

## 14th April 2019 — Palm Sunday

### WAIT and SEE.

Today is Palm Sunday and the first day of Holy Week. Holy week, the most special week in the year gives us opportunity to recognize the Holiness of God and our own Holiness within our faith. "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ" (Philippians 5.2) We might wonder if Jesus 'arranged' this opportunity for people to recognize him and praise him On his joyous ride, - if only on a lowly donkey - to Jerusalem. His disciples knew he was travelling into danger but only Jesus knew just what that might entail. There were some of the Pharisees in the crowd who asked Him to order his Disciples to stop shouting but he replied "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Maybe the joyous walk gave the disciples the opportunity to 'wait and see' in order to understand their relationship with Jesus. We know that Judas Iscariot underestimated his love for Jesus and put thirty pieces of silver first only to find he could not live with the burden of guilt. Peter over estimated his love and by his denial found the gift of forgiveness.

As we walk through Holy Week may we give ourselves time to 'wait and see' where our relationship with God is, how it has changed and how our faith could be better understood.

I would love to live  
Like a river flows,  
Carried by surprise  
Of its own unfolding.

(John O'Donohue)

*Daphne Himmel*

*Growing in Faith,  
Reaching Out  
to All*

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We welcome all, especially visitors and those attending for the first time. If you need gluten free wafers at Communion, please speak to someone at the door before the service.

**Please take this newsletter home with you for the week ahead.**

Please stay after the morning service for tea and coffee, to meet folk and ask any questions. God Bless

# READINGS - for you to use today and during the week

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## 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.**

## A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Philippians

*Philippians 2:5-11*

### *The Hymn of Christ's Glory*

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **THE PALM GOSPEL READING**

*When the Gospel is announced, the Reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)**

<sup>28</sup> Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, <sup>30</sup> ‘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. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this, “The Lord needs it.”’ <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ <sup>34</sup> They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> 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, <sup>38</sup> saying, ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’ <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ <sup>40</sup> He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

*At the end, the Reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***)

## **THE PASSION GOSPEL** (Luke 22:14-23:56)

*(It is traditional to stand for the Passion Gospel, but do feel free to sit if you would prefer, perhaps standing at the words, ‘When they came to the place that is called The Skull,’ if you wish. There are no responses to the Gospel.)*

*Please join in the following parts:*

**Evangelist:** Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him:

**Crowd:** **Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?...**

*Pilate:* ...I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

*Evangelist:* Then they all shouted out together:

*Crowd:* **Away with this fellow. Release Barabbas for us.**

*Evangelist:* (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting out,

*Crowd:* **Crucify, crucify him!...**

*Evangelist:* ...And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying:

*Crowd:* **He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**

*Evangelist:* The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying:

*Crowd:* **If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!....**

*At the end a reader says:*

This is the Passion of the Lord

*No response is made*

*A period of silence is kept*

(c) *New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.*

## **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.

**AMEN.**

**EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN** : Please send all requests for prayer to [prayer@avp-benefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@avp-benefice.org.uk). If you feel able to commit to regular prayer for those on the list and wish to become a prayer partner, please make contact via the above e-mail address.



**GARY OUT & ABOUT** : Gary will be at the Holy Week Services and other events this week, while also catching up from being away, and preparing for Easter

**EASTER JOURNEY PACKS** : We have some Easter Journey Packs (which will be available at Fordingbridge and Hyde this week) — they are small postcards, one for each day telling the story of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Do pick up a pack, they also include links to accompanying videos.

**THANK YOU to our Churchwardens retiring from Fordingbridge** : Thank you to Judith Dowsett and Jane Calver for their unstinting support and valuable service—Judith served for 7 years and Jane for 6 years, during which time they tirelessly gave their time and energies to the parish. Thank you from Gary and Ian (Newman)

**THANK YOU for the lovely gift!** What a surprise it was for us both to be presented with a beautiful Viburnum Burkwoodii, complete with inscribed plaque at the recent APCM. Thank you to Fordingbridge PCC and all the parishioners for such a delightful and fragrant reminder of our time as Churchwardens; it has been a privilege to serve the parish in this way. Congratulations to Ian Newman on his election to Churchwarden, and we very much hope that he will not be on his own for long. Jane and Judith

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 19th. Churches Together Walk of Witness** - There will be a short All-Age Service at St Mary's, Fordingbridge at 11.00, then, after a short break, at 11.40, the Walk of Witness leaves the Church and moves to Market Square (by Price's the Butcher) for the Service at 12.00. All welcome to any or all parts of the morning.

**PALM SUNDAY at HYDE** : The procession with donkeys will start at Hyde School at 9.30am (children may come along in costume). This will be followed by a family-friendly communion at Hyde Church at 10am.

**MAUNDY SERVICE of SHADOWS at HYDE** : This service will commence at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Heather Clark or Kate Wilson as it also includes a meal and numbers have to be known for catering purposes.

**ST MARY'S FORDINGBRIDGE** : new Readers, Sides-persons or Vergers needed. We would like to encourage you to join one or more of the above teams who keep our services at St Mary's Fordingbridge running smoothly. If you are interested or unsure of what is required please talk to the wardens, clergy or myself. Many thanks, Ann Beynon

**AN INVITATION** : from Downton Baptist Church, South Lane, SP5 3NA: Saturday 27 April, 9.30 - 12.30 to join them writing letters of encouragement to persecuted Christians and their families. Information, resources & refreshment provided. PLUS: a children's table for children to create cards for the children of prisoners. Contact Pat Bloomfield 837735 if interested.

**BISHOP'S COMMISSION FOR MISSION (BCM):** In the Partnership we have a number of people who have trained as Lay Worship Leaders or Pastoral Visitors or Children's Workers on the BCM Course - and we'd love more! Two new courses are beginning in the summer, this time at Highcliffe - not too far away.

There is a **Taster Evening** (with no obligation to join afterwards) for any who might be interested on **15<sup>th</sup> April at St Mark's Highcliffe from 7pm to 8.30pm**. This is open to all and is an opportunity to find out more about the BCM and how it works. Please can you share this information with anyone you think might be interested - and speak to someone from the Ministry Team if you are interested in going. There are more details on the News page of our website.

**MICHAELMAS :** The next meeting of the Michaelmas group will be on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Methodist church hall. Our speaker will be Mike Trotman and he will be tackling what sounds like a challenging topic: "Evidence for the Resurrection". Do come and join us.

**WEDDING FAIR :** Sunday 28 April, 11am to 3pm. All are welcome to the Wedding Fair being held jointly at St Mary's Hale and Hale Park —many local wedding suppliers will be attending inc photographers, flowers, cars, dresses, food wine and more.

**FINAL LENT LUNCH :** Don't miss the final lent lunch for 2019 on Wednesday 17 April, 12.15pm – 1.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall. We're delighted that Children's Society representative Rev John Houghton will join us and will be presented with the donation from St Mary's. Trudi with Traidcraft will be there too. Come and enjoy the traditional Holy Week multi-choice soup menu and possibly soup take-aways. Thank you for all your help and support this Lent. Martin and Jane Calver.

**TRAIDCRAFT at St Mary's Fordingbridge:** I will be setting up shop on April 17th at the Lent Lunch in the Church Hall. Thank you for your support, Trudi.

**FORDINGBRIDGE CHORAL SOCIETY** present Puccini's "Messa di Gloria" and other Italian classic favourites here in St Mary's Church on Saturday 27th April 2019 at 7 30pm - a post-Easter treat for everyone. Tickets available in advance at £12 from Fordingbridge Bookshop or online at [www.fordingbridgechoral.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.fordingbridgechoral.ticketsource.co.uk) and at the door on the night for £15. We'll be joined by soloists Hugh and Xavier Hetherington and accompanied by the Edwards Ensemble. Wonderful music in the heart of Fordingbridge.

**CHURCH OFFICE :** will be closed on Monday 15th April (and on Good Friday and Easter Monday)

**PARTNERS DEADLINE :** Please note that the deadline for Partners this week is 12noon on Wednesday 17th April.

**WOODGREEN model steam rally and model exhibition :** 4th/5th May 2019, 10am to 5pm in Woodgreen Village Hall. Please come and support us, raising money for C.L.A.P.A and Alzheimer's Society. Live steam and model layouts; Arts and crafts in the church; Home made refreshments. Suitable for all the family

**BIG CHURCH LUNCH!** On Sunday 12 May, at Burgate School, from 12.30-3pm, you are invited by Churches Together in Fordingbridge and District to a delicious Hog Roast lunch (with a veggie option). Tickets will be available soon £2 each. (Be warned: I might be asking for offers of salads or puds nearer the time!) If the weather is wet we shall be under cover in the school. If fine, bring your deckchairs! Make a diary note. Pat Bloomfield, CTFD Rep. Tel 01425 837735

**T.O.F.S.S. (Too Old For Sunday School)** will be meeting after Easter, at 15 Provost Street, at 10.45am, to watch a DVD, discuss it, and to pray. Thursdays 25 April, 23 May, 13 & 27 June. Newcomers welcome. Light refreshments. Further details from John or Pat Bloomfield 837735.

**KINKIIZI SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** : If anyone might be interested in going to Kinkiizi for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Diocese in April/May 2020, these are the brief details-depart Gatwick 28 April, after rest day attend weeklong celebrations finishing with the closing celebrations on Sunday 10 May, travel back, arriving at Gatwick 12 May. Folk in Kinkiizi are already very excited about the Jubilee and are eager to welcome as many of us as possible. Accommodation likely to be in one of 2 Diocesan Guest Houses. Estimated cost around £1000 per person (includes airfare, road travel & accommodation). More information from Gary or Nicky.

**NEW CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SHOP arrives on Fordingbridge High Street** : New Life Community Church would like to invite you to the opening of The Branch, 1 High Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1AS, on Saturday 20th April from 10am-2pm. There will be a selection of books for sale from The Good Book Company and other merchandise. They plan to use the space as a hub to serve the community, offering baby massage for new parents, money management workshops & bereavement counselling, with courses like Alpha being planned. If you can't manage that date, drop in and meet the team. They look forward to meeting you.

**REFLECTION** : Last week in our Lent Group we looked at the Lord's Prayer. We reflected on each line and discussed how our faith is structured on the lines of this prayer which Jesus gave us when he was teaching the disciples how to pray. It is so easy to remember that even small children are able to learn and remember it. It is often put to music so we can sing it and we learnt how to use actions to portray each line. We were fortunate to see a beautiful dance of the prayer. Perhaps we do not use this prayer as much as we could. Maybe in a way it has become just a part of the 'ritual' of the liturgy? Perhaps in times of grief or real difficulty when we find we cannot pray, we might remember the 'Our father'?

May we ponder and give thanks for all that Jesus taught us in his short time on earth. We remember how in times of doubt we think of a line in a parable which helps us. thankfully He will always be with us in our hearts.

*Daphne Himmel*

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**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN - MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10.30am to 12 noon**

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<b>Sunday 14</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Procession from Hyde School and Holy Communion</b>	<b>Hyde</b>
<b>PALM</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Procession from Market Square and ...</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Communion for all</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>
Monday 15		Church Office closed	Fordingbridge
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	7.30pm	Sung Compline and Address	Breamore
Tuesday 16	1.00pm	Sew Friendly, Church Centre	Hyde
	7.30pm	Taize Prayers around the Cross	Woodgreen
Wednesday 17	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	12.15pm	Lent Lunch and Traidcraft Stall	Fordingbridge
	7.30pm	Evening Worship&Reflection for Holy Week	Fordingbridge
Thursday 18	2.00pm	<i>Wedding Sarah Warr &amp; Simon Dorrington</i>	<i>Breamore</i>
	7.00pm	Maundy Communion and meal	Hyde
Friday 19	9.00am	Good Friday Service	Sandleheath
	11.00am	Short all age service, then at 11.40am Walk of Witness to ....	Fordingbridge
	12noon	Churches Together Service, Market Square	Fordingbridge
	2.00pm	Good Friday Service	Breamore
	2.00pm	Good Friday Service	Hyde
	7.00pm	Good Friday Prayer (with Choir)	Fordingbridge
Saturday 20	8.00pm	Easter Vigil & Renewal of Baptism Vows	Fordingbridge
<b>Sunday 21</b>	<b>6.30am</b>	<b>Sonrise Service followed by breakfast</b>	<b>Hyde</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>EASTER</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Godshill</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Hyde</b>
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	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Woodgreen</b>
	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>C of E Easter Morning Service</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Breamore</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Easter Evening Service</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>