when she is commissioned in the summer.

Have you got your census letter? Census day is today - March 21, but households will now be receiving letters with online codes explaining how they can complete their forms. If you don't get one in the next couple of weeks, please get in touch with the census contact centre. You can also request a paper questionnaire if you'd prefer to complete your census that way.

There is lots of support available such as a help area on the census website and a contact centre that can give you help over the phone and guidance in a range of languages and accessible formats, including paper questionnaires and large print. You can also use your postcode to find local census support centres on the census website.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) runs the census in England and Wales and is independent from the government. All information is held securely for 100 years. Statistics are only compiled based on anonymised data and personal information is not shared with any organisation and is never sold.

For more information, and to find out how to get help, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk) or call the contact centre on 0800 141 2021. Or contact one of the ministry team.

WAMCF events this week:

Monday 22nd March: women's group meeting on Zoom: how can women change the world? With guest The Rt. Hon Theresa May. 7.30 – 9.00 pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84856554121?pwd=THJPWTJpSEZ1TXhUajArdEJSN3N6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 848 5655 4121

Passcode: 338703

Tuesday 23rd March: 7.00 pm – 8.15 pm, final webinar for the year: why do humans suffer, with speakers: Abaas Yunas (Islam), Sally Lynch (Christianity) Anthony Lewis (Humanist).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81429100228>

Last but by no means least....the next edition of **Inspire** is now available electronically. Huge thanks to Ruth Humphreys who has done a fabulous job in editing it, and to all those who contributed some great articles.

The magazine will be attached to the weekly email this week and hard copies made available to the dozen people that we deliver to without internet facility (next weekend).

It may be possible **after Easter** to have some hard copies for sale in church at the usual price of £2 per copy.

Please note that for all Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzd09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

To phone in on Sundays:

- Dial 0 131 460 1196
- It will say 'welcome to Zoom' and ask you for the meeting ID followed by #
- Type in 873 5819 7400 #
- Then it asks you for personal id/participant number but just press #
- Then it asks for password Type in 526076 #
- You are muted so nobody can hear you. You can unmute yourself by pressing *6 (star six)

Zoom Morning Prayer at 9 am Tuesday - Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206769810?pwd=MHBweHA5YVRqemRod1RSR1ITcm5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 0676 9810

Passcode: 171263

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033