



## Welcome!

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

### Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
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10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
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6pm	Youth Service
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### During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
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	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents & toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
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	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
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Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
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	12pm Lent Lunch <i>in aid of Christian Aid in the Hall</i>
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	2pm Pre-School Easter Service
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Maundy	2pm Ilsham Academy Easter Service
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Thursday	7.30pm Holy Communion <i>followed by Garden of Gethsemane Vigil and Prayer Labyrinth</i>
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Good Friday	10.30am All Age Service <i>followed by hot cross buns and coffee</i>
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	12pm Walk of Witness from Town Hall, 12.30pm service at the Harbourside
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	2-3pm 'Last Hour at the Cross'
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### Easter Day 27 March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
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10.30am	Combined Family Communion
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### 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. Amen

### Hosanna

**Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord.**

## Readings

### Psalm 118: 1-2 & 20-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:

‘His love endures for ever.’

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

<sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

### Luke 19: 28-40

<sup>28</sup> Going up to Jerusalem, <sup>29</sup> as he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there,

<sup>25</sup> LORD, save us!

LORD, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you.

<sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures for ever.

which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

<sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

**<sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

<b>Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week</b>	
Today	Palm Sunday and Holy Week – pray for today's Holy Communion and Youth Service and all who lead them.
Mon	Pray for all preparing for Holy Week and Easter, including those who decorate with flowers, clean the Church, prepare to take the services and welcome people.
Tues	For all clergy that they may have strength for all Easter holds.
Wed	Pray for our Queen, Ministers of State and all in leadership roles.
Thurs	Maundy Thursday - Evening Communion and Prayer Vigil - remember the Last Supper with Jesus' servanthood. For all the schools with their Easter services and activities.
Fri	"Christ died that we may be forgiven". Pray for the various services of meditation, that we may in some way walk with Jesus throughout today.
Sat	Remember ALL who are unwell, tired or depressed, that the message of this week may encourage and cheer. Also for those separated from family and friends.
Sun	EASTER DAY - "Jesus Christ is risen, hallelujah". As we celebrate may the Risen Lord be real to us all.

# What's On & News



Thank you to everyone who bought **fair-trade** from the stand on the last two Sundays. I still have a few goods left and will be in the hall today with a box of goods. This is your last chance to buy discounted products until October but please keep buying Fair Trade at local shops! *Judi*

**Church Flowers** Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the church flower fund last Sunday. We would still be pleased to receive any further contributions and will have the baskets available for donations at the end of the service today.

Thank you! As a result of the opening of **Church Army** collection boxes I have been able to send a cheque for £124.67 to The Church Army in support of their work. I am very happy to pass on their appreciation for this gift, together with my own. *Anne Dunnage*

**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, copies of the latest minutes are now available to view in the Hall.

**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 - donations would be welcome via a BTMyDonate website we've set up (gift aid for tax payers). <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lizsampson1>  
Thank you. *Sylvia*

**Anode and Factory Row** – there are boxes at back of church for your much needed donations. Thank you.

**Westminster Trip** The Friends are arranging an overnight trip to London leaving St Matthias by coach at 1pm Sunday 26 June, and returning from Westminster 5pm Monday 27 June. We shall visit Parliament on Monday as guests of our MP, Kevin Foster. Bus travel £32 return, hotel (Premier Inn County Hall) overnight £95 double or single occupancy. Some seats available on the coach for anyone else who'd like to visit London. Please see me for details. *Rob Newman*