

18th March 2018

5th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

Easter Flowers

Contributions for Easter flowers would be very welcome; please give these to Monica or the Vicar.

If you would like to pay for lilies in memory of those whom you have loved who have died please make a donation of £5 or more per lily; place your donation in an envelope and write the name(s) of those to be remembered on the outside.

Ripley Primary School

On Tuesday last week what was (laughingly) described as a “Consultation Meeting” about the proposals to close the School was held in Ripley Primary School. At the start of the meeting Mr Alex Tear, the Diocesan Director of Education, told us that we were not allowed to make statements but only to ask questions. To put this another way; the “Consultation” was not about them hearing other peoples’ opinions but about allowing us to ask about the opinions and actions of those who had decided to close the School; sometimes, but not often, the questions were answered. The result was that those who wish to destroy this community made sure that Community members were muzzled while the County and Diocese staff present were able to confirm to their own satisfaction how truly wonderful and clever they are. **THAT IS NOT CONSULTATION .**

From now on our focus is on doing anything we can to support community life and heal the divisions within the community which these events have generated. We need to give one another a big hug and a load of love and forgiveness. We can then find many ways of supporting our children and making our village community stronger than ever.

Today's Services

- 8am Holy Communion**
We use the Green "Said Communion" service leaflets
- 10am: Worship for All Communion**
We use the "Recognising Sin" order of service
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We welcome children of all ages

Feel free to keep them with you in the service and we will aim to keep them entertained. Ask a sidesman for a bag of toys if you like.

If you are unable to come up for communion please speak to the sidesmen who will arrange for communion to be brought to you in your place.

Gluten-free Communion bread is available; if you are on a gluten-free or wheat-free diet please speak to one of the sidesmen

Service Guide at 10am

- First hymn **501** "There's a wideness in God's mercy"
- 1st Reading:** Hebrews 5; 5-10 Claire Carlton
- Hymn **22** "All ye who seek a comfort sure"
- Gospel Reading:** John 12; 20-33
- Intercessions: Barbara Street
- Offertory Hymn **287** "Just as I am"
- Communion Hymn **386** "O my Saviour, lifted from the earth"
- Final **384** "O love that wilt not let me go"

Please stay for coffee
after the 10am Service on Sunday



PRIVACY

Later this year new regulations about the way in which we manage personal information come into force. Over the coming weeks we will be reviewing how this may affect us.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 25th March:

10am – Worship for All Communion and Palm Procession

Monday & Tuesday 26th & 27th March:

1pm Prayers for Peace (Monday only)

8pm Communion, Devotion and Compline

Wednesday 28th March:

12 noon Holy Communion

followed by simple lunch

Maundy Thursday 29th March:

8pm Holy Communion of the Last Supper

Good Friday 30th March:

10am Family Service (Hot Cross Buns after)

2pm The Last Hour

Our Annual Meeting

The PCC is set to approve our Annual Report and Accounts on Tuesday ready for publication in preparation for our Annual Meeting. Formal notice of the meeting will be posted and you can find out more about elections etc from the Churchwardens.

EASTER EGGS

Our local Refuge would love to have some small Easter Eggs. If you would like to contribute please bring them to Church or speak to Dreda Todd for more information.

Sunday 25^h March

Palm Sunday

8am

Holy Communion

10am

Worship for all - Communion & Palm Procession

Bible Readings

Hebrews 5; 5-10 : John 12; 20-33

Rotas

Flowers	LENT
Aumbry	LENT
Cleaning	Claire Carlton & family
Sidesmen	Phil Paul & Claire Carlton
Host	Margaret Field
Coffee	Mary Trevill
Lesson Reader	Suzie Heslop
Intercessor	Juliet Baker
Chalice	Juliet Baker

*When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous,
but dismay to evildoers.*

(Proverbs 21; 15)

DIARY

March:

Monday	19th	1pm	Prayers for Peace
Tuesday	20th	8pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday	21st	10am	Coffee Morning
Friday	23rd	10am	Mothers & Todders

See Inside for Holy Week Services

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