



This Week Sheet

Palm Sunday

Sunday 14th April 2019

Welcome

Hymns: 159 147 (omit v6) 811 151 161
 (the collection for the work of the church will be taken in the third hymn)

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. **Amen.**

Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 19:28-40 (**8:00am**)

Luke 22:14 – 23:56 (**10:30am**)

For your prayers:

Those who are unwell: David Bowden, Ezra Simms, Brenda Skinner, Vicky Tod, Pat Westwood, Ben Williams.

Those who have died: Elizabeth Young, Brian Lane

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
 and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
 give us the mind to follow you
 and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
 to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Diary Dates

April		
Sun 14 th		Palm Sunday
	6.30pm	Choral evensong
Mon 15 th	9pm	Compline
Tue 16 th	9pm	Compline
Wed 17 th	12.15pm	Funeral in church
	9pm	Compline
Thur 18 th		Maundy Thursday
	12 noon	Funeral in church
	7.30pm	Communion + watch
Fri 19th	12 noon	Good Friday
Sat 20 th	10am	Easter activity morning
Sun 21 st		Easter Day

SERVICES

This Week:

6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Hymns: 156, 148, 586

Weekdays:

Mon – Fri 8am Morning Prayer
 Wed 10am Holy Communion
 (followed by Open Church)

Thur 18th 7.30pm Maundy Thursday

Fri 19th 12noon Good Friday

Next Sunday:

8.00am Easter Day
10.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion
Readings Acts 10:34-43
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
 Luke 24:1-12
6.30pm Said Service

If you are new to this morning's service:

If it is your custom to receive the bread and wine in your own church, then you are welcome to do so here. If you would rather not receive, you can keep your hands down for a blessing.

You may wish to remain in your seat, which is also fine.

Stay for refreshments after the 10am service if you can.

If you wish to support the work of the church financially, you can be part of the 'envelope scheme' or set up a Standing Order. You can also fill out a Gift Aid Declaration to increase the value of the gift. See wardens for information. Here are our account details:

PCC St Mary's Church Selly Oak
HSBC Account number: 41565818
Sort code: 40-11-20

Parish ministry team

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George Harrison: 07831 573169 Martin Sorby 07982 850 444

Bookings for weddings and baptisms: Weds 6.15-7.15pm
 Bellringing practice: Weds 7.30-9pm.

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Maundy Thursday

Thursday 18th April 2019

Hymns: 448 726 171 165 763 v1-6

Collect:

God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table
watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful. **Amen.**

Readings: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31-35

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Easter Day The trunk of our 2018 Christmas tree has been made into a cross for Easter. It will be bare, wrapped in chicken wire and standing in church from Maundy Thursday onwards. We would then like everyone to bring a flower(s) to put into the wire and help decorate the cross on Easter Day so our bare cross is covered with the colour & beauty of new Life. Thanks to Mike Basford for making the cross for us all to share. *Jayne*

Book Group (Thu 2nd May) 7.30pm at 9 Bridgewater Court, to discuss Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*

Theological read (Thu 9th May) We will meet at 9 Bridgewater Court to discuss Francis Spufford's *Unapologetic: or why, despite everything, Christianity can still make surprising emotional sense.*

New vicar As I announced at the APCM last Sunday, we have agreed an advert for our new incumbent with the Interim Archdeacon. I am now able to announce that the advert will be placed in The Church Times on 18th April giving a closing date for applications of Friday 17th May. Interviews will take place shortly afterwards (potentially in the week beginning 27th May) with the new Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson.
Martin Sorby

Servers

Would you like to become a server at the 10am service? As you may have noticed, we are now only able to field a team of three servers at the 10am service each Sunday instead of four. Over the last few years the numbers of servers has reduced by a significant number and we are in urgent need of new servers to join us. If you are interested please see Richard Edmonds or one of our clergy, Jayne or David.

The readings

We tend to run together all the Holy Week events from all the gospels to form one narrative. Often they are quite different. On Luke's Palm Sunday, though Jesus does ride into Jerusalem on a horse - symbol of kingship - he is not surrounded the cheering crowds, but by his own followers singing and praising God. They think that in this holy city Jesus will be recognised as the great teacher and healer he is. In fact, not only will the holy men of Jerusalem plot and succeed in destroying Jesus, but of his inner circle one will deny him, one betray him, and the others flee. Luke concentrates on the outsiders who will take their place: the foreign tourist forced to carry Jesus's cross, the criminal crucified with him who asks for his blessing, the Roman soldier who recognises Jesus for who he is. Meanwhile his friends stand at a distance. It is left to Joseph of Arimathea - a brave act since he is one of the temple's inner circle - to make sure that Jesus's body is treated with respect, giving up his own tomb for him. The women, who Luke never forgets to mention - who have always followed, and not fled, prepare to give Jesus the burial he deserves. It's easy - and has been dangerous for the Jewish people - to blame the mob who called for Jesus to be crucified. But, as Jesus says from that cross, they can be forgiven. They didn't know what they were doing. The disciples did. So, we might try to put ourselves into the Passion narrative, ask what failings we might exhibit when put to the test, but also what hidden strengths we might discover with God's grace, knowing that we, too, will be and are forgiven.

Mary Cutler

