

The United Benefice of St Michael  
Lichfield and St John, Wall

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Greeting and Words of Welcome**

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

*Words of Welcome*

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,  
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.  
Ride on in the cause of truth  
and for the sake of justice.  
Your throne is the throne of God,  
it endures for ever;  
and the sceptre of your kingdom  
is a righteous sceptre.  
You have loved righteousness and hated evil.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.  
**All Hosanna to the Son of David.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**The Word of God**

**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.  
**All Amen.**

**First Reading Mark 11.1-7**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples<sup>2</sup> and said to them, '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.<sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."<sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it,<sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?'<sup>6</sup> They told them what

Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.<sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

*At the end of the reading the reader says:*

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*All*    **Hosanna to the Son of David.**  
          **Blessed is he who comes in the name of    the Lord.**

*We hold up our palm crosses while this prayer is said*

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.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Second Reading Mark 11.8-11**

<sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.<sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

<sup>11</sup>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.

*At the end of the reading the reader says:*

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*All*    **Hosanna to the Son of David.**  
          **Blessed is he who comes in the name of    the Lord.**

### **Third Reading Mark 11.15-19**

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves;<sup>16</sup>and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.<sup>17</sup>He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written,

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"?  
you have made it a den of.'

<sup>18</sup>And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching.<sup>19</sup>And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples out of the city.

*At the end of the reading the reader says:*

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*All*    **Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of    the Lord.**

## **The Address**

### **Prayers**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

We offer our prayers to God, in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

God, whose son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, we pray for this city:

For those who live here, in comfort or in need;  
For those who work or serve here;  
For our schools and places of learning  
For those whose decisions and example shape our common life.  
For the powerful and the weak

*Silence*

We pray that our city and all its people may recognise in Jesus the one who comes in the name of God and may find in Jesus the bringer of truth and liberation.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

*All*    **Come into our hearts today**

God, whose son Jesus Christ subverted the expectations of the crowd, we pray for our society and our world:

For those who seek justice and to give a voice to those on the margins;  
For those who exercise power and authority  
For those who resort to violence or oppression  
For those who cannot see Jesus or hear the Gospel because the Church gets in the way;  
For all those who live sacrificial lives for the sake of others

*Silence*

We pray that the disturbing story of Jesus may continue to find its way into hearts and minds, and so renew lives and transform communities.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

*All*    **Come into our hearts today**

God, whose son Jesus Christ humbled himself even to death on the cross,

We pray for all in pain or distress:

For those who suffer because of the inhumanity of others;

For those who are sick, or frail, or depressed;

For the dying and the bereaved.

*Silence*

We pray for strength and encouragement, for wholeness and for justice, for comfort and for hope.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

*All* **Come into our hearts today**

God, whose son Jesus Christ is exalted and given the name above every name, we pray for the coming of your kingdom:

In the lives of your people;

In the worship and witness of your Church;

For the good and flourishing of the whole of your Creation.

*Silence*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

*All* **Come into our hearts today**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

**Amen**

### **The 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.

*Ephesians 2.13,14*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

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.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**ST MICHAEL**

***Those newly in need of prayer***

Anne Whatson, David Kendrick, Steve Baker, Phillip Goodwin, Sam Bassett,

***Those in continuing special need of prayer:***

Mark Berry, Elizabeth Chapman, Chris Clayton, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Alison Cox-Toplis, Martin Dewes, Chris Dickerson, Colin Eastwood, Robert Harris, Chris Kirk, Alison Knight, Robert McAllester-Jones, Matthew Martel, Marielouise Oliver Norah and Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Anthony Staples aged 7, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Judith Watson, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield, Jamie,

***Those who have died***

Peter Whatson, David Weedon

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**ST JOHN**

***Those in continuing special need of prayer:***

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

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## **CHURCH NOTICES**

### **SERVICES FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

**Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion on Zoom

10.00am Palm Sunday Service

A service of hymns, readings and prayers with a brief address ***outside in the churchyard at St Michael's***. All are welcome but we will need to maintain social distancing. A one-off order of service will be printed and palm crosses distributed.

6.00pm Palm Sunday Service on Zoom.

## **Holy Week Compline**

9.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Good Friday. Compline is traditionally the last service of the day and this year we are offering the service at a later time.

## **Maundy Thursday**

6.00pm Commemoration of the Last Supper on Zoom.

This service will include an agape meal. We invite everyone who joins this service to prepare something to eat and drink together in fellowship and to remember the last meal Jesus had with his disciples. ***This service will not be Holy Communion.***

## **Good Friday**

2.00pm Good Friday Service for the Last Hour on Zoom.

This service will take place at the time of the last hour that Jesus was on the cross and will a service of music, readings and address focussing on his Passion.

## **Walk through Good Friday Experience at St Michael's.**

10am – 12 noon St Michael's church will be open for prayer and a walk-through reflection on the crucifixion.

## **Easter Sunday**

6.00am Dawn Service in church.

The service will start in the churchyard with the lighting of the Easter candle and hymn singing. The service will continue in church using one set of seats.

8.00am BCP in church.

10.00am Service of Holy Communion at St Michael's.

This service will be live streamed on a zoom link using the Sunday service link we have used each Sunday.

10.00am Service of Holy Communion at St John's.

## **Easter 2**

8.00am Holy Communion at St Michael's

10.00am Holy Communion at St Michael's

This will be the final service conducted by Rev Preb Simon Baker. Please notify the parish office if you wish to attend so that we have a good idea of numbers. This service will be live streamed on Zoom.

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's.

Family Praise online

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10am-12 noon** - St Michael's Church will be open so you can walk through the Easter story.

This is suitable for all ages and ends with a gift of a hot cross bun and a mini Easter egg!

Do come along during those two hours and experience the Easter story in a different way.

**EASTER SERVICE BOOKLET** The 10.00 services on Easter Day and the Sunday after (Simon's last service) will be live streamed from church using Zoom for those unable to be present in person. Unlike the Zoom services we have become used to over the last few weeks, the words of the liturgy won't be displayed on Powerpoint, but a service booklet will be available on the church web site for downloading and printing. If however you would like a booklet to be posted to you, could you please contact the parish office by phone (01543 262211) or email ([stmichaellichfield@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaellichfield@gmail.com))

### **LIVE STREAMING FROM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

After a successful trial on Passion Sunday, we intend to live stream the services on Easter Day and the Sunday after via Zoom for those who can't be in church. It would be nice to continue with this, at least for the next few weeks up to Pentecost, but to do so we need to form a team of volunteers to operate the computer and camera. No great expertise is required - just basic computer skills and the ability to point and zoom the camera. If you would be interested in helping please contact Chris Baker on [c.j.baker@bham.ac.uk](mailto:c.j.baker@bham.ac.uk).

### **EASTER SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL CHARITY COLLECTION**

We will be collecting for 'Embrace The Middle East', a charity that supports Christian partners in the Middle East. They help to provide homes, healthcare and education. If you wish to donate, please put money in a WHITE envelope, if you can gift aid please fill in the front of the envelope. Please make cheques out to 'PCC of St Michael and St Mary, Lichfield.

### **"Love - Our World"**

#### **All Age Churchyard Trail for Lent and Easter**

Suitable for all ages, in the churchyard there are five "stations" - laminated A4 sheets. They offer a simple framework for your own reflections, and offer a set prayer on each theme. They are located in the Easter Garden by the Cross, and by the empty tomb; on the compost bins; on a bench outside church; on a bench in the lower churchyard. If able, you may wish to use them as an opportunity for reflection and prayer on your daily walk. If you're not able to get there for any reason they are available on the website, and you may be able to imagine the setting! *Linda*

### **BIBLE STUDY IN LENT**

Last session on **Wednesday 31st March** on Zoom at 10.30am.

Everyone is invited to join these sessions.

### **WALK FOR WATER.**

Many of you will remember Imogen, who sang with Girls' Choir from the age of nine until she went to college a couple of years ago. She has sent me this message and asked me if I can publicise it through the church. "This Lent I'm taking on the Walk for Water Challenge. I'll be walking 10,000 steps a day for 40 days to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world. Watching the amazing key workers do wonders throughout this tough pandemic, I want to make sure that I do what I can to help

struggling communities. I know these are hard times but anything you can spare for this cause would be really greatly appreciated. My website is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/imogens-walk-for-water> Our official charity in this area is Water Aid, which we support at Harvest, but you may want to thank Imogen for her years of service by making a small donation. Many thanks. *Ted Green*

### **ST MICHAEL'S FLOWER ROTA**

I have taken over organising the flower rota from Diana. I will put the new one at the back of church for people to sign up to and would be grateful if that could be done on Easter Sunday when we can all be in church again. I will keep a copy at home so if you want to phone me I can let you know the dates available. As usual we will cover two weeks at a time.

It will be lovely to welcome you all back, and if anyone would like to join us you would be very welcome. We have some very talented flower arrangers and we also have people like me who can just put flowers in a vase, so whatever you can do will be appreciated.

Many thanks

Brenda Liptrot (tel 251863)

### **LEAVING GIFT FOR SIMON AND DIANA**

We are starting a collection to buy Simon and Diana a leaving gift from everyone here at St Michael's church. This is obviously trickier than usual as we are not currently in church to receive donations and need to minimise the handling of cash. If you would like to contribute you can pay your donation straight into the church bank account which would be very helpful.

Lloyds Bank

Account Name – PCC of St Michael and St Mary Lichfield

Account Number – 00114488

Sort Code – 30-95-04

Reference – **RETIREMENT**

**(This is really important as we need to distinguish between this and other donations)**

If you would prefer to post your donations somewhere, please deliver them to:-

Sue Jones

or

Lyn Shiel

38 Bracken Close

1 Aspen Close

Lichfield WS14 9RU

Lichfield WS 13 6FE

Angie is currently working from home with the exception of Thursday's when she is in the church office, so if you prefer to use the church post box, please ensure that you drop your donation off by 11am on a Thursday.

Many thanks,

*Sue and Lyn* Churchwardens

## **PARISH DIARY**

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday**

8:00am	Holy Communion	Zoom
10:00am	Sunday Service	In Churchyard
6:00pm	Palm Sunday Service	Zoom

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
9:00pm	Compline	Zoom

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
9:00pm	Compline	Zoom

### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
10:30am	Bible Study	Zoom
9:00pm	Compline	Zoom

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

All day	<b>OFFICE COSED</b>	
8:15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Zoom

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
10 – 12 noon	Good Friday Experience	St Michael's
2:00pm	Good Friday Service	Zoom

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday**

8:00am	Holy Communion	Zoom
10:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's

**THE FOODBANK** is always happy to receive gifts of

- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned fruit and vegetables, soup and beans
- Rice pudding and custard
- Instant coffee, tea, sugar, long life milk and fruit juice
- Packets of cereals, biscuits and snacks
- Pasta, rice and pasta sauce
- Jam

Items should be **at least 3 months in date** or the Foodbank is not allowed to issue them.

**Donations of food** can be left at **51, Lime Grove, Lichfield WS13 6ER**

*Maggie and David\_01543 255308*