

PARISH OF MAYFIELD

Palm Sunday
14th April 2019



St Dunstan's

10.15am – Please gather outside the Chapel of Mayfield School for the Blessing of the Palms, followed by the Palm Gospel and Procession down the High Street and into Church, singing as we go

Setting: 'Communion Service in A & D major' by Sumsion

PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW SHEET AND YOUR PALM CROSS HOME WITH YOU – AND PRAY THAT OUR HOLY WEEK TOGETHER WILL BE SPECIALLY BLESSED.

Outside the Chapel of Mayfield School

Fr. Nigel: In the name of the Father...

All: Amen

Fr Nigel: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Fr Nigel: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

It is good to welcome you on this very special day as we begin Holy Week together. Today we begin our solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour to suffer, to die, and to rise again.

Blessing of the Palms - Please now hold them up high

Fr. Nigel: God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Sue Smith introduces the Palm Gospel)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Palm Gospel: Luke 19: 28-40

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Deacon Di: Let us now go with Jesus in faith, joy and love so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may praise him as our Messiah.

All now set off in procession down the High Street, singing as we go:

Palm Processional Hymn:

*All glory, laud, and honour,
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.
2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortals, joined with all things
created, make reply.
3. The people of the Hebrews
with psalms before thee went;
our praise prayer and anthems
before thee we present.
4. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

All Sing:

1. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see th'approaching Sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain.
Then take, O God, Thy power and reign.

We all go through the Church Porch and into our places in the main body of the Church. (After that, the children will then go to London House with or without their parents and there will be lots of craft activities).

**Our Choir then sing from the West End of Church:
'Hosanna to the Son of David' by Weelkes**

Hosanna to the son of David,
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens,
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Fr Nigel: Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

All: Amen

Silence is kept

OPENING COLLECT: (Please remain standing)

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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

All: Amen

Please sit

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Responsorial Psalm 31: 9-16

cf. v. 14 I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.



Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

Gradual Hymn:

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

*He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'*

2. All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.
3. God gives us life in Jesus' name,
He lives in us in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.

Please stand for:

**The Dramatic Reading of the Passion Gospel according to
Luke 23: 1 – 49 (PLEASE NOTE: C¹ IS THE CHOIR PART AND C² IS THE
CONGREGATION'S PART – THE LOUDER THE BETTER!)**

- N** The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate.
They began their accusation by saying ...
- C²** **We found this man inciting our people to revolt,
opposing payment of the tribute to Caesar,
and claiming to be Christ, a king.**
- N** Pilate put to him this question,
- C¹** **Are you the king of the Jews?**
- J** ***It is you who say it.***
- N** Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

C¹ I find no case against this man.

N But they persisted,

C² He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea and all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.

N When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction, he passed him over to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him, and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned Jesus at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, vigorously pressing their accusations.

Then Herod, together with his guards, treated Jesus with contempt and made fun of him; Herod put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people.

C¹ You brought this man before me as a popular agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence, and found no grounds in the man for any of the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged, and then let him go.

N But as one man they howled,

C² Away with him! Give us Barabbas!

N (This man had been thrown into prison because of a riot in the city, and murder.)

In his desire to set Jesus free, Pilate addressed them again, but they shouted him back,

C² Crucify him! Crucify him!

N And for the third time he spoke to them,

C¹ But what harm has this man done?

I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

N But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified.

And their shouts kept growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned because of rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

N As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus.

Large numbers of people followed him, and women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

J ***Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For look, the days are surely coming when people will say, "Blessed are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne children, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if this is what is done to green wood, what will be done when the wood is dry?***

N Now they were also leading out two others, criminals, to be executed with him.

When they reached the place called The Skull, there they crucified him and the two criminals, one on his right, the other on his left.

Jesus said,

J ***Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.***

N Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching.

As for the leaders, they jeered at him with the words.

C² **He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.**

N The soldiers mocked him too, coming up to him, offering him vinegar, and saying,

C² **If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.**

N Above him there was an inscription:

"This is the King of the Jews".

One of the criminals hanging there abused him:

C¹ **Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.**

N But the other spoke up and rebuked him.

C¹ **Have you no fear of God at all?**

**You got the same sentence as he did,
but in our case we deserved it:
we are paying for what we did.**

But this man has done nothing wrong.

N Then he said,

C¹ **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

J ***In truth I tell you,
today you will be with me in paradise.***

N It was now about the sixth hour and the sun's light failed,
so that darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

The veil of the Sanctuary was torn right down the middle.

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, saying,

J ***Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.***

N With these words he breathed his last.

A period of silent prayer is kept

N When the centurion saw what had taken place,
he gave praise to God and said,

C¹ **Truly, this was an upright man.**

N And when all the crowds who had gathered for the spectacle
saw what had happened, they went home, beating their breasts.
All his friends stood at a distance;
so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee,
and saw all this happen.

Homily by Fr Nigel

Prayers of Intercession:

All respond and sing each time:

**Through our lives and by our prayers,
your Kingdom come.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace:

Christ entered Jerusalem despite knowing he was on a journey
that would lead to his death. He willingly sacrificed himself for us
all so we might know peace with God. The peace of the Lord

Deacon Di: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn:

1. My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?
2. He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men refused, and none
The longed for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend.
3. Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for His death they thirst and cry.
4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight,
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease, and 'gainst Him rise.
5. They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they saved,
The Prince of life they slay,
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,
That He His foes from thence might free.
6. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All sing: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All sing: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All sing: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir: Sanctus

Choir: Benedictus

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his
friends. He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, gave it to them and said:
Take this and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, gave it to
them and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

All: Amen

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus as we wait for his coming in glory.

All: Amen

For honour and praise belong to you Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Please kneel

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

**All: we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Choir: Agnus Dei

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be
healed.**

*All may now receive Communion or a Blessing (please hold a service
booklet), to which each person replies: Amen.*

Communion Hymns:

1. Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship for this is your God, this is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive.'
3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

and:

1. Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:

*'Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.*

2. Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as He promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.'
3. To the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened by the food we share.

Prayers after Communion:

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.

All: Amen

**All: Faithful God, may we who share this banquet
Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Our salvation, life and hope,
Who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Notices

Final Blessing :

As we enter this holiest of weeks, may we meditate upon the servant king and learn what it really means to follow him. And the blessing of God Almighty

All: Amen

Final Hymn: *(Please turn and face the west end as the choir and clergy pass you in the nave)*

1. The royal banners forward go,
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.
2. There whilst he hung, his sacred side
By soldier's spear was opened wide
To cleanse us in the precious flood
Of water mingled with his blood.
3. Fulfilled is now what David told
in true prophetic song of old,
how God the sinner's king should be;
For God is reigning from the tree.
4. O tree of glory, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear,
How bright in purple robe it stood,
The purple of a Saviour's blood!
5. To thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done:
as by the cross thou dost restore,
so rule and guide us evermore.
Amen.

Dismissal (with Clergy and Choir at the West End):

Deacon Di: 'Holy Week has begun! Let us go in peace, to love and serve as did our Lord himself.'

All: Amen

Organ Voluntary: 'Valet will ich dir geben' by JS Bach

For your prayers:

For our government and nation in this time of crisis.

For our faithful keeping of Holy Week

For our Christian Aid Lenten Charity and the relief efforts in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Notices

The Parish Magazine for April and May is now out so please pick up your copy for just £1.

Easter Egg Quiz – Please see page 16 of our Magazine. We need entrants please, by this Good Friday, latest, to Pam Mather. It is easy!

Easter Cards – if you already have one of these, please do pass it on to a colleague, neighbour or friend. The most important dates and times are Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm, Good Friday at 3pm and, for the adventurous in spirit who want to celebrate Easter as it used to be done 2000 years ago, it is a 6am start on Easter morning. Please let Liz Prior know if you are staying for our lovely continental Easter breakfast.

Easter Messy Church – this is on **Saturday, 20th April** from 10am until 12.30pm and we would love you to bring along one plant each for our lovely new Messy Church garden. Here are some ideas: pansies, primulas, aubretia, geraniums, holly hocks, saxifrage, dornicum. If you need someone to translate, please ask your horticultural friends! These are all bee-friendly plants and it would be great to have this border looking beautiful in the summer months for our Parish in Bloom competition.

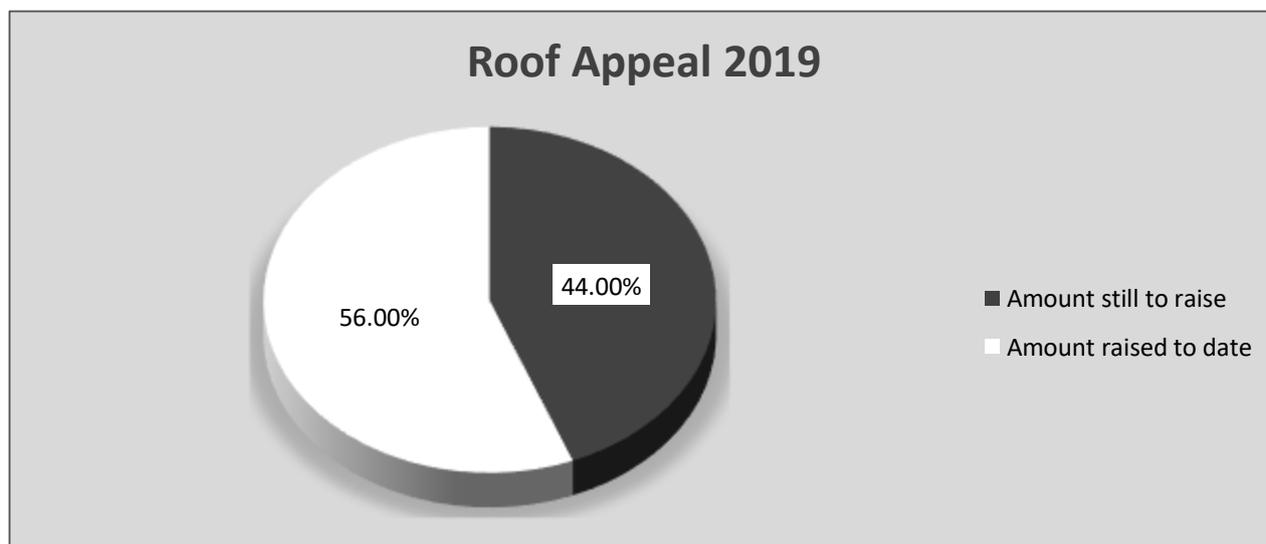
The Children and Young Families' Leaflet has been updated so please pick one up from Church today.

Our Children's Christian Aid Boxes - please return these on Easter Day and thank you to all our young families who are helping to save the planet. Other adults who have supported the 'Count your Blessing' Lenten course – please send your donation directly to Christian Aid.

Our Maundy Thursday collection will 'top up' our efforts this year for Christian Aid.

Fire Extinguishers We are very pleased to say that our fire extinguishers, in both St Dunstan's and London House, have been fully serviced and are all up to date.

Appeal Latest – Thank you to all our kind donors to date, all of whom will be acknowledged in our special 'thank you' publicity in early May. Our total has now risen to £56,479 (including Gift Aid) and the number of donors is 132. Let's keep up the good work!



Raise the Roof and Save the Roof! We are delighted to announce that local band The Mayberries are putting on a gig for us at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, 20th April (Easter Eve) at 7.30pm to raise funds for our Roof Appeal. There will be lots of opportunity for dancing, a classy cash bar and candlelit tables for family and friends. Tickets need to be pre-bought and are now on sale at just £10 each from either The Pink Cabbage or Mayfield Chiropody Clinic. **Buy yours by Wednesday at the latest!**

Vestry Meeting & APCM – Thank you to everyone who came along and supported. We are very pleased that Sheila and Jo were re-elected as our Churchwardens. We also welcomed 3 new PCC members: Carl Walters, Jo Eates and Karen Dines (who is also to be our new PCC Safeguarding Officer). The first full PCC meeting will be on **Tuesday, 14th May @ 7.30 pm.** There are still yellow and purple Annual Reports to take home and inwardly digest if you have missed yours. Huge thanks go to our PCC Secretary, Chris Brock, for all her hard work in producing them (who took a day off from her job to photocopy them).

St Dunstan's Weekly E-News – please contact Nicky at the Parish Office if you do not already received our brilliant Friday E-News and you would like to. It will tell you everything that is coming up in the next week and there is always a thoughtful prayer or reflection for busy people.