



Palm Sunday

Sunday 29th March 2026

“ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

This week



10:30am – Holy Communion for Palm Sunday
Rev Alison Sowton

Monday 30th



9:30am Morning Prayer
10am – 12pm Coffee Morning
11am Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 31st



10am – 12pm Coffee Morning
11am Stations of the Cross

Wed'sday 1st



10am – 12pm Coffee Morning
11am Stations of the Cross

Please note Goldies aren't meeting this week but will meet next week instead.

Maundy Thursday 2nd



No Holy Communion Service as we join the Chrism service at Bristol Cathedral at 10.30am

Good Friday 3rd



No coffee morning or Welcome Space provision today due to Bank Holiday.

2pm – Last Hour Service

Holy Saturday 4th

No Coffee morning
2:30pm Shirehampton Area Choir present 'The Cross of Christ'

Easter Sunday 5th



6:20am – Easter Sunrise Service in churchyard with fire pit, *followed by breakfast butties.*

10:30am – Family Easter Service with Easter Egg hunt afterwards.
Rev Alison Sowton
Please remember to bring your Easter Bonnet competition entry!

Easter Monday 6th



No coffee Morning due to Bank Holiday. We open as usual for the remainder of the week ahead.

Easter Monday

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If you would like to contribute towards Easter flowers, please speak with Jill Eynon. Thank you.



Wednesday 8th April 10:30 am - Goldies is taking place a week later than usual, due to Stations of the Cross taking place on Wednesday 1st April. Thanks to Shelley Cox and all attendees for being so accommodating..

Monday 20th April 7-8pm – Boxing@St.Mary's for 10 to 17 year olds with coach Nat. Sessions will run during term times, entry is free and places must be booked in advance via email: nat@stmarysshire.org. This is an exciting new venture for St Mary's and we pray for a positive impact on young people in our community.



The Bereavement Journey, a course led by Alison, will take place on **Thursday afternoons**

at 2 to 4pm from April 30th at St Mary's Church, Shirehampton. This is a 6-week course with an optional 7th week added at the end. The course is free to attend and is for anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way. To find out more or to book your place, please contact the church office – you can leave a phone message on 0117 907 7026 or email office@stmarysshire.org Please share details with those you think will be interested.

For your prayers: Maureen M, Muriel V, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve, Dot, Sue S, Owen T, Paul, Jean E, Kate, Pam, Marilyn, Ron B, Lucy.

Recently bereaved:
Please pray for the family and friends of Claire Bush.

From our Parish Prayer list for April

Grove Leaze, Springfield Avenue,
Burnham Road, Passage Leaze,
Springfield Lawns, Station Road,
Hung Road, Penhill Care Home &
Mama Bears Pre-School & Nursery



Voluntary Hymns Lament M Archer
All glory, laud and honour
Ride on, ride on in majesty
My song is love unknown
Communion O sacred head sore wounded
Jesus is the name we honour
Voluntary Rockingham M Archer

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**

Post Communion Prayer

God has called us to journey for a season through the wilderness places;

And so, as Jesus did before us, we will set out once more to wander in an uncomfortable landscape and wrestle with its challenges, that through the tempering action of the Spirit, we may emerge ready to do the work of the Kingdom. Amen

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, •
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Matthew 21.1-11

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Easter Sunday – Sunday 5th March

Readings to be confirmed