



St Mary's
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News

Sunday April 14th 2019, Palm Sunday

Dear Friends,

Palm Sunday

Bright green palms waving energetically, children's voices singing enthusiastically and tunefully; this was the scene for Longwick School's end of term Easter play in church. Years 3 and 4 presented the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the meal in the upper room, the events of the night in the garden of Gethsemane, followed by the trial and crucifixion. The finale was the wonderful events of Easter day and celebration of Christ's resurrection. All the pupils took part in telling the story through readings from the bible accounts, acting out the dramatic moments and singing lively songs which they had all learnt for the occasion. Everyone was in costume and determined to play their part well. The narrators read their parts clearly, the actors had all learnt their lines and everyone sang the songs with gusto. The audience of parents, grandparents and governors thoroughly enjoyed their performance and the encores!

This was a wonderful way to hear a story that is so familiar for many in a new setting and to see the children in our church school learning about the true meaning of Easter, perhaps for the first time. This is a good example of the close ties Longwick has with St Mary's and the part it plays in our life as a church. The school's Christian values of Compassion, Respect, Perseverance, Wisdom, Responsibility and Peace are integral to its Christian ethos. The pupils, through the School Council, choose the value for the coming half term, and for the first part of the Summer Term the value will be 'Respect'. Visitors to the school see the values displayed in the reception area on our beautiful mural.

Debby Cadwallader, Longwick School Governor

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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. **Amen**

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**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Rope.
- For those affected by the floods in Iran
- For our clergy and the St Mary's church family as we journey through Lent
- For our country and its government, as it faces many difficult decisions.
- For the sick, lonely and bereaved that they might find peace and hope.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:

Emma and Chris, John Hardy, Joy Woodward, Mary Kent, Sue List, Tony Eccleston, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Hazel Sullivan, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts, Barbara Higgins and Liz Lister.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Lisa and Russell Squire, Peter Covell, Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Jorge, Peter Braithwaite, Michael George, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Annie and Bill and Marge Philips.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Arron Welland, Bill Moses and Valerie Dickinson

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NEWS & NOTICES.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: There will be night prayer every evening during holy week at 8pm (7.30pm on Maundy Thursday and followed by a prayer vigil). For full details of our Good Friday and Easter services please see the separate leaflet.

CTR WALK OF WITNESS: On Good Friday there will be a short act of Worship at St Mary's at 10am, followed by the Walk of Witness which will leave at 10.30am. The walk will process to Elim Church for the CTR Act of Witness at 11am.

GOOD FRIDAY: The 8 o'clock life group will be hosting a coffee and hot cross bun morning 10.45am to 12 noon in the Chapter House.

APRIL 21ST EASTER SUNDAY: 'We meet with other local churches in the Whiteleaf Cross car park at 6.00 am for a short 'sunrise service' that starts at 6.10 am above Whiteleaf Cross. This is followed by a bacon sandwich and hot drink.' Rev Tomkins.

APCM: The APCM will be on April 23rd at 7.30pm in Church. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING: Will be held at Hazel Trees, 12 Bell Crescent, Longwick on Fri 26th April. 10.30 -12. Please come and bring your friends.

COFFEE MORNING: On Saturday 27th April from 10-12pm, there will be a fund raising coffee morning with talk, in the Chapter House, raising money for Rape Crisis.

CAMINO TALK: On Weds 15th May, there will be a Spanish evening at St Mary's and David will be giving his Camino Talk. More details to follow nearer the time.

PHOTO REQUEST: If anyone has any electronic photos of Dan and Paula at Church events during their time here please can you let the Office have a copy. Thanks!

TRIAL CHANGES: 'Thank you to all who have given comments in response to the trial changes at 8am and 9.30am. In light of these it has been decided to make some changes and with effect from this Sunday (14 April) we will revert to using the Chancel altar with the opportunity to take communion at the chancel rail for both services. All of the other trial changes will continue for the time being, and in addition we will trial the use of a second communion distribution point by the font for the 9.30am service. The trial will continue until the end of May and the focus group will review the changes at its meeting on 12 May. We continue to welcome your thoughts and comments.' David Williams.

JOB VACANCY: Could it be you or someone you know? Wycombe Homeless Connection is seeking a full-time Support Team Manager to lead its team of Advocacy and Support Workers in the fight against homelessness. Please visit the website for details: www.wyhoc.org.uk/support-team-manager.

GIVING ENVELOPES: The giving envelopes for April 2019-2020 are ready for collection in church. Thank you. Carole.

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Readings: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end, Luke 19: 28-40

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS
6.00pm United Service at PR Baptist Church

What's on in the week beginning Monday 15th April

- Mon 15th** **8.00pm** Night prayer at St Mary's
Tues 16th **8.00pm** Night Prayer at St Mary's
Weds 17th **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
8.00pm Night Prayer at St Mary's
Thurs 18th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
7.30pm Holy Communion followed by Vigil
Fri 19th **10.00am** Act of Worship at St Mary's
10.30am Walk of Witness to Elim Church
10.30am 8 o'clock group coffee morning in Chapter house
11.00am Act of Witness outside Elim Church
2.00pm The Last Hour at St Mary's
Sat 20th **8.00pm** Easter Vigil

Sunday 21st April, Easter Day

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18

- 6.10am** CTR Sunrise Service at Whiteleaf Cross hill
8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with breaking of bread.

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

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Curate: Revd. Dan Beesley 345521;

Assistant Clergy: Revds. David & Nancy Wallace 290670;
Revds. Steve & Rose Williams 274225; Canon Nick Molony 273895;
Revd. Jenny Deverill 274269; **LLM:** Averil Stephenson 343649