

COLLECT

Most merciful God who through 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**

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: Give us the will to be the servant of others, as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life for us but are alive and reign now and for ever **Amen**.

Readings for 18th March 2018

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31 v 31-34

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5 v 5-10

GOSPEL

John 12 v 20 - 33

Readings for 25th March 2018

Mark 11 v 1 – 11 liturgy of the Palms
Isaiah 50 v 4-9a liturgy of the Passion
Mark 14 v 1-15 v 47

Stewardship

If you were not able to be with us on Stewardship Sunday please take the letter addressed to you on the table, or if there isn't one there are spare copies you can take. Last year we were only able to pay 90% of our Parish Share last year and this year we have an allocation of £59,554. Please think and pray hard about the level of your giving. It is vital that we recognise that as Christians our giving to the church community of which we are a part is an essential part of our weekly or monthly expenditure. Please return the response forms to Richard Warr

Weekly Envelopes

New sets of envelopes are in church for existing Weekly Envelope users. If you have indicated that you would like to start using envelopes for your giving these will be available shortly. **Richard**

Annual Church Meeting

22nd April 11.30 am

Please prepare reports and let Norman Critchlow have these for the Annual church meeting

Lent course

Our final Lent course session is on Thursday at 7.30 pm at the Abbey Centre Baptist Church when we will be looking at Justice

Sunday Church Rotas

New Rotas for April to Sept are now available. The coffee rota is being prepared. If you would like to join the

rotas please speak to Richard Warr or Revd Anne or Lesley Flood for the coffee Rota (no previous experience needed)

Easter Roses

If you would like to Sponsor an Easter Rose in memory of a loved one please, print their name on the list in church. Suggested donation is £2 per rose.

Flower Festival

Peace

St Benedict's flower festival in May is on Friday evening 11th May, all day Saturday 12th May and the afternoon of Sunday 13th May.

The theme is peace. We will be looking for people to help steward church make cakes and serve refreshments. Please see Chris Hunt for more details.

Obsolete notes and coins

The old £1 coin and paper £5 and £10 notes have been withdrawn from circulation, we are collecting them in aid of the church porch fund. So far customers and staff of the Drovers Return Café have donated £20 in coins. If you, your friends or family have any of these coins or notes at home or work, please consider donating them to the porch fund. They can be put in the collection plate or given to Marion Angus or Anne England for banking.

Easter Services

Here are details of our services for Holy Week and Easter

Friday 21st March

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday 25th March

10.00am Palm Sunday Eucharist!

Monday 26th March

7.30pm Eucharist

Tuesday 27th March

7.30pm Stations of the cross

Wednesday 28th March

7.30pm Tenebrae service

Maundy Thursday 29th March

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Agape Eucharist followed by vigil

Good Friday 30th March

10.00 am service of reflection at Abbey Centre followed by walk of witness to Hunsbury Hill Country Park
2.00 pm Meditation at the foot of the cross at St Benedicts

Holy Saturday

6.30 pm Easter Eve service including lighting of new fire followed by refreshments.

Easter Sunday 1st April

10.00am Easter communion & Easter egg hunt at St Benedicts