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Sunday 13 March 2016

5th Sunday of Lent

Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit. Please do join us for **Fairtrade** refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am service.

Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in church with cup of tea at 5pm</i>

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents & toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12pm Funeral of Gladys Walker
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12pm Lent Lunch <i>in aid of Christian Aid in the Hall</i>
	7.45pm Alpha course <i>in church</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	7.30pm Lent Course <i>in the Hall - speaker John Beckett</i>
Fri	11.30am Funeral of Betty Joan Bouda

Palm Sunday 20 March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Youth Service

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Readings

Philippians 3: 4b-16

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.' ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.'

Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week

- For the services today, especially the afternoon prayer meeting.
- Praise God for the visit of Rev'd John Samways and pray for the important work of the Church Pastoral Aid Society.
 - For Bernard and Rosie Johnson as they settle into Sundial Lodge.
 - For the work of Christian Aid all over the world and the Lent lunches.
 - For John as he leads our Church and leads the last Lent Course session.
- For the youngsters of the Church that they will be fully integrated into the church. For the Youth Club, and Ruth Jones our Youth Worker.
 - For our Church partners and all who serve God overseas.
- For all the staff, especially John, Paul, Steve in his Reader Training. For the Pre-School especially as some attend Breakfastzone and Prayzone.

What's On & News

Fairtrade Stall Today As part of Fairtrade Fortnight there is a stall in the hall today with a display and some goods for sale.



The Lent Course on Prayer continues this week **17 March** at 7.15pm in the Hall. Speaker – John Beckett “Praying Continually”.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 24 April 11.30am. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please pick up a form from the back of church and return it to the office before 10 April when the Roll will close. Being on the Roll enables you to vote at the APCM and stand for the PCC (if you’ve been on the roll for 6 months). **NB If you are already on the Roll, there is no need to apply again this year.** If you would like to know more about the PCC, what it does and the areas of business which it considers, copies of the latest minutes are now available to view in the black folder by the door of the Hall.

APCM Reports – if you are the leader of a group in the church, Pere has written to you to request your report for the APCM meeting.

Help please! The church cleaning and Sunday coffee making teams really do need you! Please see Jean or Sheila or the office if you can help. Please!

The St Matthias Pre-School provides an amazing natural outdoor area which the children adore. We are planning to refurbish the area with the help of some parents who have offered their services for free. We’d like to buy some new equipment so donations would be welcome via a BTMyDonate website we’ve set up (gift aid for tax payers). Please would you consider supporting this project - <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lizsampson1> Thank you. Sylvia (Chair of Pre-School Management Committee)

Holy Week and Easter

PALM SUNDAY

20 March



8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

6pm Youth Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY

24 March

7.30pm

Holy Communion

with Garden of Gethsemane Vigil
and Prayer Labyrinth

EASTER DAY

27 MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY

25 March



10.30am

All Age Service

A 45 minute reminder of the events of
this solemn day for all ages with hot
cross buns and coffee

12.30pm

Harbourside Service

2-3pm

'Last Hour at the Cross'

A reflective service with periods of
silence



8am

Holy Communion

10.30am

Easter Celebration
with Holy Communion

Please come dressed in
white or gold!

