HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2019
Maudy Thursday: 18 April
6.00 pm: Maudy Thursday Supper will be a bring and share supper. Please enter your name/details on the List at the back of church or let the church office know.
7.30 pm: Holy Communion Service
Good Friday: 19 April
12.30 pm: A Time of Reflection in the nave (Vestry)

WEEKLY DIARY
Monday 15th April
10.30am Holy Communion.
Maudy Thursday 18th April
Denham Garden Village
10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.
6.00pm Maudy Thursday Supper Vestry
7.30pm Holy Communion St Mary’s Vestry
Good Friday 19th April
10.30am An Hour at the Cross St Mary’s
3.15-4.45pm Wintershall Passion Vestry

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We are running a book stall this year. Please place your book donations into the boxes provided at the back of church. No other gifts, please. There will be no bric-a-brac stall.
Please collect your raffle tickets which have been placed into named envelopes and are in the pigeon holes at the back of church. If you can sell more than you have been given, please contact the parish office.
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OPEN THE GATES!
19 Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. 20 This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter, 21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. 22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; 23 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. 25 LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. 27 The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. 28 You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

The nation’s leaders rejected the psalmist as builders discard a useless stone. But God made him a cornerstone (verse 22). When he came to the temple’s gates, where only the righteous might pass (verses 19–20), he was welcomed up to the horns of the altar (verse 27).
Later Jesus came to Jerusalem to the shouts of Psalm 118: 26: “Blessed is he who comes.” He too was rejected by the leaders and went to the altar, but as a sacrifice for sin (Isaiah 53: 10; Hebrews 9: 12), making us righteous so we can go in to God (Hebrews 10: 22). When we pray, the “gates of the righteous” are opened. Through his sacrifice we have access to the Father by the Spirit (Ephesians 2: 18).

PRAYER
“Lord, I praise you that your Son willingly paid a terrible price in order for me to gain access to you in prayer. If he was willing to come all the way from heaven to earth to do that, can I not rouse myself a bit earlier every morning to use this blood-bought gift? Lord, make me a person of prayer. Amen.”

(From Tim and Kathy Keller: My Rock, My Refuge – A Year of Devotions in the Psalms)

Welcome to church! If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the service leader or a member of the welcome team so we can welcome you personally. During the 10.30 service there is Sunday club for children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.

Christoph Lindner, Rector
**Worship today**

*14th April 2019*

**Palm Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesteam: Carlene Litchmore
Reader: Stephen Barrett
Readings: Philip 2. 5-11
Matt. 27. 1-54

10.00am Procession from Denham Village Memorial Hall with Joey the Donkey

10.30am Sung Communion St Mary's:

Sidesteam: Sylvia Gammond & Cheryl Webb
Readings and Readers:
Psalm 118, 1-2, 19-end Robin Doran
Luke 19. 28-40 Caroline Ashcroft
Prayers: Michael Carmody
Sidesman: Christoph Lindner & Carlene Litchmore
Sunday Club Leader: Sheyla Johnson
Destiny Leader: Jane Brown

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.

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.

Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-end

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! 2 Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. 20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. 27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. 29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

Luke 19. 28-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, '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. 31 If anyone asks you, “Why are you untlying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.” 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ 34 They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after as they were untying the colt, the owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ 36 On entering Jerusalem he went through the main street, that is, the way of the palm branches. 37 As 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, 38 saying, ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’ 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ 40 He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

In your prayers this week, please remember Jo Beal, Vi Slade, Sean Ryde, Audrey Sells and Christine Willson. Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time especially the family of William Collins, Pamela Nicholson and Anthony Lathwell.