

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**

*Registered Charity*

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7th 2019

*Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.*

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**Mass:** St Anne's Mass *James MacMillan*

**Entrance Hymn:** 92 There is a green hill

**The Opening Prayer:**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**The Second Reading:** Philippians 3:4b-14

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

*Pressing towards the Goal*

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**The Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 126

**R/ The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter  
and our tongue with songs of joy.

**R/**

Then said they among the nations,  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,  
and therefore we rejoiced.

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,  
as the river beds of the desert.

**R/**

Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,  
will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them.

**R/**

**The Gospel Reading:** John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Offertory Hymn:** 90 O sacred head, sore wounded

*A Communion Hymn may be sung:* 82 Drop, drop, slow tears

**The Anthem:** God so loved the world, Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**The Final Hymn:** 439 Praise to the Holiest

**The Organ Voluntary:** Herzlich tut mich verlangen *Felix Mendelssohn*

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**Today's Sung Eucharist:**

Sidesmen	Clive and Inez Hemsley
Lessons	Carol Brook-Partridge and Anthea Redmond
Intercessions	Alan Tang
Servers	Sheila Croton and Louis Bell
Acolytes	Clare Croton and Peter Fernandez
Chalice	Jim Hurst and Sheila Croton
Coffee	Jan Rowland and Lavinia Southern

**Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thank you!**

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**Sunday April 14 ~ Palm Sunday**

8.00am Eucharist (SM)

9.15am Procession of Palms from the Market Place to St Mary's

9.25am Liturgy of Palms (outside, weather permitting)

and Sung Eucharist, Junior Church & Creche (SM)

11.15am Sung Holy Communion followed by APCM (SN)

**This Week**

Mon 8            Bach to Baby 10.30am (SM)  
Tues 9  
Wed 10  
Thurs 11        Eucharist 10.00am (SM)  
                  Lent lunchtime service 12noon (Christ Church)  
                  Choir Practice 7.15pm (SM)  
Fri 12           Praying Together 9.30am (CH)  
                  Stations of the Cross 11.00am (SM)  
                  Eucharist 12noon (SM)  
                  Lent Reading Group 8.00pm (CH)

Sat 13

*Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays*

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***Please pray for  
The Church:***

*The Church of Church of Ireland  
The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke - Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of  
All Ireland and Metropolitan*

***Our Bishops:***

*Bishop Alan confirming in Buckingham Deanery*

***The sick:***

*Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, Jennifer, Henry*

***Those whose year's minds falls this week:***

*Ken Roach (7), Irene Eymor (8), Harold Pritchard (9), Eric Slater (11),  
Aileen Hurst, Alfred Christmas (13)*

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**Notices for the week beginning 7 April**

Fr Jeremy is away on retreat Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Dorothy Marshall would like to invite you all to join her in the Chantry House, after the 9.30 service, for a drink and some cake to celebrate her recent birthday.

If you would like to give a lily in memory of a loved one to decorate St Mary's at Easter, please give your donation (£3) to Blanche Williams or Sheila Constantinidi.

Please sign your name on the sheets at the back of church if you intend to come to lunch in the Chantry House after Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week.

If you would be prepared to have your feet washed at the 8.00pm Mass on Maundy Thursday, please speak to Fr Jeremy.

Fr Jeremy will be attending the Chrism Mass at Dorchester Abbey at 11.00am on Maundy Thursday. Please let him know if you are interested in joining him.

Fr Jeremy is leading a Lent Reading Group on Fridays at 8pm in the Chantry House. Our Lent Book: *The Catholic Jesus: Knowing Christ through the Church he founded*, by the Revd Dr Thomas Plant.

The Lent lunchtime services at Christ Church, Reading Road, have been focusing on the unique accounts of Christ's Passion in Luke's Gospel. Thursday April 11 is the last one. Starting at 12 noon, followed by a simple lunch at 12.30pm. All welcome.

Please can those going on the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in August let Fr Jeremy have their £10 deposit. Please let Fr Jeremy know as soon as possible if you would like to join the pilgrimage.

All who wish to have their names entered on the new electoral roll, whether they are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment. Forms can be found at the back of church, to be returned to the parish office please.

'Creating a Garden for Chelsea Flower Show' illustrated talk in Remenham Parish Hall on Friday 12 April, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Tickets £10 to include a complimentary drink. Patricia Thirion and Janet Honour will describe the joys and challenges of exhibiting at Chelsea using mainly their 'Christian before Dior' garden as a typical example to explain what is involved. Please contact Pat Sly on 577925.

***Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm  
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Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish  
office to make an appointment. Saturday is the his day off and Friday is his study day.  
Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.***