

# Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Palm Sunday

Welcome to everyone today in church.

Welcome, too, to those joining our livestreams via Facebook.

**Please take note of our on-going Covid-safety measures:**

**\* Face-coverings are recommended, but optional**

**\* Sitting away from others is still suggested**

**\* Holy Communion is administered, standing, in one kind only**

**\* Please join us for refreshments, after church, in the Hall**

**We want everyone to feel, and to be, safe.**

**Please help us to keep this possible.**

*The Parish Eucharist begins outside today (in fine weather!) as we recall Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem. Please join in our procession to church but, if you're not comfortable, please feel free to wait in church and stand as we come in singing.*

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*in the order of service*

### **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.

## **GRADUAL HYMN**

*St Thomas*     **228**

*St James*        **79**

## **Gospel Reading**

### ***The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke***

*It is traditional to stand for the reading of the Passion but as it is quite long, please feel able to sit, and stand at the words For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*St Thomas*     **329**

*St James*        **86**

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*St Thomas*     **52, 159**

*St James*        **83**

## **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 mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **FINAL HYMN**

*St Thomas*     **46 (v1, 3, 4, 7)**

*St James*        **338 (omit \*)**

# The Week Ahead & Information

<b>Today</b>	11.15	Holy Baptism of George <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	12.30	Holy Baptism of Otis <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	6.30pm	The Cross of Christ <i>at St James</i>

## HOLY WEEK

### **Monday-Thursday**

9am Morning Prayer *on St Thomas' Facebook page*

**Monday** 7pm Stations of the Cross & Eucharist *at St James'*

**Tuesday** 10am Eucharist *at St James'*  
12pm Eat & Meet Lunch *at St James'*  
2pm Mothers' Union Stations of the Cross *in church*  
7pm Stations of the Cross & Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

**Wednesday** 7pm Stations of the Cross & Eucharist *at St James'*

**Maunder** 2.30pm Thursday Friends & Food *in St Thomas' Hall*

**Thursday** 7pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday *at both churches*

**Good Friday** 10.15 Walk from church to Greenfield Gardens  
10.30 Ecumenical Service in Greenfield Gardens *followed by walk to Cribden Hill with 3 crosses to plant on the hillside*  
2pm Liturgy of Good Friday *at both churches*

**Holy** Churches are prepared for Easter

### **Saturday**

### **Next Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER DAY**

**Please bring something to make a joyful noise for during the services.  
Easter bonnets encouraged!**

6am Dawn Vigil Eucharist *at St Thomas'*  
followed by breakfast *in the Refectory*

9.15 Festival Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

10.45 Festival Eucharist *at St James'*  
followed by bacon butties

12.30 Holy Baptism of Carson *at St James'*

**NB No Evening Prayer today**

## **Holy Week**

Please see posters, fliers and information above for our services and events this coming week. Please make these a priority in your diary as the Church enters the most solemn week of the year.

### **St Thomas' MU Stations of the Cross**

Please join MU members on Tuesday for Stations at 2pm in church.

Refreshments in the Refectory afterwards. All are welcome – even if you're an MU person.

### **St James' Spring Fair**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30-2. There will be a range of stalls (including toys, games, homemade, craft, bric-a-brac, tombola, raffle, jewellery...) Items for stalls – including prizes and tombola items - appreciated in the boxes at the back of church. Can you help us on the day? Please speak to Kaye Ridings. Also ... the café will be open on Friday 11-1 and during the Fair.

### **Bacon butties after church**

The next dates for bacon butties after church, to help our Scouts raise funds for the World Scout Jamboree, will be 17<sup>th</sup> April (St James'), 15<sup>th</sup> May (St Thomas'), 22<sup>nd</sup> May (St James')

### **Can you spare an hour?**

St Thomas' Church Hall is being used by many groups from the church and community. We need an extra volunteer cleaner to help us keep the Hall as we would wish it to be found. If you can spare an hour (or a bit more) on a Friday morning, please speak to Lin Cutforth (07484 363902).

### **Churchwarden & PCC Vacancies**

During May we hold our annual parish meetings. Each church will have at least one Churchwarden vacancy and also vacancies on the PCCs. Watch out for more information about what these roles entail. Perhaps God is calling you to help lead our churches...

### **Prayers**

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

Names of those on the parish prayer lists will also be pinned to the prayer boards in each church.

### **For your prayers**

For the sick: Ian, Charley, Mandy, Lizzie, Janet, Asia, Derek, Rachael, Mike, Lily, Christian, Baby Theo, Mother Enid, Margaret, Denzil, Christine

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.*