

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	25 th	Start of Holy Week
Tuesday	26 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	27 th	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Maundy Thursday	28 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2000 Sung Eucharist with The Washing of Feet followed by 2100 The Watch until midnight
Good Friday	29 th	1100 Churches Together joint service in <u>town centre</u> 1015 Choir Practice 1200 Choral Service with Readings
Saturday	30 th	
Easter Sunday	31 st	1000 Family Communion starts outside with Easter fire and ends with the Easter Egg hunt

News

Donations towards Easter flowers:
The Flower Team would be very grateful for any donations. Please give monies directly to Pui San, c/o the Parish Office.

The revision period for the Electoral Roll ends today. This is your last chance to complete an Application Form. After today the Roll will be closed until after the APCM on 21st April.

Helpers to serve Refreshments (WG Concert Club - 7 to 9pm):
We desperately need a full team of 3 for the 18th May concert.
Thanks to Zoe, Michelle, Francine & Rachel for volunteering for coming date, 20th Apr. (All equipment & drinks stock will be provided and instructions sent in that week or check with Pui San). **All**

monies raised goes to our own church funds!, crucial given our dire financials.

2024 Lent Course is held during the services. **Do visit the Deepening the Mystery 'unexpected treasures' of art** Exhibition at The Focolare Centre (Open till 7th Apr). Admission is Free! Please take a leaflet.

Welcome

Sunday 24th March 2024

PALM SUNDAY

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are welcome.

Youth & Children's Church
YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups:
Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 - Hall
Younger ones incl. babies who are accompanied are very welcome. **Years 5 & above - Meet in the Cellar**

Congregational Setting: None

Hymns: 128 (omit * verses) 432 129 398

Music

Choir: Darke in F major

Hutchings Hosanna to the Son of David

This week we pray for all who live and work in Stonehills and Stonebank.

Next Sunday: Only one service @10am Family Communion for all ages

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Sunday 24th March 2024
Palm Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The servant of the Lord said:

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Philippians 2: 5-11

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.

NOTE: The congregations sits and listens to the Passion reading, due to the length is not printed in it's entirety

Mark 15: 1-39

The Passion according to Mark starts:

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.'

Then the chief priests accused him of many things.

Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

(..... and continues to the end)

Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.'

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

**Next week is Easter Sunday: Acts 10: 34-43; Mark 16: 1-8
(10 am service only - Family Communion for all ages)**