

# Lent, Holy Week and Easter

I hope that your journey of reflection through Lent has been a helpful one. It is important to mark these quieter more contemplative seasons as well as the more upbeat celebrations. Soon we shall reach ***Palm Sunday***, we shall process around and outside the church, (weather permitting!) and then descend into a thoughtful ***Holy Week.*** There are various collective occasions on offer, including a ***Holy Tuesday meditation*** led by the Churches in Harmony Choir, a chance to interact with the last supper and foot washing on ***Maundy Thursday,*** and a reflective hour before the cross on ***Good Friday.*** There will also be an ***11am Maundy Thursday*** service in the Cathedral this year, to which all priests are instructed to attend, but anyone is welcome to join as congregation. One more Holy Week gathering will be an ***All-Age service on Good Friday morning*** – this will have elements of celebration but also reflective times too, ending with hot cross buns.

It is an amazing time of year as the gardens and hedgerows begin to come to life, as the days lengthen and the weather warms up. Our main ***Easter Sunday service*** will be a combined United Service and All-Age Easter Communion to celebrate the day that transformed history and transforms all of our lives. There will also be an ***8am BCP Easter Communion*** and an ***Easter Evensong*** at 6pm.

As a Church community we recognise the challenges and joys that we are all going through. We acknowledge the need to lament the losses of the last two years, as well as look forward in hope at what might be to come. So my prayer is that we are all able to engage with the ups and downs of the Easter journey and can arrive on Easter Sunday with a sense of being more deeply connected to Jesus Christ. I pray that we can say, with Paul ‘***if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!.***’

Every Easter Blessing to you.

***Stephen***

# Cheeky Monkeys needs YOU!!

This group of mums and babies meets ***Friday 10 – 11.30*** and would love some helpers to chat to the mums and help with snacks etc. You only need to come for the time of the session and can offer for specific dates you can do. Please contact ***Elizabeth*** if  you can offer even one session a term **01202 625296**

**Sunday 3rd April**

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

*Stewart Timbrell*

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** @11

**Palm Sunday 10th April**

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**9:30am** Holy Communion

**11am** @11

**Tuesday 12th April**

**7.30pm** Holy Week Meditation

led by Churches in Harmony

Choir

**Maundy Thursday 14th April**

**7pm** Communion and foot

washing

**Good Friday 15th April**

**10am** All-Age Gathering

**2pm** - Reflective hour before

the cross

**Sunday 17th April**

**Easter Day**

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

*Stewart Timbrell*

**10am** United Easter

Communion with Methodists

**No** @11

**6pm** Easter Evening Prayer

**Sunday 24th April**

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

***Roger Green***

**9:30am** Holy Communion

***Roger Green***

**11am** @11

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[St Mary’s Calendar](http://www.smlm.co.uk/events/calendar/)

Welcome to the St Mary’s Church family

We are a diverse Church community meeting in and for our village

St Mary’s News

“One Church Worshipping in Different ways”

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# Prayers

## Give thanks for

* The sunshine and higher than average temperatures

## Pray for

* The welfare of the community who may be struggling with the increasing cost of living

# Work Parties

The next work party at church will be on **April 4th.** The church will be open from 8.30 to 11.00. Come along for socially distanced fellowship,  coffee or tea and a chance to help keep the building and surroundings looking good.

***Elizabeth***

# New LPAs are commissioned

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We congratulate ***Arthur Henry*** and ***David Mason,*** newly commissioned by Bishop Karen at Christ Church Creekmoor on Wednesday March 23rd and now part of our ***St Mary’s LPA team.*** Arthur and David fulfilled the ten sessions of the course across four Saturday sessions at Christ Church, along with a number of others who were training from across Poole and North Bournemouth Deanery. It is great to have Arthur and David on the team. Our LPAs are available to visit, phone or connect up with anyone that might need some pastoral support. They work alongside me and can also take home communion to those who require it (with pre-consecrated elements). Please speak to me or one of the team if you’d like to know more. Our LPA team now comprises of: Claire Coakes, Charles Hodson, Jayne Catley, David Mason and Arthur Henry. ***Stephen***

# Christian Aid DEC appeal for Ukraine

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

for those who want to support the relief effort going on at the moment in Eastern Europe

# Church Calendar

<https://www.smlm.co.uk/events/calendar/>

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| APRIL |  |  |
| Sat 2nd 2-6pm | Dorset County Association AGM | St Mary’s |
| Sun 3rd 6-7pm | APCM | St Mary’s |
| Mon 11th 7:30-9:30pm | God’s Big Story |  |
| Tue 12th 7-8:30pm | Holy Week Meditation | St Mary’s |

# News Sheet

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