

ARCH Group's aim: *"To show our love for God and You"*

Weekly Notices

13th April 2025

Palm Sunday



Today's 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.

Today's 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.

Next Week's Services

Thursday 17th April 2025: Maundy Thursday

11.00 am	Harvington	Holy Communion+
7.30 pm	Church Lench	Holy Communion+

Friday 18th April 2025: Good Friday

11.00 am	Harvington	Good Friday Meditation
6.30 pm	Church Lench	Good Friday Meditation

Sunday 20th April 2025: Easter Sunday

9.30 am	Harvington	Family Communion+
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Church Lench	Family Communion+
11.00 am	Rous Lench	Holy Communion+

For Prayer

This Holy week we pray to you, Son of God:
For the choices you made to bring the world hope,
For your servanthood and humility,
For your words of power and challenge of corruption,
For the sacrifice of your life so we can fully live.
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

In this turbulent and complicated world we pray to you, Son of God:
For the countries in poverty and despair,
For the nations in war, conflict and turmoil,
For the peoples persecuted and rejected,
For you to bring your kingdom of peace.
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

In this world damaged by humanity we pray to you, Son of God:
For those who farm the land, facing changes in weather,
For countries in drought, flood, and starvation,
For people helping and supporting those who have lost their land,
For you to bring weather in season, and good crops.
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

In this world of greed and bullying we pray to you, Son of God:
For those facing loss of jobs, businesses and income,
For those who have international, life-changing decisions to make,
For those who have far too much, but desire more,
For you to bring fairness, morality and generosity into selfish lives.
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

In the family of this church and our community we pray to you, Son of God:
For all our local leaders, councillors and MP,
For all those who work in surgeries, schools, shops and all places that
serve, For all those in need, in sickness, in pain and in turmoil,
For you to bring your healing and light into darkness.
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

Liturgy of the Palms

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29*

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 3 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 4 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
- 5 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- 6 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 7 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 8 This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 9 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- 10 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 11 The Lord is God; he has given us light; link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
- 12 You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.
- 13 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 19:28-40*

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Next Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 65:17-25*

¹⁷I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall

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not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 118:14-24*

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
- 15 Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous:
- 16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'
- 17 I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Next Week's Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Next Week's Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must

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rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.