

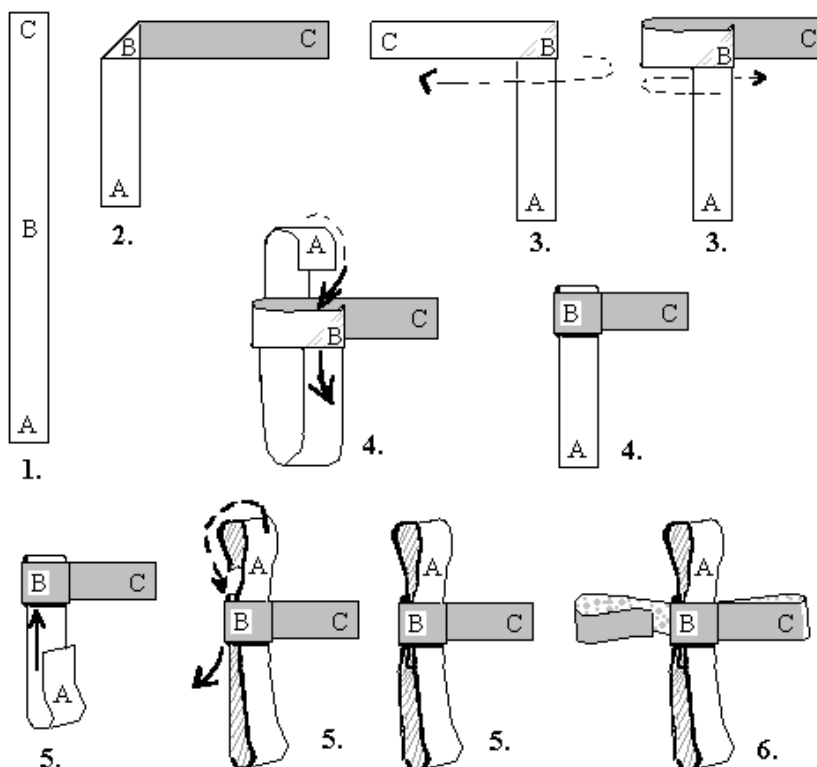
The Rambling Rector

Definition: *A White Flowering Climbing Rose Or A Vicar With No Sermon Notes!*



How To...

Sadly we can't hand out Palm Crosses again this year, but after last year's success we can once again make our own. Use card, paper, or the even the leaf from a suitable plant.



THIS WEEK



Holy Week
Whats On When



Reopening Our Church Buildings

What you need to know and do



Time With God
Resources for All



Thursday 5.00pm
please

Bible Readings

Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Blessed is the king of Israel!'

Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written:

'Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey's colt.'

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

A Reflection by Rev Carol

I have so many questions about the events of Palm Sunday, what they meant then and what they mean now.

Passover crowds could be immense, lots of Pilgrims in Jerusalem to celebrate the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. Some estimate the crowds as being as many as 100,000 pilgrims. All those people in Jerusalem there to celebrate their history of freedom, but today they were once again under occupation, this time it was the Romans that ruled them.

The Romans allowed the Jews to celebrate this festival, along with others, but Pilate was in town in case of trouble. There is speculation that Pilate marched into Jerusalem with his army also on Palm Sunday, but from a different entrance. Were there crowds following that procession too? It would be a very different procession from that of Jesus.

The crowds are shouting Hosannah 'a cry of salvation and as a cry of thanks, a cry of 'please save us', or at 'at last salvation has come to us, our long wait is over'. The desire of the crowd to meet Jesus was



against the official line Jesus; triumphal entry into Jerusalem announces his kingship, - but there are ominous signs that this will be a king like no other.

The crowds are quoting from a psalm-psalm 118, v 25-6. *'O lord save us, O lord grant us success, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, from the house of the lord, we bless you'*. They are acknowledging him as their messiah, the one they expect to deliver them from the Roman, remember this is their day for celebrating their escape from the rule of the Egyptians.

Imagine if Jesus had ridden into Jerusalem riding on a horse? The Romans used horses mainly for battle, riding in on one would have whipped the crowd up into an insurrectionist frenzy against the Romans. But no, he dampens down expectations of wanting to go into battle, by riding on a donkey, as was foretold in the old testament book of Zechariah- 'Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem. See your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. But, John tells us, even the disciples don't understand, not until after the resurrection.

WHAT SORT OF A KING WERE THE CROWDS FOLLOWING?

They would recognise the prophecy about their messiah riding a donkey, things were going to be different now.!

They waived Palm leaves, the Jewish people have waived Palm leaves before. They waived them for Judas Maccabaeus, who died about 160 years before Jesus birth. but past leaders have fought battles against their enemies. Palm branches have been waived by the Jewish people before, for a leader who had led them to victory-his name was Judas Maccabeus. He was a rebel leader who protected Jerusalem against an invasion that would have stopped them worshipping the one and true God, he helped preserve the Jewish religion. The Jewish crowds knew this story too as they waived their palm branches at Jesus.

WHAT SORT OF A KING WERE THEY FOLLOWING?

As later verses tell us, the crowd is made up of 2 groups of people. One group who have, a few days before, seen the resurrection of Lazarus, the other have only heard of it. Can you imagine how that story spread through the crowd? But the spreading of this news and the adoration of the crowd were too much for the Pharisees.

Jesus often took his disciples away from the crowds, but here he finds himself a donkey, sits on it and rides into Jerusalem. He does not stop the people shouting hosannah. I wonder what bystanders and his disciples made of it? We are told his disciples did not understand until after his resurrection.

WHAT SORT OF A KING WERE THEY FOLLOWING?

They don't know what is going to happen next, but we do, and Jesus did. I wonder how he felt on that day, surrounded by the adoration of the crowd that he knew would not last. With his disciples who would flee as he was arrested.

Aware of another crowd, who would not praise him, but shout for his death.

And yet, he chose a donkey, sat on it and rode through the adoring crowds to the inevitability of his arrest, trial and death in the most unpleasant way the Romans had at their disposal.

I often wonder about the differences of the crowds on this Sunday and the following Friday- week, how did opinion change so fast?


I WONDER WHAT SORT OF A KING WE ARE FOLLOWING?

The type of king we hear about in the reading from Philippians, A servant king, who humbled himself, a king both fully divine and fully human, an obedient king, obedient to death on the cross, a king who opens out his arms to die for us. A king not offering freedom from earthly powers, but spiritual freedom and eternal life.

The crowds may have exalted him for a single day on Palm Sunday , but in heaven, this king, our king is exalted to the highest place, and given a name above all names, a name to which every knee shall bow, in heaven, and on earth and under the earth.

This is our king, worthy of our praise.

IS THIS THE KING YOU ARE FOLLOWING?



PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

30th March: John Climacus and his ladder to Paradise

Is there something down at, say, B&Q, which reminds your friends of you?

John Climacus (d 649) had a thing about ladders. He was a monk in Palestine who was only seen out at the weekends (at church, not B&Q); during the week he prayed and wrote in solitude.

He wrote The Ladder to Paradise, a treatise of spiritual encouragement to other monks. This gave him his name 'Climacus' (= ladder), and also led to him being chosen as abbot of Sinai when he was 70. John Climacus had a helpful picture of the spiritual life: he saw it as a ladder up which the believer slowly climbed to heaven, with God's help.





Maundy Thursday

Join us on Zoom at 7.00pm as we Think Through The Last Supper. It will be interactive, although you are very welcome to choose. If you would like please have with you a tea light and the means to light it, a small piece of fruit (eg. grape, strawberry, tangerine), a some bread, a drink (coffee or wine) and a small bowl with water in (no foot washing required!)

Good Friday

From 3.00pm onwards, a short service using 'The Last Words of Christ' will be available on the Church YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC40UCRjrKQ5p6pMXaHTTiOw> or search 'FAB Parish'. We have filmed this inside Finningley Church and is an opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer as we consider Jesus' death on the cross. The liturgy for this is also printed overleaf.

Easter Sunday

Back on Zoom at 10.00am to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and what this amazing act has done for all of humanity. We're hoping we may be able to sing (technology allowing!), use some film media, and there will be an opportunity to renew our baptism vows.

Stations Of The Cross

In the earliest days of Christian pilgrimage, visitors to Jerusalem would walk the path from Pilate's house to Calvary. In the late fourteenth century, the Franciscan protectors of the holy places in Jerusalem put up images at which people would pause, reflect and pray. Eventually, those pilgrims brought the practice of walking a path of images from Christ's passion back to their home countries, and many churches have images of the traditional Stations of the Cross on their walls. If you can, do also try to look at the powerful images of the biblical stations by Nicholas Markell. These are featured in the book *Walking the Way of the Cross* and they can also be found online.

Anytime after the 21st March sign up to a daily podcast marking stations of the cross.

The link to the page on the Church of England website is <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/stations-cross#na>



GOOD FRIDAY

INTRODUCTION

Christ Jesus died on the Cross to redeem mankind, to save us from our sins because of his love for us. As recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in the Holy Bible, Jesus Christ was mocked, scorned, and tortured in the praetorium. Condemned to death by Pontius Pilate, he carried his cross up the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem to Calvary, was nailed to the cross, and hung between two common criminals. He suffered an indescribable end.

Here are his seven words, the last expressions of Jesus Christ on the Cross

THE FIRST WORD

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34

Jesus of Nazareth is looking down from the cross just after he was crucified between two criminals. He sees the soldiers who have mocked, scourged, tortured him, and who have just nailed him to the cross. He probably remembers those who have sentenced him - Caiaphas and the high priests of the Sanhedrin. Pilate realised it was out of envy that they handed him over.

But is Jesus not also thinking of his Apostles and companions who have deserted him, to Peter who has denied him three times, to the fickle crowd who only days before praised him on his entrance to Jerusalem, and then days later demanded his crucifixion? Is he also thinking of us, who daily forget him in our lives?

Does he react angrily? No! At the height of his physical suffering, his love prevails and He asks His Father to forgive them!

*Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed
You gave your life that we may live.*

THE SECOND WORD

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

Now it is not just the religious leaders or the soldiers that mock Jesus, but even one of the criminals, a downward progression of mockery. But the criminal on the right speaks up for Jesus, explaining the two criminals are receiving their just due, whereas "this man

has done nothing wrong." Then, turning to Jesus, he asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom".

What wonderful faith this repentant sinner has in Jesus. The second word again is about forgiveness, this time directed to a sinner. Jesus shows his divinity by opening heaven for a repentant sinner, such generosity to a man the only asked to be remembered. This expression offers us hope for salvation, for if we turn our hearts and prayers to Him and accept his forgiveness, we will also be with Jesus Christ at the end of our lives. "Behold I make all things new" Revelation 21:5

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THE THIRD WORD

"Jesus said to his mother: "Woman, this is your son." Then he said to the disciple: "This is your mother." John 19:26-27

Jesus and Mary are together again, at the beginning of his ministry in Cana and now at the end of his public ministry at the foot of the Cross.

What sorrow must fill Mary's heart! How she must have felt meeting her Son as he carried the Cross on the Via Dolorosa. And then she had to watch him being nailed to the Cross.

The loved ones of Jesus are with Him in John's Gospel. There are four at the foot of the Cross, Mary his mother, John, the disciple who he loved, his mother's sister Mary, the wife of Cleopas and Mary Magdalene.

Jesus again rises above the occasion as he cares for the one's that love him. The good son that he is, Jesus is concerned about his mother. Jesus looks to John to care for his mother.

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THE FOURTH WORD

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

One is struck by the anguished tone of this expression in contrast to the first three words of Jesus. He feels separated from his Father. This cry is from the painful heart of the human Jesus, who must feel deserted by

his Father and the Holy Spirit, not to mention his earthly companions, the disciples who all left him and fled. Jesus is now all alone, and he must face death by himself. But is not this exactly what happens to all of us when we die? We too are all alone at the time of death! Jesus completely lives the human experience as we do, and by doing so, frees us from the clutches of sin. Jesus who came to save us is crucified, and he realises the horror of what is happening to him. It is in the defeat of his humanity that God's divine plan will be completed. It is by Jesus' death that we are redeemed.

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THE FIFTH WORD

"I thirst." John 19:28

The fifth word of Jesus is His only human expression of His physical suffering. Jesus is now in shock. The wounds inflicted upon him in the scourging, the crowning with thorns, losing blood on the three-hour walk through the city of Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa to Golgotha, and the nailing upon the cross are now taking their toll.

The gospel of John first refers to thirst when Jesus meets the Samaritan woman and says to her "Everyone who drinks from this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Jesus also thirsts in a spiritual sense. He thirsts for love and the salvation of his people. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, That he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12-13

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THE SIXTH WORD

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished;" and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit. John 19:30

The soldiers offered wine on a sprig of hyssop to the Lord. Hyssop is a small plant that was used to sprinkle the blood of the Passover Lamb on the doorposts of the Hebrews He died at the ninth hour (three o'clock in the afternoon), about the same time as the Passover

lambs were slaughtered in the Temple. Christ became the Paschal or Passover Lamb.

The sixth word is Jesus' recognition that his suffering is over and his task is completed. Jesus is obedient to the Father and gives his love for mankind by redeeming us with His death on the Cross. When Jesus died, He "handed over" the Spirit. Jesus remained in control to the end, and it is He who handed over his Spirit. One should not miss the double entendre here, for this may also be interpreted as His death brought forth the Holy Spirit.

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THE SEVENTH WORD

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46

The seventh word of Jesus is from the Gospel of Luke, and is directed to the Father in heaven, just before He dies. Jesus was obedient to His Father to the end, and his final word before his death on the Cross was a prayer to His Father.

At the last supper he says "Do you believe I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" "The Father who dwells in me is doing his work." "I came from the father and have come into the world, again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father.

Jesus full fills His own mission and that of His Father on the Cross:

For God so love the world that he gave his only Son, So that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life

*Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed
You gave you life that we may live.*

We give thanks, O God for the amazing love of Jesus Christ. The love which was wounded for our transgressions; the love which was tortured that we may know peace; the love which was crucified that we may live forever; the love which demands our souls, our lives, our all.

Let us go into the world revealing his love in all its fullness.



Below are some resources that might help us to spend more time with God. If you have any that you would find useful and would like to share please let us know and we will update the list.

Social Media

- Sheffield Diocesan Prayer Community, Facebook, Monday-Friday 7:30-8.00am, Saturday 8.00-8:30am
- Lou Fellingham, Come and Sing, Facebook and YouTube, Wednesday 8:30-9.00am
- Lou Fellingham, Coffee Morning, Facebook and YouTube, Saturday 9.30-11.00am

Online

- Finningley & Auckley Bible Study Group. 7.00pm on alternate Tuesday evenings,
- Pete Greig - Looking at Prayer on YouTube

Apps (for phones or tablets/iPads)

- Lectio 365 - daily devotional
- Bible app - verse of the day and themed Bible plans
- Bible in one Year with Nicky Gumble <https://bibleinoneyear.org>

Books

- The Bible from Scratch by Simon Jenkins
- Soul Fuel, A Daily Devotional by Bear Grylls
- Soul Fuel for Young Explorers by Bear Grylls (children and young peoples version)
- How to Pray by Pete Greig
- Bible in a Year

Radio

- Premier Christian Radio

Worship Music (Contemporary)

Lyric videos available on Youtube

- Hillsong
- Elevation Worship
- Cory Asbury
- Soul Survivor
- Phil Wickham

Lent Course Week 5

We have continued our Lenten journey using the book 'At Home in Lent'; by Gordon Giles. This week we looked at night lights, Bibles and chairs.

Night lights - floundering in the dark.

Are we living in a world of darkness? How can we be night lights of hope to a darkened world? Being in complete darkness is rare- when it is so dark you can't see your hand in front of your face. Light helps us to feel safe, in the dark we feel disorientated, uneasy, even fearful.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above..... ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." John 3:1-3, 19-21

Nicodemus visits Jesus at night, under the cover of darkness. He does it secretly, even dangerously. Nicodemus has seen the signs that Jesus has been performing, and wants to learn more. Jesus talks of the need to be born again, born from above, a spiritual birth, a transforming birth.

Nicodemus was transformed through his meeting with Jesus. Later Nicodemus questioned the way the other Pharisees were behaving at the trial of Jesus and then he accompanied Joseph of Arimathea to try and get Jesus a decent burial. Nicodemus is no longer in the dark, he has moved from night to day both physically and spiritually.

Those doing evil use darkness to cover what they are doing, those in the light want their actions seen. We can flounder about, stumbling in the dark, especially at times when news is generally bleak, but we live in hope of a night light to show us the way to go. Look out for the glimmers of light, glimmers that can become blazes of light to illuminate our way. Christ's light is always there, we need to be able to recognise it and to share it with others.

Prayer- May the night lights in our homes be a gentle, comforting reminder of that promise of eternal light, brought into the world by Jesus Christ, the word incarnate and hope of the world.

The Bible

How much do you read the Bible? How can you help others discover its oft-hidden treasure? The Bible is the world's most read book and has been banned more than any other book.

Today we are surrounded by bibles, as printed books, apps, on line. apps. Bibles are often given at baptisms, weddings, confirmations and at ordinations. Some have family Bible that have been passed down to them. The word Bible simply means book, and has been translated into many languages including Klingon from Star Trek and Quenya- an elvish language from the Lord of the Rings. Scripture is used throughout our services; we have readings from it each week. Paul, writing to Timothy said 'give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching.

People have died to give us translations in English and enabled us to have copies in our homes. Today in some countries it is still dangerous, or even lethal to own a Bible.

The Bible is part of our spiritual furniture, take it away and our spiritual landscape would be very different. A 2011 survey found that whilst 46% of Britain's believed the Bible was an important book, only 8% of read it.

We too need help to guide us when reading our Bibles. What do you find helpful- are there things you would like to share?

27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28** and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." **30** So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. **32** Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. **33** In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." **34** The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" **35** Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. Acts 8:27-35.

Prayer Trinity of love and power, we praise you for your holy word and pray always that, in regular encounter and engagement with the words found in the bible, we may read, mark and inwardly digest them, washed down with relevance and humility .Amen

Chair-are you sitting comfortably?

Do you stand up every hour? What posture should we adopt in the presence of God?

We try to sit comfortable when relaxing, when eating or at the theatre. We spend around a third of our day asleep, usually in a bed, and probably a high proportion of our time awake we are seated. Do you have a fitness watch that beeps to tell you to move every hour, in an aim to help us to be healthy as sitting for an hour is apparently not good us.

Think about the different postures we use in church, when do we stand, when do we sit? In medieval churches there were no pews, so people stood or moved about during services. There were a few stone pews at the sides for those who could not stand. In the Reformation importance was given to hearing scripture read and explained. Therefore, sitting became important and so benches began to appear in churches and explanations of when to sit, and kneel followed.

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.**10** And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" **12** But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **13** Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." Mathew 9:9-13.

In the middle ages chairs were rare in homes, as sitting was a rare activity. Chairs were a symbol of status and power. At the court of Louis the 14th the highest had chairs with arms, then with a back, then a stool with a back, then an ordinary stool. Some did not get to sit at all!

Matthew, the tax collector is seated, waiting for people to come and pay him. He has a posture of authority, yet when Jesus calls Matthew follows. The Pharisees thought Jesus should not go to such impromptu dinner discussions, and turned against him. Jesus did go and eat with sinners, and tax collectors, in their own territory and made it his own. As

we sit in our comfortable chairs let us think of Jesus' call to Matthew as being like a little tap on our wrist, from Jesus, telling us 'Get up and follow me'.

Prayer-Let us not sit in sin, but rise to your call to follow and make disciples of your people, so that whether we stand or sit, we may do so always to your honour and glory, Amen.

A Prayer, taken from the Church of England Day of Reflection resources.

Loving God, as we journey towards Easter, help us to live as people of hope, knowing that beyond the pain of the cross lies the joy of resurrection. Inspire us in our worship, through our churches and in our homes, that we may bring glory to you and joy to others. Be with those who are struggling in mind, body or spirit, and give courage to those who are facing uncertainty and change ahead. Help each of us to keep our eyes fixed on you, that we may reflect your light to all whom we meet. Amen. Taken from the C of E resources for the Day of Reflection.

Next week will be the last meeting and we will look at objects that help us to think about the events of Holy Week.

Prayer

Prayer for Palm Sunday

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.

Holy Week

Lord God,
Six days before his death, your son sat with
Lazarus,
Whom he had raised from the dead,
And ate dinner with his friends.

Once again, your gospel tells us, Martha served,
And Mary knelt at Jesus' feet
To anoint them with costly perfume.
The disciple who was about to betray him
Said that it was a waste.

He didn't care about the poor, really -
He just wanted to fill his own pockets
And make Mary feel ashamed.
Lord God,
Often we cannot discern what is best:
When to pour out costly perfume for your sake,
Even if the world thinks it a waste.

When to be busy serving,
Or when to rest at your Son's feet and learn.
Give us ears to hear you and eyes to see.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Maundy Thursday

Yet he washed their feet.
Lord God, help us learn from his example;
Help us to do as he has done for us.

The world will know we are his disciples
If we love one another.
Strengthen our hands and our wills for love
And for service.

Keep before our eyes the image of your Son,
Who, being God, became a Servant for our sake.
All glory be to him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,

NEXT WEEK

NEXT WEEK IS 4TH APRIL AND IS EASTER SUNDAY!

We are hoping this will be the last Zoom only service and that from the 18th April we will once again have a physical and online presence.

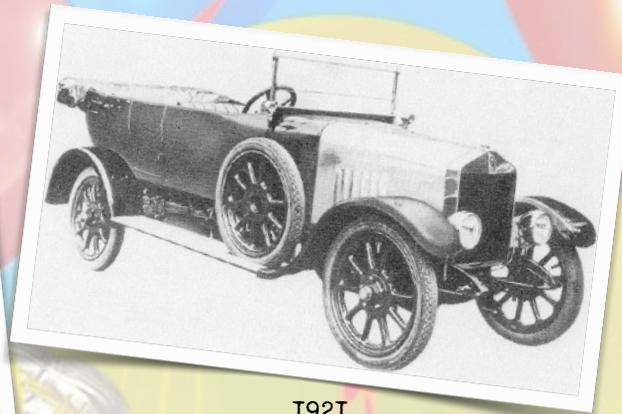
THE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY ARE:

Acts 10:34-43

John 21:1-18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOYCE

On the 5th April Joyce Goodyear will celebrate her 100th birthday. Everyone from our Church family would like to send Joyce their love and virtual hugs on this very special day.



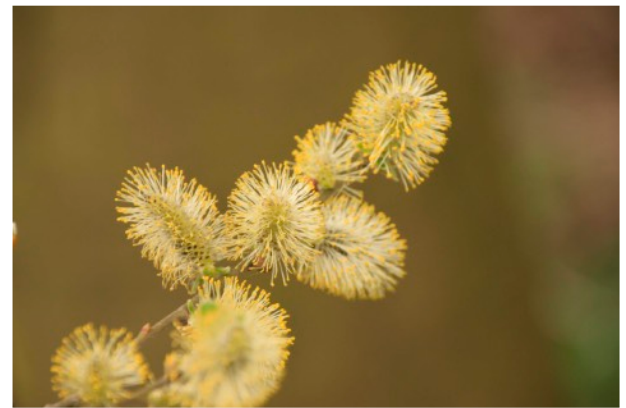
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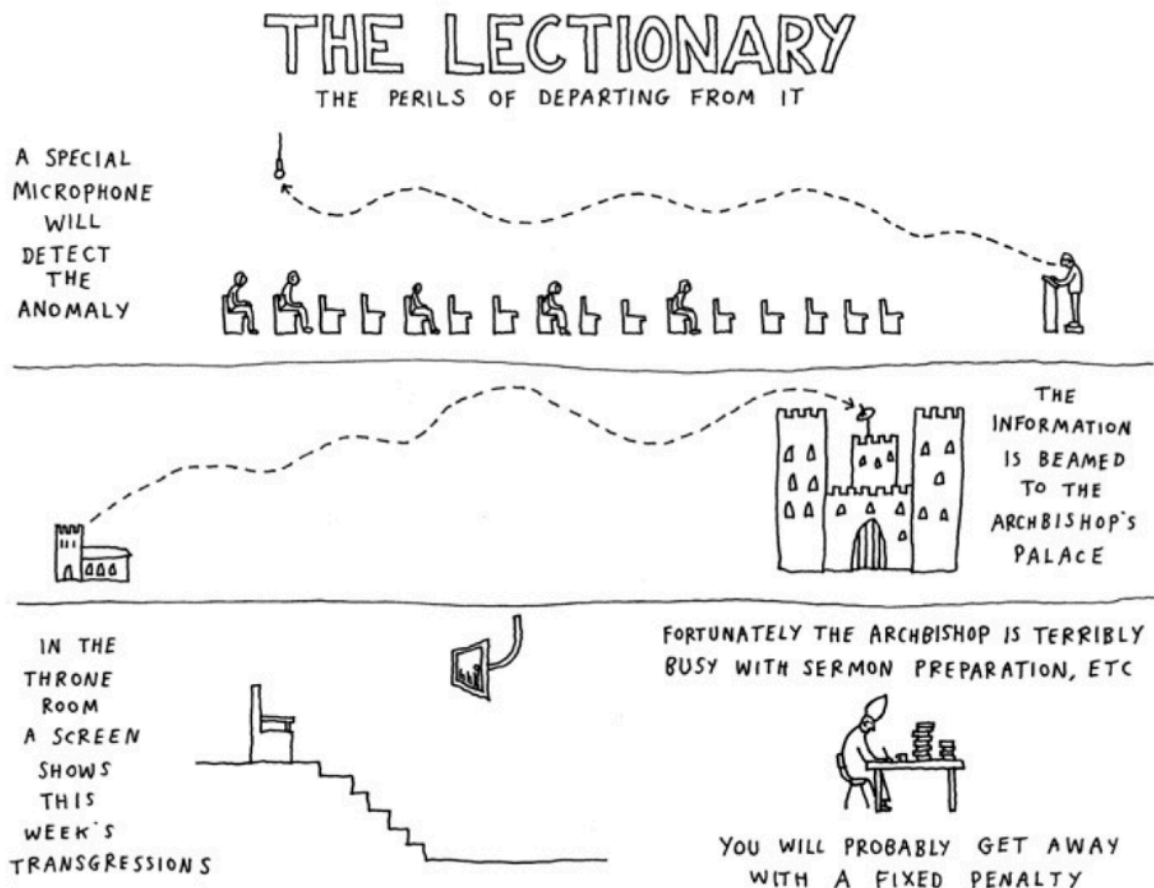


CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

Mike Pawley Springs Into Action With His Camera



Mike used the bird box picture as his virtual background on Zoom this week. Someone was convinced they had seen it move. Not on Zoom - only on Twitter!!



CAROL TO BE ORDAINED PRIEST

It was confirmed this week that this year's ordination of Priests will take place on the

**26th June, in Sheffield
Cathedral at 4.00pm.**

This of course means that our very own Carol will be travelling to the land of hills to have episcopal hands laid upon her.

The Cathedral are planning for this to go ahead with some kind of normality, however, they are aware that COVID may still impinge on this service. Nevertheless, they are inviting churches to apply for tickets.

Carol would love to have as many of us there as possible to support her, and celebrate, on this important day. So, if you would like to attend, could you please let Neil know by April 18th as the Cathedral has set a deadline for ticket applications.

True story

A curate friend had to preach his first-ever Easter sermon, and was very nervous about it. However, he prepared hard, and when Easter day came, he strode into the pulpit and thundered through his sermon, only to crash at the closing line. He pounded the pulpit and shouted: "Yes...it is all true! Jesus rose...and then He died again! Hallelujah!"

EASTER HOPE

"So many people right across the country are anxious about employment, anxious about food, isolated from loved ones and feel that the future looks dark." These are words from the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon on Easter Day 2020. Who would have thought that we are experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope overcoming darkness and despair. The women arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus' body. 'But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.' (Mark 16:4). They were confused, as they tried to make sense of Jesus' death. Their hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In the current pandemic, we too are left asking: Where is God in all this?

The young man at the tomb reminds them that God is still in control: "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:6). The women had forgotten Jesus' promise to the disciples that He would die and rise from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is also the sure foundation of hope for us in the present crisis. He turns our confusion and fear into joy and wonder! We can trust Jesus' plan for the future of our world and lives, despite the fact that things can't return to the way they were: "There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old, but is different and more beautiful. We must dream it, build it, make it, grasp it, because it is the gift of God and the call of God." (Justin Welby).

In praise of the afternoon nap

A short nap in the afternoon improves your memory and keeps your brain more agile. People who nap tend to speak more fluently, have greater mental agility, and remember things better than those who do not break up their day with sleep.

Even a five-minute nap can offer your brain a chance to down-time and replenish itself, so that it is 'good to go' again.

If you want longer than five minutes, try to stop at 40 minutes, before you enter the deepest stage of sleep. If you do carry on, sleep for two hours, which is a full sleep-cycle. The study was published in the British Medical



REOPENING

Our Church Buildings



When:

Sunday 18th of April or whenever the Government implements Step 2

Where:

Holy Trinity and St Oswald's, Finningley at 10.00am.

St Saviour's, Auckley at 11.00am.

What Do I Need To Do?

If you would like to attend either church physically, then booking is essential as seats are still limited due to social distancing. Please contact Neil or Carol, the parish office on 01302 770240, email parishoffice@fabparish.org.uk or use social media.

How Will It Work?

There is significant legislation and guidance still in place covering public worship. Both PCC's want to emphasise the need to follow them. If we cannot do so, then the buildings will once again have to close.

- The service at Finningley will be hybrid. It will be live streamed from the church building via Zoom as well as having people physically present.
- The service at Auckley will be physical only.
- Booking is essential as we are required to continue with the 2m social distancing rules inside our buildings between different households/support bubbles.
- Face mask are mandatory, unless someone is exempt.
- Inside there can be no 'mingling' at all between different households/support bubbles. Whilst we know fellowship and socialising is important to us all, we are not legally allowed to do so indoors. Mingling happens even if we talk 2m away from one another. This means that sadly we must just enter the building, sit down, worship, and at the end leave, with no talking to anyone outside our household/support bubble. Once outside the rule of 6 will apply.
- We must sanitise our hands on entering the building, before and after receiving communion, and finally before leaving the building.
- Singing indoors is sadly still not allowed.

passover
bread
wine
body
blood
betrayal

tomb
angel
stone
risen
gardener
Mary

Jerusalem
Pilate
Judas
Gethsemane
trial
crucifixion

soldiers
cross
nails
vinegar
temple
curtain



Live Services

Don't forget that every Sunday at 10.00am we are using Zoom to join together to worship. If you are unsure about using Zoom, then Hannah is more than happy to guide you through initial set up and have a practise run before the Sunday service. Please do get in touch with Hannah at hannah@centenaryproject.org.uk or 07875 500555.

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We also have a parish WhatsApp group. If you would like to join please text Hannah Robinson on 07875 500555