



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, in Church & via [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.

2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, Passcode **834900**

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196**

b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter Meeting Passcode: **834900** followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

A Psalm for Passion Sunday, Psalm 119. 1-16

Refrain: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

Blessed are those whose way is pure, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies and seek him with their whole heart,

Those who do no wickedness, but walk in his ways.

You, O Lord, have charged that we should diligently keep your commandments. **[R]**

O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes.

Then should I not be put to shame, because I have regard for all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgements.

I will keep your statutes; O forsake me not utterly. **[R]**

How shall young people cleanse their way to keep themselves according to your word?

With my whole heart have I sought you;

O let me not go astray from your commandments.

Your words have I hidden within my heart, that I should not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; O teach me your statutes. **[R]**

With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your commandments and contemplate your ways.

My delight shall be in your statutes and I will not forget your word. **[R]**

Faithful God, let your word be the treasure of our hearts, that we may delight in your truth and walk in the glorious liberty of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

An anthem for today

You might like to listen to [this version](#) of *O Saviour of the World* (Goss) sung by The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral, directed by John Scott, in 1991.

Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

Gospel for The Fifth Sunday of Lent, John 12. 20-33

Now 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.

Lent for Young People – Whilst it's not practical for our families to meet, do explore the links on our [Children and Young People](#) page: each week this Lent there are fresh and inspiring resources including prayers, games, quizzes and videos. **This week parents might wish to check out and then share in watching a video talk produced by The Children's Society. The talk on hope for children, young people and families in poverty is by The Rev'd Lizzi Green, a curate in West Sussex, who has personal experience of growing up in poverty.** Also -

- There's a [printable sheet on our website](#) which offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading from John 12.
- You might also like to share in this week's Godly Story, 'The Story of the Wheat', also from today's Gospel. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures, with wondering questions for families to share together. The video's on YouTube [here](#).

If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart, please make your prayer request to the coordinator: diane.pettitt@hotmail.com / 461845. Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request won't lead to further contact or action.



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 21st March 2021 Passion Sunday



The church is open for personal prayer from 11am to 1pm every day (not Thursday 25th March due to work in church).

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Piano music is played on Tuesdays 11-11:30am and on Fridays 12-12.30pm.

Keeping in touch – With so much disruption to church worship and activities over the past 11 months now, it has been hard to keep as connected as a community as we'd like. We've tried, through general email and website messages, hard-copy delivery to those not online, plus phone calls, personal emails, letters and even Zoom-chats, to offer ways of staying in touch. Thanks to all the very many people who have played a part in that, and for all the informal reaching-out that has been going on so that we can support one another. Above all let's keep one another in our regular prayers. But if you feel you've 'slipped the net' and missed having contact with anyone from church for a while, do let the Parish Office know by phone, letter or email. A member of the ministry team will be happy to be in touch, to talk and listen, as we try to stay connected and help one another, while pandemic and lock down persist. Thank you.

The Charities Support Group Lent Red Bucket Appeal – We'll split the money between Mary's Meals, who we always support through our Lent Lunches, and The Church Army. To find out more about the charities and how to donate, please see our website's [CSG page](#). Red Buckets will also be in church at our services. Donations for The Bible Course resource can be made to Mary's Meals via the same link.

Families Minister Working Group – "Whilst our youngsters have been able to take part in some church activities during the Covid crisis, including some excellent online material, we have all keenly felt their absence in church over these past few months. A year is an awfully long time in the life of a child, and with that in mind a group of us (on behalf of the PCC) have been looking at what face to face activities involving children and their families we might be able to start - as soon as this can be done safely. An essential element in this 'recovery' phase will involve reactivating the recruitment process for a Families Minister at St Michael's (which we had to pause last year) as soon as it is possible to do so. If you have an interest in this area of our work and would like to join the group dealing with this, or have any other suggestions or comments about children's worship, please email me at bill.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk. Many thanks. Bill".

Information on the Families Minister post as advertised last year is available [here](#).

Palm Crosses – This year we'd like to offer the opportunity to make a palm cross as a spiritual exercise. There are palm fronds in the North porch available for collection when you come to church for worship/prayer. [Click on this YouTube link for a helpful tutorial on making palm crosses](#) or see our website for a leaflet with diagrams / written instructions.

Zoom prayer with June on Mondays – A support chat and prayer room each week. If you're interested in joining, do call her for more details (771756).

Prayers for our Community via Zoom, Saturday 20th March 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer (ID 458 034 0358, Passcode 435609). All welcome.

Ten minute 'Prayer During the Day' (church and Zoom) – 12noon on Tuesday 23rd and 30th March (846 662 9590 / 834900). See [Lent & Easter page](#) for service sheet.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 24th March, 10am – On Wednesday we will have a service of Holy Communion, in church and via Derwyn's Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).

Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter

For more details see our website [Lent and Easter page](#)

Sunday 21 March onwards 11am-1pm Church open for prayer, including stations for reflection for all ages on the 'Way of the Cross', then ...

Sunday 28 March onwards There will also be a special prayer corner where you might like to pray, light a candle or write a prayer on a paper cross and hang it beside the cross.

Palm Sunday 28 March 8am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word including blessing of palms (*via Zoom also*)

Maundy Thursday 1 April 7:30pm Holy Communion with Music (*via Zoom also*)

Good Friday 2 April 9am-3pm Church open for extended prayer
12noon Good Friday Service with music (*via Zoom also*)

Saturday 3 April 10am-1pm Church open for extended prayer

Easter Sunday 4 April 8am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word (*via Zoom also*)
11am-1pm Church open for Prayer, including Easter Resurrection story flowers

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents a Lockdown Passion Play – Filmed remotely in lockdown, Breaking Day by Les Ellison is an innovative passion play for Easter 2021, immersing us with stark intimacy in decisions that led to crucifixion.

Available to stream 19th March-15th April. Tickets £10 per household and can be purchased from the Riding Lights website: www.ridinglights.org/breaking-day

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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