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Sunday 2nd April 2023 Palm Sunday

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER'S

For the joint Holy Week services across St George's, St Laurence's and St Peter's, see the service list in the Notices.

Sun 2nd Palm Sunday	8am	Early Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist <i>Beginning outside by the memorial</i>
	6pm	Confirmation Class W4 <i>Church Hall Group</i>
Wed 5th	10am	Midweek Eucharist
Thu 6th Maundy Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer with <i>reflection and discussion</i>
Fri 7th Good Friday	10am	Stations of the Cross
	1.30pm	Liturgy of the Day
Sun 9th Easter Sunday	8am	Early Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist <i>followed by egg hunt!</i>

CAN YOU HELP?

We are collecting:

- Food/personal hygiene items for Churches Together Food Bank, Living Waters Church;
- Soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, hygiene items and more for our MU hospital hygiene packs;
- used stamps with 1cm of paper around them to fundraise for Multiple Sclerosis charities,
- erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencil crayons (NOT wax, please) and small colouring books,
- and more – please see the back of church for more information!

NOTICES

Bingo!: What a night! Thank you so much to everyone who offered prizes, refreshments and their time and efforts towards making our Bingo evening so much fun.

Flowers: We are collecting donations towards our Easter decorations – please give to Anne Wilding or place in the box at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

Easter Cleaning: Can you help? We're cleaning the church for Easter after the 10am service on Wednesday 5th April,

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**Pastoral emergency – emergency
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Safeguarding:	Louise Benney: 434088 Carole Keegan: 07871 527703

and decorating from about 9.30am on the morning of Saturday 8th April – with refreshments and camaraderie in spades! We need as many hands as possible – have a word with Rev Rebecca, Anne or Ronnie if you're able to help.

Maundy Thursday Youth Afternoon: Come and make hot cross buns, play games, pray and eat pizza! Free to attend, for families and young people of primary and secondary school age from across the Chorley parishes. Ask Rev Rebecca for more information, or contact Fr Jordan to book your place (so we can make sure there's enough pizza!): curate@stgeorgechorley.co.uk

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER: 2ND – 9TH APRIL

Palm Sunday: 8am and 10am, *St Peter's*. For the 10am service, please gather outside the War memorial for 9.55am (weather permitting) for Palm blessings and the Palm Sunday Gospel before we process into church.

'Spy' Wednesday: Weekday mass, 10am – *St Peter's*;
Healing service, 7pm – *St Laurence's*

Maundy Thursday: Chrism Eucharist, 11am at **Blackburn Cathedral** - all are welcome to attend.

Youth afternoon, 5pm – *St George's*;
Eucharist with foot washing and vigil, 7.30pm – *St George's*

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 10am;
Liturgy of the Day, 1.30pm – *both at St Peter's*

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Eucharist, followed by fizz and fireworks, 8.00pm – *St Laurence's*

Easter Day: Mass of the day, 8am and 10am (followed by an egg hunt!) – *St Peter's*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

those who have asked for our prayers:

Derek Morgan, Derek Draper, Brenda Feeney, Eileen Downs, Sarah (Sally) Price, Beryl Diggles, John Berry, Alison Feeney, Dean Haworth, Audrey Batten, Thelma Warburton, Geoff

all recently departed, especially those known to us;
Graham Heyes, Anna Matthews (priest)

those who we remember at this time:

Nellie Neville, Walter Downs, Ada Robinson, Eileen McKie, Jack Monks, Roy Widdows Ellison, Margaret Perrigo, James William Atherton, Rita Cave, Sam Williams, Caroline Jones, Felicity Heath, Harry Finley, Herman Williams, George Edward Dewland, Marjorie Wilkinson, Sandra Arnold, David Stewart Cross (bishop), Joan Brownley, Ivor Harry Monks Pinner, Alan Aspinall, John Widdows, Elizabeth Sharrock, Olive Mary Roberts, Deborah Katrina Calvert, Annie Downs, Thomas Aspinall

To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested.

To add a name onto our prayer or memorial lists, or to ask to be prayed for privately, please email chorleypetersvicar@gmail.com.

HYMNS

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Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a

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 awakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 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.

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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second reading: Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 27.11-54

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them,

'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

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.**
