

Notices continued: Services for Holy Week and Easter:

Date	Day	Time	Service
25 th March	Palm Sunday	8.00am	BCP Eucharist
		9.30am	CW Eucharist
		2.30pm	Activities for Holy Week and Easter
		3.30pm	Donkey, procession short service and tea
26 th	Monday	7.30pm	Meditation and music - Edith
27 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Service and address - Betty
28 th	Wednesday	10.30am	CW Eucharist
		7.30pm	Compline and address – David Pitcher
29 th	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Taize foot washing and Last Supper
30 th	Good Friday	10am	Procession of witness starts at the Castle Meadow.
		2-3pm	The Last Hour – hymns and thoughts for Good Friday
1 st April	Easter Day	8am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	LIGHTING PASCHAL CANDLE AND EASTER COMMUNION

Wednesday 28th March, 10.30am Holy Communion in church.
Next Sunday Easter Day: Sunday 1st April 8am Eucharist (BCP.) 9.30am Easter Holy Communion (CW).
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Palm Sunday - Sunday next before Easter March 25th 2018.

Today's Service: see service booklet.

GOSPEL: Mark 11.1–11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
 Response (ALL): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

First Reading: When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 2 '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. 3 If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" 4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' 6 They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' 11 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.

Response (ALL): **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50 v 4-9

The servant of the LORD said: 4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

GOSPEL: Mark 14v62- 15-end

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After the Reading the readers return to their seats and there is a period of silence.

Please pray for:

Ena and Patrick Lowin, Olwin Bridges, Desmond and Renee Clifton, Trevor Newton, Joyce Davis and any who are unwell at this time.

Notices: Easter Lilies: If anyone would like to donate lilies for Easter in memory of a loved one please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. As we did last year, there will be a list of those we are remembering in the Space For Grace over the Easter period.

Holy Week: There will be a time for a creative reflection on the message of Easter during Holy Week. Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, and Friday 30th, all 10.00am -12.00 noon. Hopefully we will create part of a new portable altarpiece using the Christmas cards that many of you kindly brought in to church. Contact Mary Lamb if you would like more information. All welcome.

Alive@4 with special Palm Sunday activities, service and Donkey, Sunday 25th March: Today, Palm Sunday, March 25th. From 2 – 3.30pm there will be activities for slightly older children preparing for Holy Week and Easter. To be joined at 3.30pm by whole families and by a donkey, we will walk with the donkey around

Church and after a short service we'll have tea and hot cross buns in St Michael's Rooms. Everyone is very welcome. If you would like to join us please sign up at the back of Church so we have some idea of how many hot cross buns we need to buy. For more details ring Mary Lamb on 01728 638897 or Wendy Phelan on 01728 720125.

Volunteers needed: Easter heralds the start of Framlingham's tourist season and the need for St Michael's team of volunteers to be in church to welcome visitors and help them enjoy our beautiful church. We are always looking for people to help us in this pleasant task. If you can spare a couple of hours per month from April to September, please contact me for information. Guidance and support is given to those who are new to the town or new to stewarding. Jenny Broster.Tel.720103.

The Healing Team: Two members of the Healing Group will be in our Space For Grace after the 9.30 service today for anyone to share their concerns, doubts, fears or worries or to say thank you. It is done in complete confidence.

Junior Church: All children who are in school years 1 – 6 welcome to join us on Sun 8th April during the 9.30am service in church. We will be going out to St Michael's Rooms to have lots of fun exploring the Christian faith through games, music, stories and activities.

Knit and Stitch Group: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th April at 10am in church. We counted up all the potential chicks and bunnies and think we have around 55 so plenty for Easter Sunday, a few are still with their creators and will hopefully join Mary's throng in the next week or so. The more the merrier. Turning our attention to the future Mary suggested we make a banner to celebrate the music in church and have a reference to Janis Haerle on the reverse, all present thought that a lovely idea. Mary will draw up some ideas for us to work on. Those who just wish to come to socialise and drink tea/coffee are very welcome of course. More details from Mary Lamb 638897 or Geraldine

The Food Bank: Donations are urgently needed and it is important that the items are well within sell-by dates. The food from our bin in church is taken to the Salvation Army in Woodbridge. I know we are always being asked to give to good causes, but if you can keep popping something in our bin it is much appreciated. Any non-perishable foods are welcome. Please remember, a lot of the people they help are homeless and don't have access to cookers. Thanks.