

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTWOOD

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The Rector's usual weekly day off is a Monday

13 APRIL 2025 PALM SUNDAY



**Welcome to our Service today
And welcome if you are reading this at home**

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Holy Communion

435 – Ride on, ride on in majesty

346 – My song is love unknown

549 – When I survey the wondrous cross

389 – O sacred head surrounded

THE COLLECT

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.**

FIRST READING

Philippians 2. 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue the glory of God the Father.

PALM GOSPEL READING

Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set

Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

PASSION GOSPEL READING

Luke 22.14-end 23

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.**

NOTICES

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS –

please send any messages *by the end of a Wednesday* to Netty on:
beneficeoffice@htboa.org

COPYING, PRINTING, POSTERS – please send to Netty on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

WEEKLY PRAYERS at noon every Thursday in the Saxon Church for Israel and Palestine using prayer from Sabeel based in Jerusalem, 11.50 - 12.10. Everyone warmly welcome.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – Wednesdays from 10am-12noon, Holy Trinity will be holding a weekly community café – coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided on a donation basis.

HOLY WEEK HYMN & PRAYERS – Monday 14, Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 @ 11am in St Mary, Westwood – all welcome

ELECTORAL ROLL AND APCM - Thank you to our Electoral Roll Officers. Please do all sign up for the Electoral Roll. We look forward to your being with us. The Electoral Roll changes every six years, and those who are already on the Electoral renew and refresh their details at this time. If you are new to the community, please do sign up. Thank you. Our work towards the APCMs is underway and we look forward to sharing the details and news of the year to date, as well as looking forwards with everyone. Thank you. Yours Jenny

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - Welcome to Palm Sunday. Today, we walk together. Jesus Christ is in our midst. We accompany him, he accompanies us. Jesus is always present among us, through the reading of scriptures, in the bread and wine over which we give thanks and share; the liturgy moves us through the week, beginning with the high point of the triumphal entry. Yet, as we read on, we witness Jesus engaging in controversy, even dramatically turning over the tables of the money changers. Those hosannas fade as we journey further into the week, experiencing Compline on Monday - Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services, Holy Saturday. Yet, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection on Easter morning, and as we encounter Christ throughout the journey, in the scriptures, in the meal, in the brokenness, it is wonderful good news, gospel good news, that we can meet Christ in all these ways.

A WARM INVITATION FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY - for volunteers for the symbolic Washing of Feet in the Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Trinity on 17th April. Please be in touch with Jenny or Netty for further details. Thank you.

WESTWOOD BELLS - Anne Willis has written a history of Westwood bells which can be found on <https://sdgr.org.uk/westwood-bells>

DIGITAL MISSION - Please get in touch with Jenny if you would like to help with the digital mission for our benefice. Thank you.

SUE RYDER GRIEF KIND SPACE AT THE HUB runs weekly on Thursdays from 2-4pm. It is a drop-in group so no need to register: just turn up on the day at any time during the 2-hour slot. You can find support and meet other people who are going through a similar experience.

SAFEGUARDING - In setting minds at rest, a newspaper article last week about safeguarding (which concerned some who volunteer in the church) referred to those with 'positions of responsibility and to leaders in the church', with people already aware they need to complete training. This is already underway, and we will run sessions with those eligible soon and who would like support. However, we would also welcome anyone who feels they would like to know more about safeguarding to join us. If you have any concerns, or to express an interest, please feel welcome to get in touch. Andrea Unwin

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - St Mary Tory. First Thursday of the month is 1 May. Everyone is welcome to join us at the pilgrim chapel 6-7pm.

THIS WEEK @ HT

MORNING PRAYER – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday @ 8.30am – everyone welcome

COMPLINE WITH DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @ 6pm

SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors' – Theme: Hymns and Readings for Holy Week and Easter. Last Saxon Club until 29 April.

HOLY COMMUNION – Wednesday @ 9.30am

COMMUNITY CAFE – Wednesday, 10am – 12noon. All welcome.

LENT COURSE – Wednesday, 10am-11.30am

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ – Thursday @ 11am-12.30pm – lots of fun, music and good company.

BENEFICE MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER – Thursday @ 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE -Friday @ 10am - a pop-up service for children and their families – drama of the Good Friday

WALK OF WITNESS – Good Friday @ 11am - meet at Westbury Gardens. Stopping around town for bible readings, prayers and hymns and ending at Christ Church for coffee and hot cross buns.

BENEFICE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY – Friday @ 2pm – Liturgy of the Last Hour with Veneration of the Cross and Distribution of the Sacrament

BENEFICE HOLY SATURDAY REFLECTION @ 4pm

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

ASCENSION DAY – Thursday 29 May. 10am Benefice Ascension Day service, St Mary Tory
6.30pm Ascension Communion

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Lesley & David Chalmers, Betty & Doug Hancock, Mary Needham & Joan Windel.

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died.

Please let Revd Jenny, Marlene (LPA) and Tony Haffenden (LPA) know of any pastoral need, including prayer.

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- A spiritual Holy Week
- All on holiday, especially children
- Local retailers
- The recently bereaved
- The King
- Those who are terminally ill

We continue to work together in our shared commitment to Safeguarding: **‘The Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield takes its responsibilities surrounding the safeguarding of children, young people, and adults who may be at risk, very seriously. We work in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury to ensure that we work in accordance with best practices at all times.’**

SAFEGUARDING - If you have any Safeguarding concerns please speak to the clergy or our Safeguarding Adviser for the Benefice:

Andrea Unwin 07553161654

Email: safeguarding@htboa.org

If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from: safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org to speak to a caseworker, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor 01722 438651 and press option 3

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Readings:

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