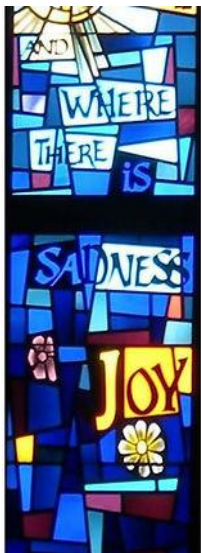


ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

April 2025

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FAURÉ REQUIEM

will be sung
in church by
St Andrew's choir
on

Palm Sunday
13th April at 6.30

NEXT PCC MEETING

Thursday April 10th at 7.30 p.m.
in the Harris Room

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

Caring for Creation:

24th May 10.0 – 4.0 at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Helping all Christians to explore their fundamental calling to care for God's earth. Open to all: cost £30. Essential to book by 16th May at the latest. Email cres@jri.org.uk

AFTERNOON TEAS in the Village Hall

on the first Wednesday of the month:

NEXT ONE: 2nd April 2.0 – 4.0 Cost £4. Join us by booking at pruereynolds96@gmail.com

ECO AND SUSTAINABILITY MARKET

at Talking Shop Market on Saturday 12th April - discover eco-friendly treasures.

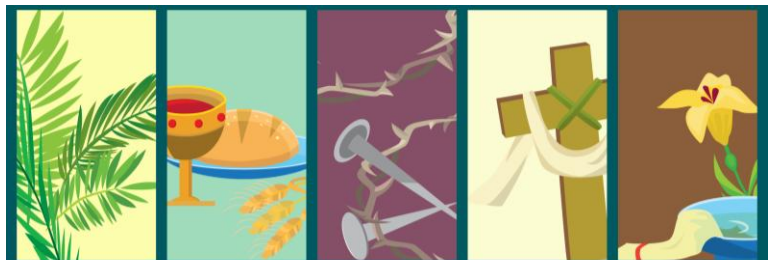
Among the many we know who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind Sue Bradshaw, Gwen Beaver, Jennie Tinson and Ruth Tuckwell, and also John Bardwell and the other residents of Vale House.

Rest in peace

Ray Tinson, whose funeral will be at 1.30 on 3rd April in church, and we pray for **Beverley, Martin, Kevin and all his family.**

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 30th March
10.0 a.m.
Parish Communion



HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday April 13th

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion
with distribution of palms
6.30 p.m. Fauré Requiem

Maundy Thursday April 17th

7.30 p.m. Eucharist

Good Friday April 18th

Church open 12.0 – 3.0
2.0 Good Friday service

EASTER SUNDAY April 20th

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening prayer.

Crocheting necklaces with Prue Reynolds

in the Village Hall Thursday April 24th 6.0 – 7.30 p.m.
Only 10 places, so please book with Etain at sandfordhallevents@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

A free and very intensive course on Saturday 10th May at Bletchingdon Village Hall with follow-up online tutorials.

Much more information on eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--oxford/pastoral-care/

SUNDAYS in April 2025 Year C

Sunday 6th April PASSION SUNDAY

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 43.16-21 *God is Creator, now doing a new thing – a way in the wilderness, drink for those in need. Praise the Lord!*

Philippians 3.4-14 *St Paul tells of his Jewish past, zealous for God's law, and his Christian present and future, knowing Christ and the power of his resurrection, sharing his suffering and about to share in his resurrection. Meanwhile he presses on to his impending death and burial.*

John 12.1-8 *Mary the sister of Lazarus anoints Jesus as great expense. Judas is mean-spirited but Jesus sees it as a sign of his impending death and burial.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.

Isaiah 50.4-9 *The prophet is a teacher and pastor, able to sustain the weary with words from God, at some cost to himself, but knowing God will vindicate him. A prophecy of Christ, as we read it.*

Philippians 2.5-11 *The earliest Christian hymn to the exalted Christ, an example of humility, obedient to death, then God's vindicating him and we worship him as our Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Luke 22.14-23 end. *The Passion according to St Luke. Into God's hands he commends his spirit.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Thursday 17th April MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 p.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 12.1-4 and 11.14 *Moses is instructed to celebrate the Passover to remember God's liberating the people at the Exodus.*

1 Corinthians 11.23-26 *The risen Christ is our priestly representative with God following his suffering. Paul recalls Jesus' last supper and the command to do it regularly and often in remembrance of him, until he comes to us.*

John 13.1-17 and 31b-35 *At the Last Supper Jesus washes his disciples' feet as an example to us. We should serve one another. The Son of Man is about to be glorified. We must love one another as he has loved us – the new commandment.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Friday 18th April GOOD FRIDAY 2.0 p.m.

Sunday 20th April EASTER SUNDAY

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 65.17-end *This is our God for whom we have waited – now rejoice!*

Acts 10.34-43 *Peter tells his first Gentile converts about Jesus, who went about doing good. We are witnesses of his death and resurrection. Those who trust him will find forgiveness.*

John 20.1-18 *The first witness to the Risen Jesus is Mary Magdalene. She became the apostle to the apostles.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 27th April Second Sunday of Easter

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Acts 5.27-32 *In Jerusalem after the Resurrection they spread God's good news as the authorities try unsuccessfully to silence them.*

John 20.19-end *The Risen Jesus breathes his Spirit on the disciples, enabling them to pronounce God's forgiveness.*

Doubting Thomas is convinced by the Risen Lord, who says 'Blessed are those who have not seen, yet have trusted' . The story can go on for ever, so we may all trust and have life in his name.

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

See, as they strip the robe from off his back
And spread his arms and nail them to the cross,
The dark nails pierce him and the sky turns black,
And love is firmly fastened onto loss.
But here a pure change happens. On this tree
Loss becomes gain, death opens into birth.
Here wounding heals and fastening makes free
Earth breathes in heaven, heaven roots in earth.
And here we see the length, the breadth,
the height
Where love and hatred meet and love stays true
Where sin meets grace and darkness turns to light
We see what love can bear and be and do,
And here our saviour calls us to his side
His love is free, his arms are open wide.

Good Friday, by Malcolm Guite

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