



## South Wye Team Ministry Newsletter

**Sunday 28th March 2021**

### **Palm Sunday**

Hello everyone, I hope that you, and all those you love and care, for are safe and well,

The weather is picking up, more and more people are fully vaccinated and the gardeners amongst us are starting to have a lovely time. March is certainly ending on a brighter note than it started. Of course, I say this in the knowledge that usually when I comment on good weather as I write the newsletter, it is pouring down by the time anyone reads it. I hope that I haven't blighted anyone's weekend weeding or Palm Sunday processing. We return to Church – or at least to St Martin's churchyard – on Sunday for a procession and I am already worrying about the practicalities. The online communion service will go up at 10am as usual on our Facebook pages and YouTube channel. At 11am those who would like to and feel that they can do so safely will gather in a socially distant fashion to receive hygienically distributed palm crosses outside the West door. So my first worry is that the clocks change on Saturday night and there's a real risk that I'll get the start wrong. The regulations state that there should be no social interactions between the gathered households – so there's another thing to fret about. We want to livestream the procession, so there is the technology to worry about. We will walk around the churchyard – uneven surfaces, slippery grass, trip hazards – because it would break regulations to walk in a large group around the carpark - and we will not sing and we will not chat(!!!) and we will hear the stories of the first Palm Sunday and the Passion. At least my worries about that part will just be the regular vicary fretting about audibility and having enough service sheets. And what if it rains??

But just as I start to wind myself up even more than usual, the Palm Sunday story, brings me up short. A huge public outpouring of joy and celebration with palm leaves, cloaks, a huge crowd and a donkey – and no risk assessment and no apparent worries. We need a donkey? It's OK, there's one waiting for, just pop and get it. The crowd turn up, know their words without apparent training or rehearsal and bring their own props, or at least tear them off the trees for themselves. No risk assessments, no service sheets and apparently no worries. Perhaps I should just breathe and stop fretting and just enjoy this first step towards a full return to onsite services at Easter. It might not rain – and if it does, we'll walk in the rain and mark the beginning of Holy Week.

I know that each of us is dealing with worries at the moment, about health, money, anxiety about the end of restrictions or about the effects of the restriction, about family members and friends who are struggling. It is so easy to say 'don't worry' and so hard to do, but be assured of my prayers and that the whole church community are here to support and pray for you. As we move through Holy Week, let's remember that even when we are walking through the rain, Christ is walking with us.

With every blessing,

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## Family and Community News

Palm Sunday – we plan to hold an outdoor procession on Palm Sunday at St Martins' at 11am. This will be take place entirely in the Churchyard, and in accordance with Covid 19 restrictions. The procession will be livestreamed on Facebook.

We plan to hold our first onsite services in Church at St Martin's and St Peter's on Easter Sunday. *As long as it is possible within the regulations applying at the beginning of April* we plan to hold a Dawn Vigil Service at 6am, and an Easter Family Communion at 10am at St Martin's and an Easter Communion service at 11:15am at St Peter's, Bullinghope. These services will not have any hymns and they can't be followed by coffee, but it will be so wonderful to be able to worship together once again. The St Martin's service will also be livestreamed on the day.

We are sorry to hear from Joan Sharland that she has broken her wrist. She's home and feeling well in herself – and sporting a fetching mauve plaster cast! Best wishes for a speedy recovery Joan.

Don't forget **Tuesday Morning Coffee over Zoom** – although you do have to bring your own coffee these days! Everyone is welcome! find the links on Facebook at *Cosy Cuppa and a Chat* or contact Jo for details

Several slots are now available in the ever popular **St Martin's Bonus Ball Scheme**. For only £1 per week you could have the opportunity to win £25. For further information please ring me. Gillian Farlow, Treasurer. 01432 275107 or 07484 681133

The Wednesday crafting group would like to have a **Christmas installation at St Martin's**, see pic for idea. We need knitters, and help from gents and ladies with carpentry skills, and ideas as we don't want to copy. A suggestion is that we incorporate knitted scarves which could be distributed after Christmas to those in need, once washed and dried!

If you would like to be involved please contact Sue Cockroft or Jackie Nevill, we can supply yarn.

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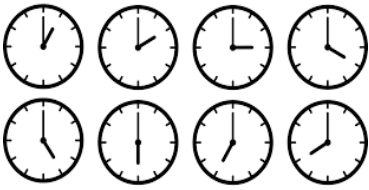
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**Volunteers needed** Are you resuming your Lockdown walks? Would you be able to include a Covid safe doorstep delivery. of our newsletters or monthly Superstars packs to addresses near you? Please let me know if you are able to help. Many thanks

Anne

## Family and Community News



**British Summer Time starts at 1am on Sunday 28th March and the clocks go forward 1 hour.**

I hope that you are enjoying our monthly Aspiration magazine during lockdown. If you are not receiving one and would like to, please leave a message on the office phone (01432 353717) and we will try to put you on our distribution list. Our distributors are obviously unable to collect any money at the moment but if you would like to put the money into the Team Office letter box that would be very helpful. Otherwise we will see you when circumstances allow.

*Gillian*

*ECHO have been part of the St Martin's Church Family for a long time, based in the St Martin's Centre.*

**Handmade Ear Savers** If you have to wear a mask for any length of time, you probably have found that your ears get sore. These relieve the pressure on the ears and also stop the mask going astray if you have to pull it down to eat or drink. They are made of acrylic yarn; they are then washed in the washing machine before being individually packaged and quarantined for 72 hours. I'm using leftover yarn and repurposed buttons. If you require a specific colour, let me know, and if I have it available, I will do my best to oblige. £35 raised so far, but I'd like to raise lots more. Tell your friends and family! Or better still, buy ear savers for them all - trust me, they'll thank you for it. To order, email Lyndsay at [lyndsay.maples@echoherefordshire.co.uk](mailto:lyndsay.maples@echoherefordshire.co.uk) £2 each plus 90p for first class postage and packaging (payable via PayPal) Buy 4, get one free. Contactless pick up can be arranged (cash on collection). All money raised will go to ECHO Herefordshire, a charity that looks after the wellbeing of people with learning disabilities.



### St Martin's Food Share

The St Martin's Food Share is going from strength to strength, helping more people each week. We have been given the opportunity to collect more waste food from across the City on Monday and Friday mornings, but David can't do it all by himself!

We are looking for someone or a team of people to volunteer to collect from supermarkets north of the river on Monday morning and deliver it to St Martin's Church by 9:30am. The timings are a bit more relaxed on Friday, but some stores require collection before 10am. If you can help please drop David a line on 07563 382872 or [david.bland@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:david.bland@hereford.anglican.org). Thank you.

*David*

# For our Prayers

## Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:

Gaynor C	Ann W	Carol	Lee	Roger	Dot G	Marcia R
Oliver	Chrissie	Hana	Joe D	Nick D	Brenda B	Immie B
Bob	Harry	Viv	Helen	Barbara W	Andrea	Marie
Emma	Marcia	Beris	Daphne	Yvonne	Rob	Marian
Doris	David	Belinda	Mel			

## Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

Eileen	Jeannette	Gordon	Pamela	Clifford	Leslie	Edward
William	Ronald	Simon	Phillip	Josie	Stephen	

## For the victims of Covid-19

Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

## For those caught up in tragedy and disaster

O Lord our God, source of all goodness and love, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## For those who are lonely

O God, our sovereign and our shepherd, who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever. Amen.

## For the healing of memory

Loving God, you are merciful and forgiving.

Grant that those who are suffering the hurts of the past may experience your generous love. Heal their memories, comfort them, and send them all from here renewed and hopeful; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For international unrest

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A prayer for God's guidance

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we ask you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Holy Week Services online and on TV and Radio

**Sunday 28th March 2021;**

**10:00am Holy Communion for Palm Sunday** - St Martin's and St Peter's Facebook pages and the St Martins YouTube channel.

An audio version of the service is also available by calling 01432 806066

There will be no onsite Sunday Services in St Martin's or St Peter's this Sunday. To listen to an audio version of the Communion service, call 01432 806066 after noon on Sunday – the service will be available for the whole week. This will cost you the same per minute as a local 'phone call. There is a message and then some silence before the service starts – don't panic, if you have heard the message then the service will start before long.

**11:00am Live stream of Palm Sunday Procession** - St Martin's Facebook

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 29th, 30th, 31st March**

**7:00pm** Accessible Night Prayer – St Martin's Facebook

**Maundy Thursday 1st April**

**10:00am** My Perspective reflection on St Martin's Facebook and YouTube channel

**Good Friday 2nd April**

**12 Noon** All Age Good Friday Service on St Martin's Facebook

**1:00pm** Meditations on St Martin's Facebook

**2:00pm** Last Hour Service on St Martin's Facebook

**Easter Sunday 3rd April**

**6:00am** Dawn Vigil Service from St Martin's livestreamed on St Martin's Facebook

**9:30am** Easter Communion from St Martin's livestreamed on St Martin's Facebook

**Diocese of Hereford**

Diocese of Hereford Facebook: Sunday Service 10am.

Diocese Freephone Prayerline: Dial 0800 304 7052 to hear a prayer.

**Church of England**

National Weekly Service Facebook at 9:00am.

TV and Radio on Sunday 28th March;

BBC H&W 8am Sunday Worship.

Radio 4 8.10 am Sunday Worship A celebration of Palm Sunday with a sermon from the winner of 2021 Theology Slam

BBC1 11am Kate Bottley introduces a service for Palm Sunday

BBC 1 1:15 pm Songs of Praise – Finding Hope Aled Jones meets a scientist from the Oxford Vaccine Team to celebrate hope

Prayer for the day:

The Church of England website has audio and text of the Prayer for the Day.

## Palm Sunday Bible Study – Mark 11:1-11

**Read the passage** When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Bible notes** Riding a horse into Jerusalem and entering its Temple is a bold prophetic sign, indicating that the promises of Israel’s deliverance are being fulfilled. The two disciples involved in the preparations are told to expect an appropriate response to the Messiah, and this is well expressed in the King James version: ‘ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.’ The ‘many people’ who greet him also understand the significance of the event. There is a celebratory mood, and the response is generous, as they contribute their cloaks. These were valuable items in themselves, worth suing someone for (Matthew 5.40), and worth repairing properly (Matt 9.16). They express Jesus’ significance, recalling the time that, hearing that Jehu was the Lord’s anointed, people ‘took their cloaks and spread them for him on the bare steps; and they blew the trumpet, and proclaimed, “Jehu is king”.’ (2 Kings 9.13). The anointing of kings is also recalled when we remember that the dying David asked that his son Solomon be allowed to ride to Gihon to be anointed and to Jerusalem to be enthroned as king: ‘and all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy’ (1 Kings 1.32-40). The unbroken horse also recalls the new cart and the previously unyoked cows that brought the ark, after its journey from the wilderness, to its final resting place in the sanctuary in Jerusalem (1 Sam 6.7; 2 Sam 6.2). By Jesus’ time Psalm 118 was used at festivals, as a prayer for the restoration of the Davidic kingdom. This is made explicit here by the addition to ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord’ (Ps 118.26) of the interpretation, ‘Blessed be the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.’ Jesus enters Jerusalem and went to the Temple, and the prophecy that began to be fulfilled by John the Baptist (Mk 1.2) is completed in Christ:

**Reflection** Spend a few moments thinking about what stands out for you from the Bible reading. This idea may help. A teacher asked students to suggest some modern-day heroes. After a thoughtful silence, one student ventured, ‘It’s difficult, because today we have celebrities rather than heroes.’ As he rode into Jerusalem Jesus seems to be both of those things: well known and acclaimed, like a celebrity; but also recognised as one who is worthy of praise. How do we see Jesus? A good person from history? A celebrity from the past? Where would we have been in that Palm Sunday crowd – on the edge and hanging back? With the crowd that acclaimed him? Or with those who turned on him days later? In today’s world, how do we show that Jesus is someone whose life, death and resurrection have meaning for us now?

### Questions for reflection

- What is the most extravagant gift you have given or received?
- What do you have to offer as a gift?

## Lent 5 Wordsearch

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