

Beacon



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Light Online

...linking the Beacon Parishes

Sunday 28th March – Palm Sunday

Our churches are currently closed for public worship during lockdown

10.30am Beacon Benefice Morning Prayer *(by zoom)*

Services during Holy Week *(by zoom)*

As we prepare for our return to our Church Buildings on Easter Sunday, we can also prepare our hearts through the days of Holy Week. We are offering the following services across zoom –

<i>Monday – Friday</i>	9.30am	Morning Prayer.
<i>Monday</i>	6.30pm	Compline
<i>Tuesday</i>	6.30pm	Lindisfarne Evening Prayer
<i>Wednesday</i>	6.30pm	Poetry based service on the theme of Hope
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	6.30pm	Evening prayer based around the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane.
<i>Good Friday</i>	2pm	An hour at the Cross.

Zoom invites will be sent out at the beginning of the week.

Rector's Voice

As we approached Palm Sunday last year, we were just settling into what was to become a new norm. A new way of being Church and a new way to live as a society. We were learning what it meant to keep physical distance, to sanitise hands, to 'stay home' and eventually it would become second nature to carry a mask everywhere and wear it when inside with others. How quickly we adapt and accept a new way of life.

For the first disciples and the crowds who followed Jesus as He entered into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday, they expected a new norm, a new way of life a new King. And how quickly did their life change- from the cries of Hosanna and the waving of the Palms - within a week the cries would be Crucify, Crucify.

This year palm crosses will be available to collect on Easter Sunday after the service- so for this Sunday you may wish to find one from a previous year or as I suggested last year, to make one from what ever you have available in the garden, just as that first crowd gathered palm branches from where they were. If you have a palm cross small branch available with you there will be an opportunity to wave it during the service.

Revd. Janet

Readings

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.

Psalm 31:9-16

9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.
10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee from me.
12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.
14 But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, 'You are my God.
15 'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

The Gospel according to Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Sunday Worship in the media

9.00am	Live worship on the Church of England website https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online	
10.15am	Gloucester Cathedral Sunday Eucharist https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/worship/services/services-live-stream/	
8.10am	Radio 4	Sunday Worship
1.15pm	BBC 1	Songs of Praise

Beacon People

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Andrea Linsell**, **Peggy Ward** and **Jennifer Watts**. Pray for all those people, whether they are relatives or friends, who care for the sick and disabled in their own homes, for those undergoing cancer treatment at this time and for all from our churches and villages who work in the NHS and in care homes.

We also remember before God all who have died recently, especially **Ivor Price** and **Margaret Watts**, as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them*

Notices

Ian and the family would like to thank all those who turned out on Tuesday March 16th in the village and up the A46 following the funeral of **Frankie Marsh** at St Mary's . It would have warmed her heart to see so many friendly faces and it was a huge encouragement to us and a reminder as to how important people in this community were to Frankie.. Our thanks too to all those within our Church family who have expressed their love and support, as well as sending their personal recollections of Frankie, through cards, letters, emails and flowers. And a special thank you to those who have faithfully and lovingly prepared and delivered wonderful meals and soups over these last difficult months- they have been such a blessing to us and so appreciated. As a reminder, we are looking forward to a Service of Thanksgiving for Frankie's life (Covid regulations permitting) at 12 noon 13th July at St Mary's. All are welcome.

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**Foodbank:** Thank you again for your very generous donations and braving the wind and cold. Below is the preferred items for April but as as always any non- perishable items will be gratefully received. Please do check use by dates so that we can provide the most appropriate support to those in need:- *UHT fruit juice, UHT milk, Tinned fruit, Tinned custard, tinned tomatoes, tinned puddings savoury snacks.*

**PS:** I have just heard that Archway are still needing laptops and iPads.

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GetOneGiveOne - Since it began here - and so any residents have already generously contributed - I thought that I should report that we have raised nearly £100,000 already for vaccinating people in low income countries. The idea that we should show our gratitude for the free NHS jabs by donating directly to the GAVI/COVAX programme has proved popular. However, the challenge is huge. Anyone who would like to join in can do so at <https://covaxamc.ctdonate.org/index:payment.html> . *Nicky Tyler*

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**OneLife/PSALMS Prayer Requests:** Give thanks for the Ultimate Frisbee Club that ran last week at Cranham for the first time. We had 20 children which is almost half of the school. Praise God for his provision. It aims to be a connector to draw in some of the YR6s into Youth club, but also build up our relationship with the younger kids as well as the school.

Please continue to pray for TRAC. We opened up bookings last Thursday and have already have 10 sign ups, so give thanks for that. Please continue to pray the young people in the Beacon area, that they would feel encourage and excited to sign up. Pray for our provision in the Easter Holidays. Nathan is going to be starting up some community sport for the local young people, and so please pray it fulfils a need. This week Nathan will also be doing some detached work in the Beacon area, meaning he will be hanging out in and around Painswick after school at the park to see if I connect with any local families/young people.

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Sources of help :

St. Mary's Pastoral Link system: Anyone who is self-isolating or unable to get out, we can help you by getting shopping, prescriptions etc. Please contact Delyth Allen (St. Mary's Pastoral Link Coordinator) on 813182 or 07854262517 or email delyth_allen@hotmail.co.uk

Painswick Community Support: The Painswick Covid-19 Community Support initiative set up in March will be providing ongoing community support for Painswick with the same telephone number but an updated e-mail address. If you need support, please contact 07956 203087 or painswickcommunity@gmail.com

Cranham Covid-19 Community Response Team: *The initial contact for Cranham residents is: nigelrobincooper@gmail.com Tel: 07973 340227*

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## **Weekday Worship**

*See also Holy Week services on page 1*

### **Each evening:**

I invite you to join me in lighting a candle and praying at 6pm.

*Prayers can be found at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>*

### **Thursday weekly :**

9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom from Sheepscombe

*If you would like to join in or would like a copy of the service sheet please email Karen Riding [kriding07@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kriding07@yahoo.co.uk).*

### **Weekday worship in the media**

9.45am Daily Service - Radio 4 (Long Wave)

3.30pm Wednesday Choral Evensong - Radio 3

The Church of England website;

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044.

## Services next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

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| 9.30am  | Harescombe  | Holy Communion ( <i>in the churchyard</i> ) |
| 9.30am  | Painswick   | Holy Communion                              |
| 9.30am  | Pitchcombe  | Holy Communion                              |
| 11.00am | Cranham     | Holy Communion                              |
| 11.00am | Edge        | Morning Worship                             |
| 11.00am | Sheepscombe | Holy Communion                              |

*To reserve seats for Holy Communion on Easter Sunday ,please contact your churchwardens. For St. Mary's, please email [lychgateoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:lychgateoffice@btinternet.com) or phone Margaret Radway on 07896 430107*

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Information for the next Beacon Light Online to [ajpleach@gmail.com](mailto:ajpleach@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 5pm at the latest**, please.

### and Finally...

**Seen in a pewsheet:** “Our final hymn today: Crown Him With Many Crows”