



**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

“ ‘Praise Him!’ ‘Welcome! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!’ “

## Upcoming Diary

**TODAY**



**9.45am** – Combined Family Service with Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton  
Rev Sonia Home (preach)  
Amy Boucher

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**No coffee as the church is closed for school event**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**



**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning – our Easter Maze is open to explore



**7.30pm** Area Choir rehearsals

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning and Easter Maze



**3 - 6pm Pop Up Event**

Come explore our interactive and sensory Easter Maze.

**Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**No Holy Communion Service** as we join the Maundy Thursday service at Bristol Cathedral at 10.30am

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**No coffee morning or Warm Space** food provision today due to Bank Holiday.



**2pm** – Last Hour Service

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**No Coffee morning**

**2.30pm** Shirehampton Area Choir perform ‘Penitence, Pardon & Peace’

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**HE IS RISEN**



**6.30am** – Easter Sunrise Service in churchyard, *followed by bacon butties*.

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

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

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



We hope many of you will be able step into our time machine this week and experience the Biblical world of Jesus through our interactive and sensory maze. **Tuesday's** and **Wednesday's** sessions run between **10am and 12pm** during our coffee mornings.

An additional **Wednesday session runs at 3pm – 6pm**, where younger families are invited to journey with Jesus. Refreshments will be available.



For our **Easter Competition**, we ask you to decorate a hard-boiled egg. Let your imagination

run wild and bring along to the Easter service for a chance to win an Easter prize. Competition categories for young children, older children and adults too!

**The Bereavement Journey** returns in April, taking place on **Wednesday afternoons at 2 to 4pm from April 24<sup>th</sup> at St Edyth's Church, Sea Mills**. Please contact the church office for more details or to book – you can leave a phone message or email [office@stmarysshire.org](mailto:office@stmarysshire.org)

**Kitsugi Hope** sessions resume on **18<sup>th</sup> April at St Peter's Church, Lawrence Weston**. To book, please contact Rebecca – [reb.asma@outlook.com](mailto:reb.asma@outlook.com) 07790 443 562.

If you are able to help run a creche at these sessions, she would love to hear from you!

**For your prayers:** Janet S, Maureen M, Sheila S, Julie M, Alexandra, Logan, Solveig G, Vicki C, Sue S, Maureen G, Graham, June B, Michael C, Owen.

**From our Parish Prayer list for March** – The Portway



**Songs**            Make way, make way  
                      Hosanna, hosanna  
                      We believe in God the Father (screen)  
                      Ride on, ride on in majesty!

**Communion**    Our Father in heaven (*music by Alan Gibson*)  
                      Jesus is the name we honour (screen)

### **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.**

## **Mark 11: 1 - 11**

11 Jesus and his followers were coming closer to Jerusalem. They came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. There Jesus sent two of his followers to do something. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "Go to the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will find a young donkey that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkey, tell them, 'The Master needs it. He will send it back soon.'"

<sup>4</sup> The followers went into the town. They found a young donkey tied in the street near the door of a house, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup> Some people were standing there and saw this. They asked, "What are you doing? Why are you untying that donkey?" <sup>6</sup> The followers answered the way Jesus told them, and the people let them take the donkey.

<sup>7</sup> The followers brought the donkey to Jesus. They put their coats on it, and Jesus sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their coats on the road for Jesus. Others cut branches in the fields and spread the branches on the road. <sup>9</sup> Some of them were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking behind him. Everyone shouted,

"Praise Him!"

'Welcome! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'

<sup>10</sup> "God bless the kingdom of our father David.

That kingdom is coming!

Praise to God in heaven!"

<sup>11</sup> Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the Temple. He looked at everything in the Temple area, but it was already late. So he went to Bethany with the twelve apostles.

## **Easter Sunday - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**