

This week's readings

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5.5-10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

John 12.20-33



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SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers
and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

Green / World Prayer

God of mercy and love
let us serve you in our world.
We pray for desert people,
who live in a dry, parched land
who lack water, who travel constantly
so that they might live.
Give them living water.
Let the deserts bloom into flower.

We pray that those who work on climate
change may find solutions so that the erosion
of soil may be halted or reversed.
We pray that water and other vital supplies
might not be used as a weapon of war
in countries where resources are scarce.

Amen.

8am HOLY COMMUNION

10am PARISH EUCHARIST

with Junior & Senior Church

Readings

Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33

Hymns

648, 167, 60, 493

6.30pm EVENING PRAYER

Readings

Romans 5.12-end; Luke 22.1-13

Hymns

22, 86, 368

Psalm 51.V1-12



For our prayers this week

Those who are ill or in need... Paul Keen, Chris Kernan, George Greenshields.

Those who have died...

Anniversary of death... Ian Stewart (2002), Teddy Beaumont (1991), Alan Cox (2020), Cynthia Wilkes (2020)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.



THIS WEEK...

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

9.15am **TODDLER GROUP** Hall
12-12.45pm **PRAYER GROUP** Church
8pm **PCC Meeting** Truman Room

NEXT WEEK...

SUNDAY 24 MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

8am **HOLY COMMUNION**
10am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
with Junior & Senior Church
6.30pm **BCP EVENSONG**

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

8pm Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

12-12.45pm **PRAYER GROUP** Church

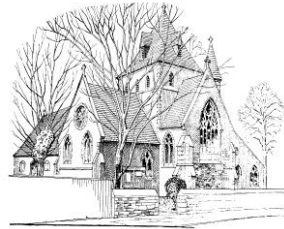
THURSDAY 28 MARCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8pm Foot washing, Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by stripping of the Church

GOOD FRIDAY 28 MARCH

12 noon – 3pm Liturgy



NOTICES

WWF EARTH HOUR 2024

8.30 – 9.30pm

on **SATURDAY 23 MARCH**

Earth Hour is the world's biggest switch-off event in support of nature, people and the planet. Iconic landmarks, millions of homes and businesses and political leaders across the world switch off their lights for an hour to celebrate our natural world and as a rallying call to protect it. Join in by switching off your lights, your phone and anything else you can for an hour and do something positive for the planet. For more information

<https://www.earthhour.org/>

WANTED CHURCH CLEANER

We need more help with cleaning the church. If you are willing to take on this role, you will be on a rota of approximately 2 hours every 4 weeks. Contact the wardens, Julie or Tish.

PALM SUNDAY

24 MARCH

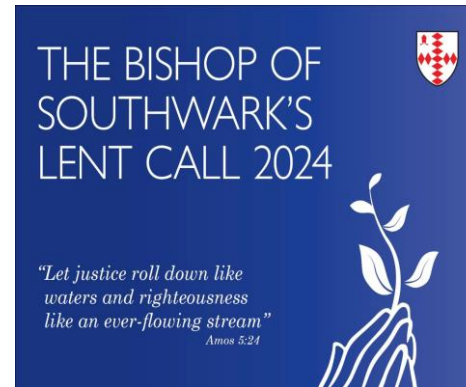
There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for the Palm Sunday drama.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies in Church, in memory of a loved one, there is a collection box and list at the back of church.

THE BISHOP'S LENT CALL

is raising funds for projects that focus on peace with justice in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and resilience and well-being across our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. See more information on board at back of church. Please pray for the countries involved and consider giving money in blue envelopes available in pews throughout Lent or via the electronic device at cross aisle using special collection option.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Guides & Brownies Bake Sale, £103.15 was raised for Mary's Meals.



COMING UP...

Following last April's concert, the **HERTFORDSHIRE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** returns to Christ Church on **13 APRIL at 7.30pm** for another Classical fund-raising concert in aid of Christian Care Merton. Full details on separate flyer and HCO website. www.hertfordshirechamberorchestra.org.uk

GOOD FRIDAY

28 MARCH

As usual there will be a united service and procession of witness through Raynes Park from **10am** and we hope there will be a good number of people from Christ Church attending. We need a couple more people willing to read a small part or assist with carrying the cross. Please contact Pat Spencer or one of the Churchwardens if you can help or need more information.