

Sunday 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday

Welcome to everyone today both in our church buildings and those who join us from their homes.



This morning's services are **both** live-streamed on St Thomas' Facebook page. We hope that our dial-in will also work. You should be able to listen live, or later, by dialling **01706 599309**.

Some safety reminders now we're back in church:

- Please keep face coverings in place over nose and mouth during the service
- Please remain in your places until invited to move by a steward
- Please don't wander to chat to friends – sorry
- Please take service sheets with you at the end
- Please disperse quickly at the end of the service and **please don't congregate outside to chat**

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

First Reading Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know
how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he
wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not
turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my
cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from
insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been
disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall
not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Gospel Reading

*The reading of the Passion is quite long. Please feel free to sit once it has
begun. If you are able, please stand at the words, Then they led him out to
crucify him.*

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the courage to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Week Ahead & Information

Please note that all morning services will be livestreamed on St Thomas' Facebook page. All afternoon/evening services will be livestreamed on St James' Facebook page

Holy Week

Monday	9am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Evening Prayer
	7pm	Stations & Eucharist <i>at St Thomas</i>
Tuesday	9am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Evening Prayer
	7pm	Stations & Eucharist <i>at St James</i>
Wednesday	9am	Morning Prayer
	12pm	Lunch deliveries
	5pm	Evening Prayer
	7pm	Stations & Eucharist <i>at St Thomas</i>
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer
	7pm	Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, Vigil at the altar of repose until 9pm <i>at St James'</i>
	9pm	Compline <i>St James' Facebook page</i>
Friday	10am	Mattins & Ante-Communion <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	2pm	The Liturgy of Good Friday <i>at St James'</i>
	9pm	Compline <i>St James' Facebook page</i>

EASTER SUNDAY

- 9.15am Festival Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
- 10.45am Festival Eucharist *at St James'*

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Easter Flowers, please leave your gift in the bowl as you leave church today. Thank you!

Wednesday Lockdown Lunches

Please book one of our homemade lunches with Fr Andrew **by the previous Saturday**. Absolutely **anyone** is eligible. No charge but donations of £5 welcome. Fr Andrew – andrewinhaslingden@gmail.com, 07460 899451

Our frozen main meals are available to order. Please let us know of anyone who might benefit from a delivery. The current menu includes: Lasagne, Cottage Pie, Chicken Korma & Rice, Tuna Pasta Bake, Macaroni Cheese, Chili & Rice

Doorstep Joy

Our children's Easter Craft Packs are being distributed this week. Thank you to those who have helped to put them together and who will distribute them.

Prayers

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539264279)

For your prayers

For the Church and for her ministry of teaching, preaching and communicating the faith of Jesus throughout the world

For peace in the whole world and especially in the Holy Land

For schools on Easter holidays: for teachers, staff and children and for families who will find the break challenging

For our church community that we will keep a Holy Week and prepare, together, to celebrate Easter

For the sick: Ian, Alan, Denzil, Edna, Charley, Rita, Dorothy, Jim, Matthew, Jean, Mary, Mother Enid, Judith, Mandy, Wynne, Mavis, Lizzie, Margaret, Tom

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*