



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

14 April 2019

*Palm Sunday;
the Sunday next before Easter*

Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone, and especially if you are new or visiting. Do please stay on for drinks and to meet people after the 9.30 and 11.15 services and keep this welcome sheet for your prayers this week.

Prayer

- with the Anglican Communion we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; for Archbishop Justin; for Bishops Tim and David
- the Sisters of St Andrew, Ramegnie-Chin, Belgium, among them Sister Katie Seal
- our mission giving: £450 for Winchester Churches Nightshelter, open 365 days a year to offer accommodation, food and vital support services to homeless people
- wisdom for our prime minister and all members of parliament; those whose lives and livelihoods are affected by the uncertainty caused by the Brexit process
- our keeping of Holy Week: that the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection become more real in the whole of our lives
- for all who are victim to violence, or driven to violence as a means of survival
- those who suffer under inhumane leaders and from appalling conditions; that we may have the strength, courage and resolution to identify and act
- personal space in which to be quiet and still and know God is with us, as close as our own breathing; that we may have an overwhelming sense of God's love
- the welcome we offer in these coming days to those who go to church only occasionally; may their lives be touched by God's unconditional love for them
- the unwell: Mike Beard, Caroline Behan, Janet Bird, Henry Drew, Vera Edwards, Liz Elsworthy, Judy Golding, Andrew James, Julia Jones, Laura Liepins, Emma and Mark Miller, Kate Morgan, Hugh Peskett, Les Scott, Jane Seal and Nicki Smith; all awaiting appointments or treatments
- those who have died recently, including Beryl Jones and John Randall; all who live with the pain of untimely death; God's comfort for their families and friends and all who remember loved ones

Please feel free to put prayer requests on the board at the back of church or e-mail them to admin@stmatthewstpaul.org.

St Paul's Lady Chapel is set up for prayer, either alone or with one of the prayer ministry team, after the 9.30 parish communion service.

Services today, 14 April

8 am [BCP] Holy Communion

St Matthew's

Readings: p. 96



9.30 am

St Paul's

Parish Communion with DIY crèche, Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers

Procession with palms: at 9.25 am we gather on the grass by the parish rooms with our red order of service and a palm cross

Readings

Isaiah 50: 4–9a [p. 838]

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 [p. 839]

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.

Dramatic Passion narrative from Luke 22: 14–23: 56 [p. 840]

The Passion is read by members of the congregation. We begin with the Last Supper and follow Jesus through the agony of prayer to his arrest, trial and crucifixion. Please stand as Jesus is brought before Pilate, and take part as the crowd.

**Post
Communion**

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. Amen.

11.15 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Mattins and Passion reading

Readings

Isaiah 50: 4–9a; Philippians 2: 5–11 [p. 838]
See above

Services next Sunday, 21 April

Easter Sunday

8 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Holy Communion
Readings: p. 129

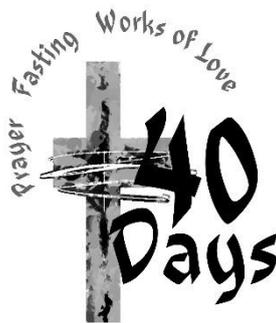
9.30 am
St Paul's

Parish Family Communion with Easter egg hunt
Readings: Acts 10: 34–43; John 20: 1–18 [p. 895]

11.15 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Mattins and Holy Communion
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Holy Week 2019	
<p><i>Maundy Thursday, 18 April</i> Holy Communion with stripping of the altar, and watch, at St Paul's</p>	7.30 pm
<p><i>Good Friday, 19 April</i> Family service for all ages at St Paul's Churches Together in Winchester Walk of Witness (meet at St Peter's) Devotional service at St Paul's Devotional service at St Matthew's</p>	10 am 10.50 am 12 noon 2 pm
	
<p><i>Holy Saturday, 20 April</i> Easter garden preparation by children at St Paul's Vigil and first light of Easter at St Paul's</p>	10 am 8 pm



Lent plastic challenge calendar

14 April Micah 6: 8, 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'

15 April Avoid plastic pens and giveaways. Try using a refillable fountain pen or pencils.

16 April Bring your own toiletries. Skip the free travel-size shampoos, soaps and lotions offered by hotels. Instead, fill up your own reusable travel-size containers at home.

17 April Avoid the mini-bar snacks and drinks. Not only are they incredibly expensive, but they all come in plastic packages or bottles. Even if you can't avoid plastic entirely, you can resist single-serving sizes.

18 April What lasting changes are you going to make? Do you find yourself looking at plastics in a different way? List three things you are going to commit to changing.

The week ahead

Mon 15, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
Tues 16, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
	7.30 pm	Parish rooms
Wed 17, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
	4.30 pm	Vestry
Thurs 18	NO toddler group (Easter holiday)	
Sat 20, 10 am	Children make Easter garden	St Paul's

Diary dates

April

Tues 23, 11 am	Funeral of John Randall	St Paul's
	2.30 pm	St Barnabas'
Thurs 25, 9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group restarts	Parish rooms
Sun 28, 6 pm	Taizé service	Cathedral
Mon 29, 7.30 pm	Annual parochial church meetings	St Paul's
Tues 30, 9 am	Property committee	Vestry
	7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group

May

Wed 1, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City starts	St Lawrence's
	7.30 pm	Western School
Thurs 2	Elections	St Paul's Hall
	6.30 pm	'The Great War Dead' history talk
Sat 4, 2–6 pm	Dance rehearsal for Community Day	St Paul's
Mon 6	Parish office closed (bank holiday)	
Tues 7, 2.30 pm	St Matthew's planning group	St Matthew's
Wed 8, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City	St Lawrence's
Thurs 9, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	St Paul's
Fri 10, 10–noon	St Paul's Coffee Pot pop-up café	St Paul's
Sat 11, all day	Community Day, 'The Circus'	St Paul's
Sun 12	Christian Aid Week starts	
	noon	Baptism of Evelyn Wright
Mon 13, 7.45 pm	PCC meeting	St Paul's
Wed 15, 3.30 pm	<i>Beyond Ourselves</i> committee	Parish rooms
	7 pm	Women's group
Sat 18	National Liturgical Conference	St Paul's
	5–7 pm	Youth games night

June

Sun 30, 10 am	Ordination of Liz Stuart as deacon	Cathedral
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July

Sun 7	We welcome Liz Stuart as our part-time curate	Both churches
	12.45 pm	Bring and share lunch
		St Paul's

Building for Life update

We continue to make good progress We expect to receive prices from four firms on 26 April. These will then be checked by the architect and quantity surveyor, and after that we will have a much clearer picture of costs. Depending on these, we may be able to give the green light to proceed in the autumn, or we may need to decide on some elements of the project that can be postponed.

Lots of hard work continues in order to raise the anticipated total cost, especially by all preparing for the Community Day and by those submitting ongoing grant applications. We still need to raise £180,000 to reach our target.

Please continue to pray for all involved in this demanding and complex project. Thank you.

Peter Sed.

Coming up

Good Friday Walk of Witness Churches Together in Winchester will be holding the usual ecumenical Good Friday walk and open-air service on 19 April. Please meet at St Peter's, Jewry Street, at 10.50 am for brief worship before walking to the High Street at 11 for an 11.15 service at the Buttercross.

Concert in aid of Winchester Hospice You are invited to an evening of piano, cello and flute music, with Tom Jesty from our parish on piano, at Winchester College Music School on Sat 27 April, 7.30 pm. Includes music by Rachmaninov, Ravel and Bridge. No tickets needed; retiring collection.

Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meetings The annual meetings, including elections of churchwardens and PCC members, will be held at St Paul's on Mon 30 April, 7.20 for 7.30 pm. If you would like to know what's involved in being a member of the PCC, please contact the Honorary Secretary, Nathalie Schulz, N.Schulz@btopenworld.com.

Space in the City *Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer* is the title of this spring's series of Wednesday lunchtime talks at St Lawrence's, 1–22 May, with speakers Angela Tilby, Brian Pickett, Peter Lippiett and Elizabeth Stuart.

Community Day, Sat 11 May: 'The Circus'

– *First Aiders* We need qualified First Aiders on site all day; please contact Roger (e-mail below) to book a slot.

– *Planting seeds* Please plant up some vegetable and sunflower seeds now so they'll be a good size to sell on the plant stall. And do label them so we know



whether the tomatoes will be red or yellow, and if we've got runner beans or French beans (the punters do ask us ...).

– *Coconut shy* We're looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the coconut shy in the afternoon; training provided on the day! Contact dpbray@virginmedia.com.

– *Bric-à-brac* Please start collecting together anything that may be saleable, ready to bring to church on/after 28 April. Keith Anderson is looking for volunteers to help on the stall for a couple of hours (or longer!): keith.anderson20@btinternet.com.

– *Bottles, bottles, bottles* Donations needed for the bottle tombola. Please leave them in the box at the back of St Paul's on Sundays or at the parish office on Mon, Wed or Fri, 9.30 am–3 pm.

– *Offers of help/queries* to Kat, Adrienne and Roger, rogerjbj@yahoo.co.uk, adriennemarsden01@gmail.com



New door-to-door volunteers for Christian Aid Week needed

Please contact Julie Sharp, juliemichaela@gmail.com, 07952 236887.

Big Sleep Out You are invited to take part in the Trinity Centre's Big Sleep Out, an eye-opening night spent sleeping in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral, on Fri 17 May. After an evening of live entertainment, you would build yourself a cardboard shelter to sleep in. Money raised in sponsorship will go back into Trinity's services, offering long-term, positive change.

Notices

Message from Vera Edwards Dear friends at St Paul's and St Matthew's, Thank you for your prayers, cards and flowers during my stay in hospital. I have missed you all, and especially the children's activities. Hope to be back soon. (Vera is at home recuperating.)

Christian Aid action to prevent climate change Christian Aid has been running a campaign this Lent inviting people from every community to call on HSBC to make the Big Shift away from fossil fuels and into renewable energy. For details of how to take part, please see <http://tinyurl.com/y4epdypv>.

Trinity Centre Donations of men's and women's casual clothes, shoes and warm items appreciated; contact lucy@trinitywinchester.org.uk.

Winchester women's refuge A safe haven for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Please help by leaving towels and toiletries in the box at the back of church.

Nightshelter Please donate strong black bin bags, floor cleaner, kitchen roll or white sugar via the box at the back of St Paul's.

Interested in meeting people/getting involved?

- *Toddler group* (0–3 years) runs on Thursdays, 9.30–11.30 am in the parish rooms: play, craft, singing, stories and snacks (coffee, etc. for grown-ups!)
- *Women's group* next meets Wed 15 May, 7 pm, at the Roebuck for supper; contact Julia Seal, 854849, julia.seal@ntlworld.com
- *Tea with Friends* runs on the second Monday of the month, 2.30–4.30 pm; please contact Linda Russell-Smith, 853584, or Heather Riley, 862867
- *St Paul's Coffee Pot* pop-up café next meets Fri 10 May, 10 am–noon in St Paul's, for real coffee, homemade cakes and a chat (donations to *Building for Life*); children welcome
- *Daytime book group* next meets in May; please contact Talia Hedstrom, 868728, or Christine Bennett, 852681
- *Meditation group* meets on Tuesdays, 7.30 pm in the parish rooms – come as you are and rest in God's presence
- *Tuesday homegroup* restarts after Lent on 5 May, 7.45–9.15 pm; please contact James Clay, 852141
- *Thursday homegroup* meets fortnightly, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, reconvening after Lent on 9 May; please contact Peter and Irene Casey, 808776

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Please make cheques payable to St Matthew's PCC – all gifts gratefully received

Please send in any notices for the welcome sheet to ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following Sunday