St Clement's Church, King Square Palm Sunday 24th March 2024



THE PALM GOSPEL (Mark 11: 1 - 10)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." 'They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards all people 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading (Isaiah 50:4-9a)

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah. 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 backward. 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.

THE PASSION GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers: Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Roger Shaw, Adele Skinner, Pat, Martin Fletcher, Vanessa, Justine, Ian and Martyn.

Gregg and Julia Hill, Lewis & Callum, Eamon Irvine, Mia Angel Grant, HM King Charles, Major Sally Spry, Rose Sabbatino, Steve

Among the departed: Christine Shaw, Gary

Stevenson, Mary Lacken,

Anniversaries of Death: Mary Reynolds, Henry Oliver, John Coles, Sarah Dalton, Henry Clark In the Parish: We pray for those working for Islington Green Spaces and all those who look after our parks and public gardens.

In the wider world: We pray for the people of Haiti, for the end of the chaos and violence that has engulfed that country.

Notices

Holy Week and Easter Services:

Monday of Holy Week 25th March Stations of the Cross 7pm

Tuesday of Holy Week 26th March Mass 6pm

Wednesday of Holy Week 27th March Compline 6pm

Maundy Thursday 28th March

Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm With vigil till midnight

Good Friday 29th March

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- The Good Friday Liturgy 2pm

Easter Day 31st March

- Livestreamed worship (Facebook)
 9.30am
- Easter Day Mass 10.30am

Getting Church ready for Easter

Elaine is convening a Cleaning Party for Church on Wednesday at 10am to clean St Clement's ready for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Please do come and help! If you'd like to hep but can't come on Thursday please speak to Elaine or to Father David - there are plenty of jobs to share out! If you'd like to help Fr David set up for Easter Day, he'll be in church at 10am next Saturday morning. Tea and hot cross buns provided!

Easter Flowers

If you'd like to make a contribution please speak with Elaine, Ginny or Father David.

Men's Clothes Appeal

Care4Calais with whom we work in supporting the needs of Refugees and Asylum Seekers based in the Barbican Thistle Hotel are asking **for men's coats and other winter clothes** for distribution to those without any winter wear in this cold weather. If you have any good quality second-hand clothes to donate please speak to Fr David or Rita.

Parish Giving

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing One-Off donations and Direct Debit giving to St Clement's. It is free and reduces the burden of work on church volunteers and provides a simple and secure service to givers. For more information speak to Emke or Father David or go to

www.https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/

St. Clement's Church is very grateful for all donations to our work. To donate now please scan the QR code below. You can use debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Many thanks!

