

March 26<sup>th</sup> Monday  
10:30am Easter Services in Residential  
Care Homes; 2:30pm at Hillier House

March 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
9:45 am Tuesday Group  
12:30 pm Christian Meditation Group  
2pm U3A choir concert in church

March 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
9:30 am Wednesday Walk – meet at church (*please confirm with Marian if you're coming 564069*)  
10 - 11:30 am Café Play @ St Nic's for parents and children

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
9.30 St Nicolas' School Service  
11 am Chrism Mass - Diocesan Eucharist with Blessing of Oils at the cathedral  
7pm Evening Prayer

**8 pm THE LITURGY followed by silent Watch**

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

7am Morning Prayer  
9:30 Ecumenical Worship at St Mary's, Quarry Street  
1 0:30 am Ecumenical Walk of Witness from the bottom of North Street then up High Street to Holy Trinity church  
11:45am–1pm Messy Church children's activities for children *with Hot Cross Buns!*

**1:30pm THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY**

7pm Compline

#### **HOLY SATURDAY**

9:15am Morning Prayer – 7:30pm Evening Prayer (then silence before the Liturgy at 8:30pm)

#### **EASTER DAY**

9 am Morning Prayer – 5pm Julian Meeting – 6pm Evensong & Benediction

#### **THE EASTER LITURGY**

starting on **HOLY SATURDAY** at 8:30pm

**The Service of Light outdoors – into church for the Vigil in darkness with readings – then bursting gloriously into the First Eucharist of the Resurrection**

and continuing in the morning at 10am  
**with the Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**All members of St Nicolas' are asked to be present for both.**

*It is our most important gathering of the whole year, celebrating the very centre of our Christian faith. Holy Communion should be received at both.*

**Children's activities at 10am**

#### **Notices**

**Today is our last chance to fill the rota of half-hour slots if we are to keep the whole Maundy Thursday Watch through the night with two people in church at all times.**

"Thanks all who have made donations towards the Maundy Thursday and **Easter flowers**. They will be arranged on Holy Saturday from 9:30am – please can you help?" *Marian Coom*

#### **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week**

Morning Prayer at 8:15am.  
Each evening there will be quiet in church after Evening Prayer at 7pm.

**The focal point of these three days will be the quiet and simple Eucharist at 8pm with a reflective talk.**

Presiding Monday, Andrew; Tuesday, Bishop Jo; Wednesday, Phillip Jones  
Preaching: Dean Dianna Gwilliams

*The office will open Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, but be closed on Good Friday.*

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## **WEEKLY LEAFLET**

### **25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### **PALM SUNDAY**



Ask one of the sides-people before the Offertory if you need to receive gluten free holy communion.

Andrew will preside at 9:15am today, on Monday evening, Maundy Thursday & Holy Saturday; Anne will preside on Easter morning.

**8:15 am MORNING PRAYER**  
*Daily Worship*  
Office hymn 79; psalms 61 & 62  
Zechariah 9:9-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12



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**9:15 am Said EUCHARIST in St Nicolas' church**  
**10am LITURGY OF THE PALMS in the Community Centre**  
**Procession to the 10:30am worship & activities at the URC**

## The Gathering

+ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.  
**and also with you.**

*Welcome & Introduction*

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.  
We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease  
rather than watch with you:  
Lord, forgive us.  
**Christ have mercy.**

When we bestow a kiss of peace  
yet nurse enmity in our hearts:  
Lord, forgive us.  
**Christ have mercy.**

When we strike at those who hurt us  
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:  
Lord, forgive us.  
**Christ have mercy.**

When we deny that we know you  
for fear of the world and its scorn:  
Lord, forgive us.  
**Christ have mercy.**

May almighty God

## The Greeting

## Prayers of Penitence

have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

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.**

## FIRST READING (Philippians 2:5-11)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PASSION READING (Mark 15:1-39)

*Evangelist: Anne Cooper; Jesus: Iain Ferguson; other voices: Peter Oldroyd.*  
*There are no responses before or after the reading, but the congregation say together the words in bold.*

... Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

**Crucify him!**

Why, what evil has he done?

*(louder)* **Crucify him!**

... And they began saluting him,

**Hail, King of the Jews!**

... Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads.

**Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!**

In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves.

**He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.**

... When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Listen, he is calling for Elijah.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Kia Pakenham*

let us pray to the Lord **Lord, have mercy**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand as we exchange a handshake as a Sign of Peace*

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.  
The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.  
He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:*  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The Prayer continues and we all respond boldly: **Amen.**

*A time of silence is kept.*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;**

### **Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

**on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim together the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies  
may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us.  
Amen.**

*The bell rings as a sign to come for communion or a blessing. All who usually receive Holy Communion are welcome to do so, others to come for a blessing.*

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Agnus Dei**

**Giving of Communion**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

**Faithful God,**  
**may we who share this banquet**  
**glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**our salvation, life and hope,**  
**who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

### **We now move to the Community Centre : 10am Liturgy of the Palms**

*This morning's worship includes both Anglican and URC material and styles. The custom of worshipping together on Palm Sunday is relatively recent and is an important symbol of our growing partnership.*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*Choir: 'Hosanna to the son of David' by Michael Barrett.*

*The people hold up their palms to be sprinkled and blessed.*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah!

*Please follow the servers with cross and candles, out of church (Ministers come at the end); for safety's sake, please do keep on the pavement*

### **PROCESSIONAL SONG**

We have a king who rides a donkey,  
and his name is Jesus:  
Jesus the king is risen  
early in the morning.

Trees are waving a royal welcome  
for the king called Jesus:  
Jesus the king is risen  
early in the morning.

We have a king who cares for people,  
and his name is Jesus:  
Jesus the king is risen  
early in the morning.

A loaf and a cup upon the table,  
bread-and-wine is Jesus:

Jesus the king is risen  
early in the morning.

We have a king with a bowl and towel,  
servant-king is Jesus:  
Jesus the king is risen  
early in the morning.

What shall we do with our life this morning?  
Give it up in service!  
Jesus the king is risen  
early in the morning.

### **Worship & activities at the URC**

*Palm crosses will have been distributed so that everyone has one.*

*Choir: 'The Feast of Palms' (Bullard)*

### **GATHERING & WELCOME**

**HYMN** R&S 208 'All glory, laud and honour'

### **INTRODUCTION**

**OPENING THE SCRIPTURES:** Riding into Jerusalem

### **PRAYER**

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|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>ACTIVITIES:</b> | <b>Craft</b>      | <b>The Big Picture</b>                   |
|                    | <b>Sermon</b>     | <b>Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus</b> |
|                    | <b>Discussion</b> | <b>Jesus: Divine or Human?</b>           |

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **OFFERING & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN** R&S 209 'Ride on, ride on in majesty'

### **BLESSING**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** Now thank we all our God (Karg-Elert)



**5 pm Julian Meeting at St Nicolas'**  
*The weekly ½ hour of quiet & stillness – this week in the WTJ room*

**6pm United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road**  
**Our singers in a joint choir perform Fauré's Requiem**