

# Holy Trinity Redditch

# Life



## Holy Week Update

### The Palm Sunday Narrative Matthew 21.1-11

### The Passion Narrative - Matthew 27.11-54

Palm Sunday is the gateway into Holy Week. The Triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, crowds cheering,

*'Hosanna to the Son of David!'*

*'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'*

*'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'* Matthew 21.9b NIV

The Lectionary for Palm Sunday then gives us the passion Narrative. The challenge being if Church is only Sunday, you might go from the joy of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter Day, totally bypassing the Last Supper and Good Friday.

For us this year there are few excuses for not travelling with Jesus on the way to the Cross. Unless you are a key worker, there will be space; there *can be* time.

Make space this week join in the rhythm of prayer we, as the Holy Trinity Team are trying to establish.

- Join us for Morning Prayer as we share in Common Worship Morning prayer. [https://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_mp=1](https://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_mp=1)
- Join us for Night Prayer – Monday to Wednesday, this will be based on Common Worship Night prayer, [churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/daily-prayer/night-prayer-compline](http://churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/daily-prayer/night-prayer-compline). But have short reflections on readings from John.
- Come and share in our Evening Maundy Thursday service reflecting up the last supper. And moving into the watch..."can you pray with me this one hour", (see Matthew 26.40).
- On Good Friday Churches Together in Redditch are assembling a series of reflections, prayers and worship to led us to the Cross. See, the Holy Trinity Website ([Holytrinityredditch.org.uk](http://Holytrinityredditch.org.uk)) for details of how to engage with this.

There is all this shared activity but perhaps this year we can use this week as a much more personal pilgrimage. A journey, perhaps all the more bitter-sweet as so many of us are isolated from normal life. As the Lenten journey is one where we seek to share with Jesus in the wilderness may this Holy Week be one in which we journey afresh with Jesus through the highs and lows.

May you find this Holy Week a blessing. May the Holy Spirit rest upon you and may you know the immeasurable love of Jesus.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing

From the Clergy Team

### **For the Diary**

Morning Prayer – Posted by 9.30am Monday - Saturday

Night Prayer – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 8pm

Maundy Thursday - 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm

Good Friday – CtiR “Virtual” Walk of Witness – details next week

