



13th April 2025
Palm Sunday

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Church Decorating

This Saturday, 19th April, is your chance to join the team between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. Alternatively, you may wish to donate cash via Pat Snell, Liz Holland or a churchwarden, or to give flowers/greenery on the day.



10.00 am Music

Processional hymns	13	All Glory, Laud and Honour
	183	Give Me Joy in My Heart
	567	Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Offertory hymn	457	My Song is Love Unknown
Recessional hymn	92	Christ Triumphant

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 14th April

John 12: 1 – 11

10.30 am Holy Communion, Kingsgate

12.00 noon Eucharist

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 15th April

John 12: 20 – 36

2.30 pm Lent course in the committee room

6.00 pm Eucharist

Wed 16th April

John 13: 21 – 32

12.00 pm Eucharist

Thu 17th April

John 13: 1 – 7 & 31b – 35

10.30 am Chrism Mass, Exeter Cathedral

7.00 pm Parish Eucharist followed by The Watch

Fri 18th April

John 18 & 19

9.30 am All-age service followed by hot cross buns and activities in the hall

1.00 pm Stations of the Cross

2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Sat 19th April

John 19: 38 – 42

10.00 am Church decorating

9.00 pm Easter Vigil followed by refreshments in the church

Next Sunday: 20th April

Easter Sunday

Luke 24: 1 – 12

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

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.

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Second 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 should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading: Luke 19: 28-40

Jesus 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.'

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.