



29th March 2026
Palm Sunday

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Notices

Volunteers Needed

Looking to become more involved at St James'? We are especially looking for volunteers for the offertory, chalice and sidesperson roles. Please speak to Rachel or Sue, our churchwardens, or email the church office, to find out more.

Baptism and Confirmation

If you are thinking about being baptised or confirmed, and would like to know more, please speak to Joan Ridgway.

TODAY

11.30 noon Fairtrade stall in the hall
12.00 noon St Mary's JSOC in the church

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.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn

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

554 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 30th March

John 12: 1 – 11

6.00 pm Eucharist

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 31st March

John 12: 20 – 36

12.00 noon Eucharist

1.00 pm Interment of ashes

Wed 1st April

John 13: 21 – 32

12.00 noon Eucharist

3.30 pm Messy Church

Thu 2nd April

John 13: 1 – 7 & 31 – 35

10.30 am Chrism Eucharist,
Exeter Cathedral

7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Parish

Eucharist followed by

The Watch

Fri 3rd April

John 18: 1 – 9: 42

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

1.00 pm Stations of the Cross

2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Sat 4th April

John 11: 45 – 57

10.00 am Church decorating for Easter

8.00 pm Easter Vigil

Next Sunday: 5th April

Easter Sunday

John 20: 1 – 18

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist



Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9

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 awakens – awakens 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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

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: Matthew 21: 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘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.’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

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.

