

St Benedict's Parish News

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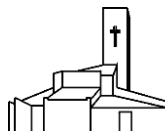
Palm Sunday

A warm welcome to our services at St Benedict's from the Ministry team, church officers and the entire congregation, especially if this is your first time with us. Please do join us if you can, for a coffee or tea and biscuits following the main Sunday morning service.

Turning the world upside down

Some parts of the story of Jesus are so familiar to us as Christians that we forget how shocking they are and the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is one such. Jesus acts out in dramatic fashion what he has been teaching his disciples – not entirely successfully – about what true Lordship means. And this is under the shadow of the Roman Eagle – one of the most effective military dictatorships the world has ever known. Pontius Pilate exercised absolute power of life and death over the subjugated peoples of Israel, mirroring the dominion of his master in Roman, the emperor Tiberius. The idea that power meant service would have seemed nonsense. The idea is so subversive of the way human beings relate to each other that two thousand years later, even in countries and institutions which call themselves Christian we still struggle to get it. The Lord of the Universe enters the city, which of all places should have most acknowledged him, not as a conqueror but on a donkey, a beast of burden. And the choice is ours: to mock or to kneel.

Anne



Our mission is to encourage the people of the parish to worship God in a loving, caring environment and help them to find faith and fulfilment in Jesus

Sun 25th March

10.00am Palm Sunday Family Eucharist

Mon 26th Mar

7.30pm Eucharist

Tuesday 27th Mar

8.30 am Morning prayer at St Benedict's

4.30-9.30pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

7.30pm Stations of the cross

Weds 28th Mar

No morning prayer

10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee

1.30 -3pm Tots and Toddlers time

7.30pm Tenebrae service

Thurs 29th Mar

8.30am Said morning prayer

2 – 3.30 pm Craft & Coffee

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Agape Eucharist followed by viqil

Fri 30th Mar

10.00 am service of reflection at Abbey Centre followed by Hot Cross Buns at 10.30am and then walk of witness to Hunsbury Hill Country Park

2.00 pm Meditation at the foot of the cross at St Benedict's

Sat 31st Mar

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

Sun 1st April

10.00am Easter communion & Easter egg hunt at St Benedict's

Rotas: 25th Mar Palm Sunday

Sides people : Fiona Murphy, Norman Critchlow

Readers: Norman Critchlow, Lesley Flood

Intercessions: Liz Hodges

Offertory: Geoff Brown, Joy Brown

Chalice: Lesley Flood, Joy Brown

Counting: Marion Angus, Geoffrey Brown

Coffee: Julie Creasey, Geoffrey Brown

Servers: Nigel Evans, Richard Davies

Jnr church: Anne E , Paula

Church Cleaning: Hazel & Pam

1st April Easter Sunday

Richard & Linda Warr

Debbie Bartlett, Anne England

Catherine Galvin

Diana Dale, Geoffrey Brown

Catherine Galvin, Lesley Flood

Marion Angus, Chris Newton

Eileen Daley, Geoffrey Brown

Norman Critchlow, Ken Fitzhugh

Connie, Paul

Trish & Onyi

Sat 12th / Sun 13th May Flower Festival-theme Peace

Sat 30th June 7.30pm St Benedict's Soiree

Sun 17th June 10.45 Shared worship at TRMC

Sun July 8th Barbecue following 30 minute Church for St Benedict's Day.

Sun 15th July 6.30 pm Shared evening

worship for St Benedict's Patronal Festival

Sun 21st Oct 10.45 Shared worship ACBC



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please take a copy of the flyer detailing the Holy Week services

Sat 14th Apr Stations of the Resurrection

Sun 22nd April 11.30am APCM

Sun May 6th 6.30 pm Healing service

Thurs 10th May 7.00am & 12 Noon

Ascension day service