



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership (Baptist, Church of England, Methodist, URC)

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223^{AD}

Palm Sunday 29th March

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Maggie Prisk)

Readings: Matthew 21:1-11 (p.935); Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 (p.588);

Service: Alan and Marjorie; Reader: Ros; Prayers: Angela; Music: Diana; Tea: Sally;

The **clocks** went forward 1 hour at 1am last night. We hope you remembered and were not late.

Good Friday 3rd April

12.00pm Morning Worship (led by Revd Phil Dunning)

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53.12 (p.702); John 18:1-19:42 (p.1025);

Service: Andrew ; Reader Alan; Music Beryl;

Easter Day 5th April

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Revd Phil Dunning)

Readings: Acts 10:34-43 (p.1043); John 20:1-18 (p.1028);

Service: Andrew and Chris; Reader: David; Prayers: Karen; Music: Beryl; Tea: Ghislaine;

St Lawrence is a family friendly church; Children are very welcome

Reflection

The Palms stretch down their fronds in worship's grace.

The stones prepare to sing the welcoming,
And streets shine out with joy from every face
who strain to see the coming of the king.

The shouts and cries of laughter echo round.

Expectant hope appears to dance and sing.

Yet, writhing through this crowd and gaining ground,
the darkness waits to swallow everything.

Yet he who is the donkey's gentle load,
knows crowds are shallow in their worshipping.

He sees ahead, upon his Friday-road,
a hill, a cross and thorns to crown a king.

Fr Mark Skelton, Plymouth Diocese.

God Bless, Maggie



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

• A sense of God's presence wherever services are held this Holy Week, reflecting on events leading to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

- For all around the world in war-torn areas - and for peace.
- For children and families as schools start their Easter break.

We pray for the families and friends of Lewis , David , Richard and others recently bereaved. May they know God's peace and comfort.

We pray for those in particular need, including Sylvia; Jane; Joan; Eileen; Nimmi; Esther; Ray; Jill; Paul; Ann; Clare; and others known personally to us.

- To add prayers contact Beryl •

Our Mission Focus in March is World Vision which works in almost 100 countries. It goes where the need is greatest to help children in emergencies, extreme poverty or facing abuse or exploitation. See worldvision.org.uk

HYMNS TODAY

9 All glory, laud and honour
580 Ride on, ride on in majesty
220 He is Lord. He is Lord
988 How deep the Father's love
457 Make way, make way

Minister Today is Maggie Prisk a regular here and most usually found at Christchurch. Please give our usual warm welcome.

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Gardening Club 10-12pm;
Bell ringing 7.45pm
Fri Martial Arts Club 7pm

NEWS & NOTICES

Weekly Prayer meeting There is a weekly prayer meeting in the Church prior to the start of worship each week. All are welcome.

Live Streaming please note we will not be live streaming from Sundays 5th April to 10th May.

Communion We have been standing a little too close to the arch making distribution difficult. Several ideas had been discussed, now a strip of rubber is put on the floor in front of the arch, this



was kindly donated by Andrew. We ask that we do not stand beyond this strip, giving room for the minister and assistant to give the sacrament.

Palms In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the temple. In medieaval England, Palm Sunday was frequently marked by the burning of Jack o' Lent figures. This was a straw effigy which would be paraded on Ash Wednesday, and kept in the parish. It was popularly supposed to represent Judas. It could also have represented Winter, whose burning prepares the way for Spring. Jack o' Lent is mentioned in Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor*

ECO CHURCH

Eco-Tip there is a refill shop called "Nothing Wasted", 105 High Street, Newport Pagnell. You take along an empty container, weigh it, then fill it from their large containers. They sell cup-

board staples such as pasta and cereals, dried fruit, cleaning products and toiletries.

Green Giving Cards Introduced a long time ago by Andy, they are there for those who give by other means to add something at offering during the service. Rev Phil Dunning has said these cards emphasise our giving and they are blessed when brought forward, sharing in our giving, please feel free to use them.

Lent prayer of giving Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to you. **Amen.**

Prayer 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**

From Today's Readings

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:9

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Clocks go forward 29th Mar
- Good Friday service 3rd April 12pm
- Easter Day 5th April
- Service at 9.30am 17th May
- Whitsun 24th May
- Service at 9.30am 31st May

Church photocopier is now at church house

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike

A negative mind will never give you a positive life

Anon

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. What was the name of Rene's wife in "Allo Allo"

Answer: Edith



COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**

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CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE from Beryl

Venezuela Leaders in the Socialist Union of Venezuela Party (PSUV) are responsible for extensive violations of human rights including freedom of religion or belief. All religious leaders, even those who benefit from government programs and other forms of preferential treatment, are under **constant surveillance**. Many now practice a form of **self-censorship** both publicly and privately out of concern that a government informant might be listening. A pastor reported: *'It's very common to see people we've never met before, listening carefully and taking notes.'* Please pray for clergy who have faced threats or arrest for speaking out. Pray for restoration across the country where years of repression and corruption have left communities exhausted and fearful. Ask God to open the way for genuine reforms.