

Dates For Your Diary

March

Monday 18th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 19th am Evergreen Class visit
3.15 Youth Café

Thursday 21st 2pm PCC

Saturday 23rd 7-9pm Seniors

Sunday 24th Palm Sunday

Thursday 28th (Maundy Thursday) 7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday Walk of Witness a.m.
Last Hour 2-3pm

Sunday 31st Easter Sunday



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Lent 5

Sunday Service

We welcome you to our service this morning. If you are a newcomer to our Church, or a visitor to the area, please introduce yourself to one of the welcomers, or to the vicar.



Readings

Sunday 10th March
Ecclesiastes 9:1-10
Luke 7:36-50

Sunday 17th March
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 11:1-11

Our Bible verse for the year

Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete. He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because he knew later on he would be glad he did. Now he is seated at the right side of God's throne! So keep your mind on Jesus, who put up with many insults from sinners. Then you won't get discouraged and give up. (Hebrews 12:1-3 CEV)

Notices

Class Visit

This Tuesday 19th we will be welcoming a small group of children with complex needs into church for an Easter sensory morning. This is really exciting, as it is the first time we have had a class with complex needs into church for several years, and never from Evergreen School. If you would like to know more about what the children will be doing please talk to me. Thank you to those who have asked to help, and also for the contributions, which are really appreciated!
Kim



APCM

If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll please see Jonathan.
If you are writing a report ,please send to the office.

Easter Cards

Easter cards are available from this Sunday. Donations will go towards a child in Uganda.



Thought



The 5th Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of Passiontide as the Church begins to look towards the cross. Next Sunday (Palm Sunday) leads us into Holy Week and on to Easter Sunday. But on the way it takes us to the cross. The Cross is central to our Christian faith. It marks the place of Jesus' complete surrender to the Father in order that His plans for us can be fulfilled. Jesus takes upon himself on the cross our sins so that we might experience the full forgiveness of the Father. Perhaps in the penitential nature of Lent we have reflected on our sins and failures. Perhaps too in the words of the confession in the Book of Common Prayer "we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness ..." and "the remembrance of them is grievous unto us" and "the burden of them is intolerable." But then our Lenten journey takes us into Holy Week and we can truly come before the cross and look up at our saviour and say "Remember me!" Perhaps at that moment we can appreciate the real cost of our forgiveness and the extent of the love of God. Then as we come to that Glorious Easter morning we experience the full wonder of being a child of God, and we hear, along with Mary, the first witness to the risen Christ, him call us by name. Don't skip the events of Holy week - even if you can't make the evening meditations in church use the leaflet that we will give out next Sunday as a way of sharing in those last steps of Jesus as fully one of us.

Since Covid and our return to church we introduced the practice of administering the bread and wine together. We have also offered the opportunity for those who wished to receive them separately for some time now. This is now the policy of the Church of England, so from Easter Sunday this will be the approach we adopt for everyone. Of course no one will have to drink from the common cup, but I hope that everyone will feel able to do so.

