

Welcome

Week beginning Sunday 29th March
Palm Sunday

Dear Friends,

One of the greatest advantages of being part of a team is that our churches offer such a wide variety of different styles of worship. This is very true as we begin Holy Week. There are so many opportunities to walk alongside our Lord as we remember his great sacrifice and infinite love for us lived out through the events of his suffering and death and as we celebrate the power of that boundless love which overcomes, even the power of death in his resurrection at Easter.

Through our different services we can witness the joy of the crowds at Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. This bitter-sweet moment is marked in a variety of ways in our different churches.

Our journey through Holy Week continues and right in the middle of it we have Maundy Thursday. So much happens on this day. Jesus has the last supper with his disciples; that great symbol of our incarnate God giving his very self for every single human being out of love for every single one of us. We commemorate this event most regularly at Holy Communion. It is also on this occasion that Jesus washes the feet of his disciples giving us that amazing truth that the God of all creation has come into this world he created as a servant to even the lowliest of us, his beloved children. His hands of service are stretched out in love, even to those who are considered unlovable or those who consider themselves unlovable.

We are swept along in the events that follow. The violence of Jesus' arrest; the desertion by those who considered themselves his friends; the cruel spite and viciousness of those who could not accept Jesus' message at his trial.

Good Friday brings the ordeal in the praetorium. The jeering, the scourging, the violent hatred of the baying mob who cry for Jesus' blood. Jesus quietly endures this out of love for those who hate.

The awful death of crucifixion where the cross, this symbol of suffering and humiliation, becomes the throne of grace on which, as we hear in St John's Gospel, Jesus is enthroned drawing all people to the foot of that cross. God's greatest glory is in the giving of his very self and all that he is out of love for all people.

On Holy Saturday we rest. The traumatic ordeal and suffering came to a merciful end when Christ gave up his life – this event which was also his greatest triumph. His greatest act of love has been accomplished.

On Easter we greet our risen Lord as we celebrate the amazing power of God's Love which even overcomes the power of death. Sin and darkness have been utterly defeated and Love prevails.

We live in a beautiful world but at times we may despair when we see the suffering in so many places. Those times when it seems darkness and sin, not love have the upper hand. This may seem like this to us but God continues to bring about his plans in God's own time. The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word, Mandatum from which we derive the legal term "mandate". This comes from Jesus words to his disciples; "A new Commandment (Mandatum) I give you; that you love one another. As I have loved you; so you must love one another." John 13: 34 – 35

This is what Holy Week and Easter is about. This is the Easter invitation to us.

With best wishes to you all, Reverend Philip Elliott

Readings

Matthew 21. 1-11 Psalm 118. 19-24

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

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Worship Room Prayer Meeting

7.30pm Saturday 25th April
St Andrew's Church Rooms.

A time to worship Jesus in spirit and in truth.
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Nick Capaldi

Singer/Songwriter

7pm Saturday 25th April
St Nicholas Church, Broadway. DT3 6DN
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Village Market & Coffee Morning

10am - 12.30pm Saturday 4th April

St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston. DT3 6BU
Crafts, Plants, Cakes, Cards, Jewellery, produce,
preserves and more.
Refreshments - Free admission

Good Friday 3rd April

Walk of Witness

Leaving from The Oasis Café at 10.15am, walking to St John's Church to join the Procession of the Cross at 11am and then continuing on to New Bond Street (outside The Range) for the service at 11.30am.

Do feel free to join us at any point on this journey!

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

6.30am Sunday 5th April

On the beach near the Jubilee Clock.
Refreshments will be served

Easter Lilies/Flowers

Donations, in memory of a loved one at St Andrew's & St Osmund's.



St Andrew's

Caroline Crisp - c.crisp274@gmail.com

St Osmund's

Carol Sutton - 01305 779353

Dr Jazz

7.30pm 18th April

Easy listening from the golden age of jazz.

St Andrew's Church Rooms

Tickets £10

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