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THE HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH THE FRAGRANCE

Dear Friends,

There is something powerful about fragrance, isn't there? I remember walking along New Church Road, Hove, from the school at which I taught, and being overwhelmed with a scent. I couldn't work out where it was emanating from until I noticed the tiniest, most insignificant flowers on a shrub used as hedging. When I mentioned this to Kate Berry recently, she suggested it might have been Osmanthus.

On the Monday in Holy Week, the Gospel reading from John takes us to the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary, six days before the Passover. At the meal, Mary anoints the feet of Jesus with a pound of pure nard, a very costly perfume derived from a type of honeysuckle which only grows between certain altitudes in the Himalayas. The house is filled with the fragrance of this anointing, leading Judas Iscariot to criticise such extravagance. Just a short while before, Jesus has stood at the tomb of Lazarus, and Martha has pointed out the stench of death.

Within a week, Nicodemus (who first came by night to see Jesus) will anoint the Lord's dead body with another extravagance of a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloes. These are all powerful images.

It seems to me that John is drawing us to understand that if we journey through life with Jesus Christ, we know that his presence overcomes even death itself. Here and now, in using our gifts and talents to help others, through loving the world to the best of our ability, we too, like Mary, continue to anoint the Lord's feet and bring the fragrance of his Love into every interaction and situation.

With love,
Michael (Vicar)

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Things as they stand At present, we have no settled plan regarding the reintroduction of services in church, although I hope that there will certainly be the opportunity to resume as soon as possible. I hope you won't mind my reminding you that I remain rather vulnerable myself until receiving the vaccine.

Please do bear with us. I am acutely aware that a proportion of our community have been unable or reluctant to engage online, and all of you remain very much in my prayers until such time as we are able to return to worship in church. That said, we will still celebrate Holy Week in a fuller way than last year, although it was remarkable that we achieved what we did! What we can definitely say is that the main acts of worship will all be Zoomed live using the link on the church website: www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

Lent Course Please do join either of the Lent Course sessions this month: Wednesdays at 8.00pm and Fridays at 3.00pm via the Zoom button. You don't need to formally sign up for these. Just join and explore the scriptures.

Our Lent and Easter Appeal This year we are supporting two charities which give hope to those who find themselves homeless. **Tariro** provides shelter, education and employment opportunities for disadvantaged orphans and young people in Zimbabwe.

Crawley Open House provides support for those living on the streets locally through its day centre, hostel, and advice clinics on finding accommodation.

Envelopes can be found at the back of the church if you would like to support these charities or mark an envelope with **Lent Appeal**. Please post through the church office letterbox.

If you are walking past the church look out for the Lent installation near the church porch. Inside the church are some stations to offer the chance to reflect on issues of homelessness and to find out more about the two charities. Many thanks to Margaret Somers for creating such a profoundly moving sculpture. If you cannot get to the church to see it, there will be photos on the website.

Uplifting Moments I am most grateful to Hilary and Helen, our Family Lay Ministers, for providing a sequence of uplifting moments on our website. Don't forget to check in with the web-page regularly. If you have any thoughts, prayers or photos to cheer which you wish to share, please email Hilary and Helen via the website and they will appear on the Uplifting Moments page and bring us all some cheer!

HOLY WEEK gives all Christians the opportunity to deepen their understanding of God revealed through the self-offering love of Jesus Christ.

PALM SUNDAY (29th March)

The **9.45** will feature the Passion read in its entirety, this year from Mark's Gospel. I always think that this is an important start to Holy Week – Mark gives us a shorter yet vivid account of the Passion than the other Gospel writers.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week

There will a reflection **each day @ 6.00pm** based on the readings for the day.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (1st April)

8.00pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper This service starts with a sense of joy as the Gloria is sung for the only time during Lent as we give thanks for the gift of Holy Communion. The tone of the service then changes as we contemplate Christ's journey to Gethsemane and the cross.

GOOD FRIDAY (2nd April)

10.00 - Family Service

12 noon The Devotion – we are fortunate that **Bishop Ruth** has agreed to lead our devotion.

2.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday - using Common Worship's rediscovery of ancient liturgical practice. The service consists of a Service of the Word, Proclamation of the Cross, The Solemn Prayers and Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY (3rd) (Easter Eve)

8.00pm - The Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter If you are at home, please do have a candle ready to light after the great Paschal Candle has itself been lit from a fire. The journey of our salvation is heard in the proclamation of the *Exsultet* and through lessons. We have the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows before Communion is celebrated with joy.

EASTER DAY (April 4th *The Day of Resurrection!*)

I hope that there will be: **8.00- Holy Communion, 9.45- Sung Eucharist and 6.00pm Evensong. The 9.45 and Evensong will be livestreamed**

A RAMBLE THROUGH HOLY MARCH

I don't know about you, but sometimes I find myself taken on odd quirks of journeying, particularly online! Is this something to do with my mind? In looking at the list of saints for March, I noticed the name **Braulio of Zaragoza (26th)**.



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He was apparently a saintly seventh century bishop and was buried in the cathedral of Nuestra Señora del Pilar in Zaragoza. I click on the later, and there is an article about what is reputed to be the first church ever dedicated to Mary. This might be apocryphal! However, there is a late-gothic statue of the Virgin and Child, much venerated for many centuries. The cathedral is an extraordinary building with four towers and many domes. During the Spanish Civil War, three bombs were dropped on it, but none exploded, and two are on display – hopefully defused! You see what I mean about journeying!

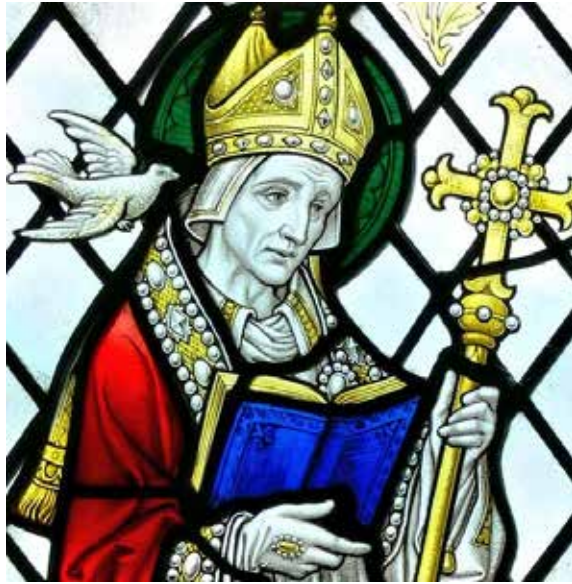


The Annunciation

Anyway, March always sees the great **Feast of the Annunciation** (25th) - exactly nine months before Christmas Day.

This year it falls outside of Holy Week, so will be kept rather than moved as happens when this is the case. The Book of Common Prayer calls this day ‘The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,’ although the Roman Calendar has renamed it ‘The Annunciation of the Lord,’ whilst the Common Worship calendar hedges bets and names it ‘The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary’! It is, of course the lovely remembrance of Luke’s account of Gabriel’s visit to Mary – a profound reflection on the response of humanity to the call of God within a person’s life. For us, Mary is the exemplar of Christian discipleship as she journeys with her son.

The month starts, of course, with **St David’s Day** (March 1st) – another saintly bishop, this time from the seventh century.



St David

His best-known miracle is said to have taken place when he was preaching in the middle of a large crowd at Brefi. The village of Llanddewi Brefi stands on the spot where the ground on which he stood is reputed to have risen up to form a small hill as he spoke. A white dove, which became his emblem, was said to be seen settling on his shoulder. The scholar John Davies notes that one can scarcely “conceive of any miracle more superfluous” in that part of Wales than the creation of a new hill! We really know very little about David – such details as this come from a much later account of his life, but nevertheless, it is undoubtedly true that he was a saintly bishop, much loved and this was the essence of his life. He was buried in what is now St David’s Cathedral in Pembrokeshire.

The other great national celebration is **St Patrick’s Day** (17th March). Patrick was a Romano-Briton believed to have been captured by Irish raiders in the 4th century. Spending some years as a shepherd he in some way found God. Returning to Briton, he was ordained and returned to Ireland to convert its pagan population. There seems little question to doubt these details as the account was written within a few years of his death. Patrick’s efforts against druids were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove “snakes” out of Ireland, despite the fact that snakes were not known to inhabit the region.

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St Patrick

As a Cornishman, I can't leave out **St Piran** (5th) – one of the patron saints of Cornwall. I remember as a boy going to see what was believed to be his oratory amongst the sand dunes of Perranzabuloe. It was covered with an early 20th century concrete 'bunker' for protection, although I believe that this has now been removed.



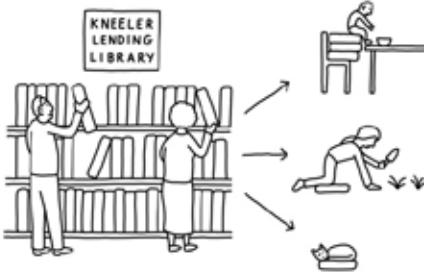
St Piran

One of the legends tells us that he was an Irish monk whom heathens tied to a mill-stone, and rolled over the edge of a cliff into a stormy sea, which immediately became calm, at which the saint floated safely over the water to land upon the sandy beach of Perranzabuloe. His first disciples are said to have been a badger, a fox, and a bear. It is probably safer to say that he was likely to have been a hermit whose sanctity and austerity won for him the veneration of those amongst whom he lived.

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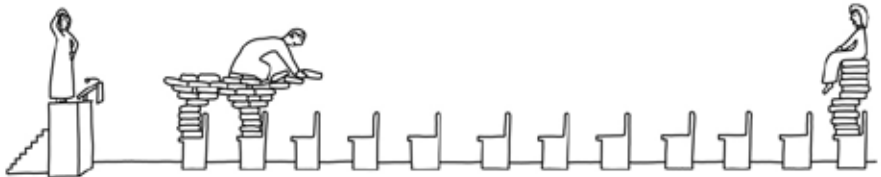
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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It seems an odd coincidence, yet particularly apt, that at this time when many pupils across the United Kingdom cannot attend school in person, Cuckfield Museum has recently acquired a School Attendance Medal.



It is almost two centuries since the government of the day first became involved with the provision of schooling for poor children in 1833 by offering money to establish schools. By 1861 it was decided that a check was needed on the efficiency of those schools and this was to be done not by the subjective judgment of inspectors, but rather on the basis of the number of students passing an examination in reading, writing, and arithmetic. It was known as 'payment by results'. In many respects Cuckfield was very lucky in that the Middleton and Burrell Charity was instrumental in supporting the Grammar and later the National School from the 1700s, so very much earlier than the education provided in many other areas.

In 1876 the Sandon Act was passed, imposing a legal duty on parents to ensure their children were educated.

This was a cause of much distress for families who relied on their children earning a few coins in various jobs. Poorer families were obviously tempted to send their children to work if the opportunity to earn an extra income was available. Attendance officers often visited the homes of children who failed to attend school, though this rarely proved to be effective. Children who were officially employed were required to have a certificate to show they had reached a reasonable standard of education. Employers of children who were unable to show this were penalised.

Even for those who usually attended, truancy was very common as children worked in the fields at harvest time or looked after younger siblings to allow mothers to work. Poor weather could mean that many could not get to school in winter.

There are interesting reports in the *Mid Sussex Times* in the 1880s and 90s of many parents being fined as their child had not attended school and the School Attendance Officers, Messrs Mitchell and Anscombe, were kept very busy: “Charles Kember, labourer, of New England Fields, was fined for disobeying a magistrate’s order to send his child, Alice, to school”.

Obviously, it was thought to be helpful to have some incentive for the children themselves to be encouraged to attend. In 1909 the Cuckfield school inspector noted that “173 received prizes for regular attendance, 46 having medals also for not missing one day in the whole year”.

The reports from School Managers show that Frank Leney and Agnes Gibson were especially diligent and received medals for 8 years running, having not missed a single day in that time.

It is difficult to date our medal exactly as there was no provenance with it, but they seem to have first originated in the 1880s and there is no doubt that they were something that some children longed to attain. The emblem on it is an hourglass with wings – emphasising that time flies. It appears to be made of white metal, probably an alloy of antimony and tin, copper or lead and is a silvery colour.



Is it possible it is one of the ones that Frank, or Agnes were awarded? It would be wonderful to know more and if any local families have medals that have been passed down from those days. Do contact the museum if you know of any others. We would love to hear from you.

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FSW UPDATE



Dear Friends,

The last month has been very difficult for our families, who are finding this lockdown much harder than last year as the pressure from schools is higher and the weather not conducive to lots of outdoor activities. Our practitioners have been working incredibly hard to give families as much support as they can, and the real-life contact (as opposed to anything which is delivered remotely) is really helping them. With the vaccine rollout achieving such great success, we are able to give parents a sense of hope that this situation may come to an end before the summer.

We are also very pleased to announce that we are currently recruiting for 4 new roles at FSW.

We are currently looking for family support practitioners for **Midhurst & Petworth; Storrington, and Rye deaneries**, as we are now able to expand our work into new parts of Sussex and support even more families. We are also looking for a **Co-ordinator for the Family Contact Centre in Eastbourne**, which is a joint project between FSW and Mothers' Union. All the details of these vacancies are on our website so please do share with anybody you feel may be interested.

Whilst we are still unable to carry out any face-to-face events, and have no indication of when these might resume, we remain incredibly grateful to all those who are supporting us in other ways. The generosity of our supporters continues to hearten and motivate us all, and we are very grateful for your ongoing support both financially, practically and in prayer.

January's work in numbers

- 203 individual visits and 220 support calls with families supporting 39 grandparents, 271 parents and 339 children
- 17 supported meetings with other agencies carried out remotely
- 20 online group sessions held
- 199 food deliveries made

Nikki Kerr
FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



ON CHANGE OF WEATHERS

And were it for thy profit, to obtaine
All *Sunshine*? No vicissitude of *Raine*?
Thinkst thou, that thy laborious *Plough* requires
Not Winter *frosts*, as well as Summer *fiers*?
There must be both: sometimes these hearts of ours
Must have the sweet, the seasonable Showers
Of *Tears*; sometimes the Frost of chill *despaire*
Makes our desired *sunshine* seeme more faire:
Weathers that most oppose the Flesh and Blood,
Are such as helpe to make our *Harvest* good:
We may not choose, great God: it is thy *Task*:
We know not what to *have*; nor how to ask.

Francis Quarles (1592-1644)



SOMETIMES

Sometimes things don't go, after all,
from bad to worse. Some years, muscadel
faces down frost; green thrives; the crops don't fail,
sometimes a man aims high, and all goes well.

A people sometimes will step back from war;
elect an honest man, decide they care
enough, that they can't leave some stranger poor.
Some men become what they were born for.

Sometimes our best efforts do not go
amiss, sometimes we do as we meant to.
The sun will sometimes melt a field of sorrow
that seemed hard frozen: may it happen for you.

Sheenagh Pugh

MARCH GARDEN NOTES

February heralded a mini “beast from the east” with sub-zero temperatures, chilly winds and some snow, enough to make a decent snowman and have fun with snowball fights. It is amazing how some plants look terrible when frozen, but they recover incredibly well. Some evergreens lose a limb here and there with snow load so check for damage and prune off as appropriate. Some Salvias and Penstemons may be knocked back to the base but the insulating effect of the snow usually protects the basal shoots. Snow followed by sub-zero temperatures is the best way round for gardeners.

March often brings warm sunny days (remember the start of the first lockdown !?) in between cooler spells so make the most of drier ground conditions to prepare vegetable plots, flower borders and rake worm casts which is much easier when dry.

Sowing of some of the hardier annuals can be done this month under glass or cloches, e.g., sweet peas, antirrhinums, alyssum, marigolds, larkspur, clarkia and lobelia. Also start sowing tomatoes, peppers and aubergines for greenhouse production. When pricking out remember to hold by a leaf not the stem as there is only one stem but a leaf is replaceable. Also do not leave it until the seedlings are too congested with roots entwined which leads to damage when trying to untangle. Sow more thinly next time if you have a “forest”.

For the vegetable garden or allotment sow lettuce, leeks, broad beans, sprouts, cabbage, broccoli, kale (give protection against pigeons and other birds) and, when you have prepared and raked the plot ready, peas, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, kohlrabi, rocket, spinach and corn salad can be sown directly along with yellow onion sets but leave the red varieties till April to reduce bolting (they go into flowering mode). It is too early for courgettes and the other members of tender squash family, likewise French and runner beans and sweetcorn which need leaving till early May.

Over wintered fuchsias, osteospermums, chrysanthemums and pelargoniums can be propagated by cuttings with the help of bottom heat in March.

Finish pruning apple and pear trees by the first week of March as the blossom starts to appear soon after, but it is the right time for pruning Hybrid tea roses - cut each stem to 6 inches from its base, Floribunda roses - cut down to 12-15 inches and thin out congested or crossing stems; also, Buddleias, cutting the latter back hard, leaving just 1-2 inches of last year's growth and removing any old woody stems. Other pruning includes Viburnums, Choisyas, Mahonias, winter jasmine, and other early spring flowering shrubs once they are over.

Lift and divide any congested clumps of herbaceous plants chucking out the old middle section and replanting the newer outer parts before their growth really gets under way.

Pot on houseplants whose roots are coming through the base of the pot. Pot into the next size up pot not several sizes bigger as roots sitting next to a large volume of wet compost do not always appreciate it. Houseplants always benefit from being turned round regularly from their fixed their position so as to balance up the light each side receives - plants grow towards the light so can end up lop sided !

If we have a prolonged mild, dry spell, pull out the mower and cut the grass on a high setting and, if grass is starting to show signs of growth in the form of a fresh green look rather than the grey, yellowy wintery one, those who use spring lawn treatments can begin (weed and feed etc). Always read the manufacturer's instructions as to dosage and weather conditions.

Enjoy the beautiful spring bulbs and blossoms as they burst forth.



Lindsay Shurvell

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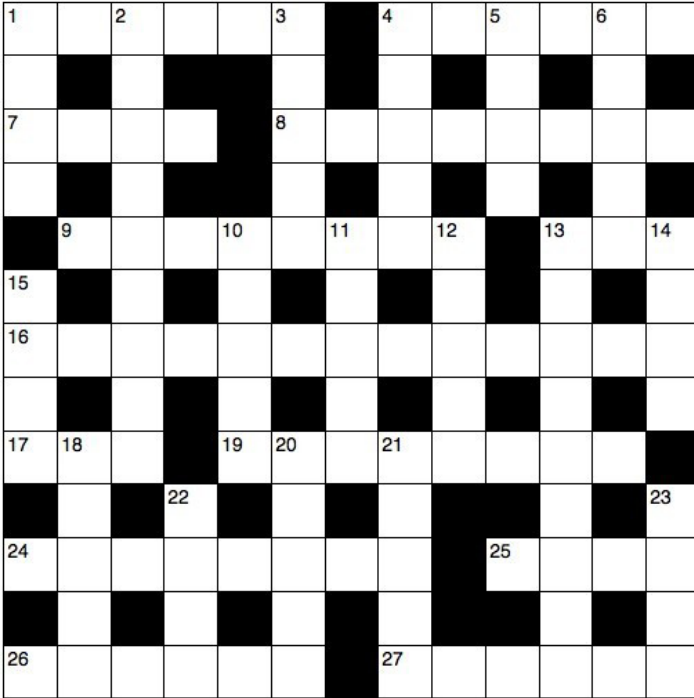
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March Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth(Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus'(Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this(Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)

(Answers on page 36)

- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

DOWN

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel'(Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
- 22 Does (anag.) (4)
- 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

IN MEMORIAM

William Drayton SHARDLOW Aged 80

Geoffrey Philip BOORE Aged 81

Peter Richard CHANDLER Aged 86



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MARCH CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.

DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.

March 2021 Calendar & Readings for Sunday Services

While the church remains closed for public worship, there are no Sunday 8.00 am services of Holy Communion, and, apart from on the first Sunday of the month as advertised, there are no Evensong services at present.

All 9.45 am services, and Evensong when held, are livestreamed on Zoom. The weekly readings for the day for Evensong are included here for information.

SUNDAY 7 MARCH – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9.45am Family Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Exodus 5: 1-6: 1; Philippians 3: 4b-14

SUNDAY 14 MARCH – FOURTH SUNDAY LENT (Mothering Sunday)

9.45am Parish Eucharist

Numbers 21: 4-9; Ephesians 2: 1-10;

John 3: 14-21

SUNDAY 21 MARCH – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.45am Parish Eucharist

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Hebrews 5: 5-10;

John 12: 20-33

6.00pm Evensong (*For information only*)

Exodus 7: 8-24; Romans 5: 12-end

SUNDAY 28 MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

9.45am Parish Eucharist

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11;

Mark 15: 1-end

6.00pm Evensong (*For information only*)

Palm Sunday Devotion

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MARCH'S SERVICES

While the church is open for private devotion during the week, like many other churches during the current lockdown, until restrictions ease there are no Sunday services in church and all our services are on Zoom.

You will find details on the church website and can join services as follows via the Big Blue Zoom Button on the home page:

SUNDAYS

9.45 a.m. Parish Eucharist with hymns

WEDNESDAYS

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Common Worship)

THURSDAYS

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic)

FRIDAYS

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Traditional Language)