

Palm Sunday

14th April 2019



Getting Church ready for Easter

Elaine is convening a Cleaning Party for Church on **next 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 help but can't come tomorrow 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!

Lent Appeal

Among the traditional good works of Lent is giving to charity. There are many great causes, but this year St Clement's will be supporting **The Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory** and the **Diocesan Lent Appeal against Modern Slavery**. More information on the latter can be found at:

<https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/bishop-londons-lent-appeal-2019-modern-day-slavery/>

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year's meeting, where churchwardens and Church Council are elected, will take place **after Sunday Mass on 28th April**. Please aim to attend as this is an important moment in the parish's year, a time to look back and forward. Every member of the church plays their part, so please make sure you're able to be there. Meanwhile....

Are you on it?

If you've been coming to St Clement's Church for more than a few weeks, and St Clement's is the church you usually attend, you should be on the St Clement's Church **Electoral Roll**. This is the list of those (16 and over) who are electors for parish elections to the Church Council and for Churchwardens. It costs nothing, and you can join by filling in a simple form (details of which are confidential and protected by the Data Protection Act) available from Father David, Elaine or Stephen.

Welcome to St Clement's Church, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor to St Clement's or are here for the first time today we're very glad to welcome you. Please introduce yourself after the service, and join us for refreshments which are served in the vestibule.

You'll find this morning's service in the Mass booklet, and the hymns in the hymn book. Today's Bible readings, prayers for the day and parish news are on this sheet, along with prayers for the parish and the world. Please take this sheet home with you.

*We ask everyone, as a matter of courtesy to others and out of respect for the Sacrament, to keep **SILENCE** both waiting to receive and after receiving Holy Communion, before the hymn is sung.*

St Clement's is delighted to receive all donations to our work. UK taxpayers can increase their gift by over 20% by placing it in the Gift Aid envelope you'll find in the back of the seat in front. Please remember to fill in and sign the envelope.

During the second hymn children of school age will be invited to leave for a story and activity in the Kids' Club Room. They return to receive a blessing at Holy Communion. The soft play area remains available for children of all ages. For child safeguarding as well as health and safety reasons we ask parents and carers to supervise their children there at all times.

If a child becomes noisy or restive please don't be embarrassed, the Vestibule (as you entered church) is a great "time out" space. You are welcome to use any of the soft (and quiet!) toys provided so that we can all enjoy the service together.

THE PALM GOSPEL (Luke 19:28-40)

From the Gospel according to Luke.

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this, "The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The 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)

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.

Psalm (Psalm 22)

In Mass booklet.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

It is the custom to stand for the whole reading of the Passion. However, if you feel the need or would prefer to sit, please do so.

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

Albert Placide, Nico Fletcher, Eric Stovell, Michael Cole, Martina Robinson, Melanie Dowland, Jane Reynolds, Freya Paul, Ebenezer, Jessica, Winnie Hull, Sheila McPhee, Lesley Cox, Charmain, Janet McLagan, Terry Lefevre, June Hutchins, Rosemary Witts, Daniel Donkor, David Bedding, Michael Rickens, Kenneth & Barbara Clifford, Heidi Williams, Frances Sullivan, Michael Nalty, Lacey Robinson, Neil Rider, June Bradley, Elizabeth Miah, Ana Maria Gonzalez, Paul Abuaji, Tracey Coulson, Flo Hinton, the Cleary family, David Hart, Shaboy Burns, David McLintock, Leonard Robinson, James Wellington, Thomas Cabey, Jenette Skinner, Michael Nalty, Barry Chandler, Wendy Gorle, Valia Pecheva, Jason Buckham, Eddie Warr, Ayshia Best-Forbes, Pablo Emilio Bedoya, Milvida Lopez, Soledad Gonzalez, Linda Hughes, Arthur Gallagher, Johnny Gallagher, Scott Price, Tavana Stephenson, Obitre Klight, Susie and Sean, Michael Manigan
Recently departed: Johnny Gallagher, Sheryl Lynch, Alan Hudson, Iris Brown, Dennis Field, Doreen Dunford
Anniversaries of Death: William Joseph Sheppard, Frank Furnell, Alec Usher, Emily Ann Humphrey, Frederick Coker, Alfred Hutchings, Jack Hornby, Lucy Gofton-Salmond, Samuel Gibson Doris Arthur, Susan Harris

In our Parish: We pray for all our local schools, especially St Luke's and Moreland Street Primary Schools, at the end of another busy term.

In the wider world: We continue to pray for all those persecuted for their religious or political beliefs across the world.

Notices

This week in church...

See the Parish Easter Card!

Easter Flowers

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