

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

March 2024

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## MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday  
24<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30

A selection of  
Passiontide music by  
Brahms, Mozart, Biebl,  
Faure, Rheinberger,  
Bruckner, Ireland,



## QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 for 8.0 start.  
Come on your own or make up a table of six.  
Tickets from John.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

10.0 a.m.

Parish  
Communion



The Bible Study group is  
focussing on Lenten themes  
of temptation and faith.

Why do we ask to be delivered from evil and  
temptation? Can faith really move mountains?  
Come and join us as we try to answer these  
and other questions - at 6:45pm, in The Harris  
Room (on the left of the church tower) on  
**Tuesday February 27, March 12 and 26.**

## NEXT PCC MEETING

March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Harris Room  
All welcome

## Come and See

The excellent Oxford Diocese lent course - a  
daily short email and a weekly short video to  
reflect on. Register on  
[www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see)

**AFTERNOON TEAS** in the Village Hall  
on the first Wednesday of the month:

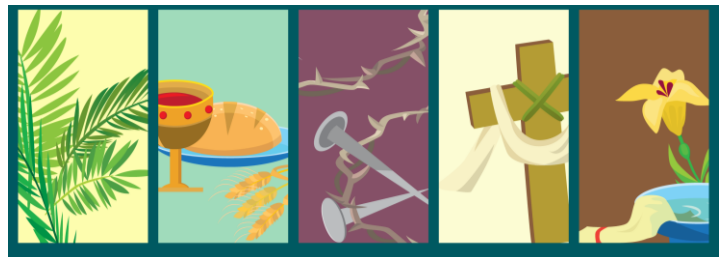
**NEXT ONE: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2.0 – 4.0** Cost £4. Join us  
by booking at [pruereynolds96@gmail.com](mailto:pruereynolds96@gmail.com)

## Community lunch at Talking Shop

Next one 13<sup>th</sup> March 12.30 – 2.0  
A delicious three course lunch cooked by  
volunteers to save food waste. Pay what you can.

**Among the many local people who need our  
prayers, please especially keep in mind**

all those we know who are unwell,  
and especially Angie Pugh, Gwen Beaver,  
Martyn Akrigg, Mavis Goodall, John Bardwell  
and the other residents of Vale House,  
and those who work there.



## HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

**Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion  
with distribution of palms  
6.30 p.m. Music for Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
6.30 p.m. Eucharist

**Good Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Church open 12.0 – 3.0  
2.15 Good Friday service

**EASTER SUNDAY March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evening prayer.

## SUNDAYS in March 2024 Year B

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Lent 3

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 20.1-17 The 10 Commandments.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25 *The message about the cross – God’s wisdom and power surprises us. Jesus is the power and wisdom of God.*

John 2.13-22 *Jesus purifies the Temple – it will be replaced by God’s true Temple, his body, into which believers come.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March Lent 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.

1 Samuel 1.20-28 *Hannah was at last gifted a son, Samuel. She dedicates him to serve God in the Temple.*

Colossians 3.12-17 *A summary of Christian character. Christ rules in our hearts. We sing.*

John 19.25-27 *Mary is at the cross with the Beloved Disciple. They are to care for each other when, in a few hours, Jesus begins ascending into God, where he has always been.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March Lent 5 PASSION SUNDAY

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Jeremiah 31.31-34 *God promises a new covenant, written in our hearts.*

Hebrew 5.5-10 *The risen Christ is our priestly representative with God following his suffering.*

John 12.20-33 *After his ascent into God Jesus will be present for all nations.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March PALM SUNDAY

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 50.4-9 *The servant of God has taught and encouraged us. Now he will suffer and be vindicated.*

Philippians 2.5-11 *A hymn about the servant Christ’s suffering and glorification, so all can worship.*

Mark 14-15 *The Passion narrative according to St Mark.*

#### 6.30 MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> March 6.30 pm

1 Corinthians 15.23-26 *The institution of Holy Communion at the Last Supper*

John 13.1-17 and 31-35 *Jesus the servant washes his disciples’ feet, setting us an example. Now is the time of his glorification and God’s glory.*

*His new commandment: that we love one another.*

### GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March 2.15 pm

Isaiah 52.13-53.12 *The suffering servant – for our sakes.*

Hebrews 10.16-25 *God’s new covenant (see above, Lent 5, Jeremiah). inaugurated by Christ’s death.*

John 18-19 *The Passion according to St John.*

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March EASTER SUNDAY

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 25.6-9 *This is our God for whom we have waited – now rejoice!*

Acts 10.34-43 *Peter tells Gentiles all about Jesus.*

Mark 16.1-8 *The women find the tomb empty. A man in white/angel explains. He is risen.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Lent is a tree without blossom, without leaf,  
Barer than blackthorn in its winter sleep,  
All unadorned. Unlike Christmas which  
decrees

The setting-up, the dressing-up of trees,  
Lent is a taking down, a stripping bare,  
A starkness after all has been withdrawn

Of surplus and superfluous,  
Leaving no hiding-place, only an emptiness  
Between black branches, a most precious  
space

Before the leaf, before the time of flowers;  
Lest we should see only the leaf, the flower,  
Lest we should miss the stars.

Jean M. Watt

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who, of thy tender love  
towards mankind,  
hast sent thy Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
to take upon him our flesh,  
and to suffer death upon the  
cross, that all mankind should  
follow the example  
of his great humility:

Mercifully grant, that we may  
both follow the example of his  
patience, and also be made  
partakers of his resurrection;  
through the same  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
BCP collect for Palm Sunday