

Welcome

Sunday, 14 April, 2019

Palm Sunday (red)

EAST BARNET 
PARISH CHURCH
St Mary the Virgin

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Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, an animal of peace. The crowd show him the highest honour and rejoice at his arrival. It is also part of Passiontide, where we consider Jesus' betrayal, trial and crucifixion. All images and crosses in the church are veiled at this time.

10.00am **Procession, Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club**

*This service will be led by the Rev'd Brian Blackshaw
This year, please enter the church and sit in your usual places at the start of the service.*

10.00am **Parish Eucharist**

Please see the order of service.

¶ Choirs anthem

"Were you there?"

Traditional spiritual arranged by Alan Danson

¶ The Vacancy Prayer

God of our past, present and future, you call us to follow in faith, with confidence in your abiding presence. Be with us in this time of vacancy, and prepare us for a new chapter in our ministry together in Christ's name. Give wisdom and discernment to those who act on our behalf, that your will may be done to the glory of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

¶ Chipping Barnet Food Bank

Currently, the food bank has the following shortages:

Jars of coffee, shower gel, shampoo, soap, tinned fruit, tinned or packet potatoes, tinned vegetables, biscuits.

They have plenty of tinned spaghetti and pasta, and pulses. Donations can be left in the box in the South Aisle and in the atrium at Brookside.

Thank you for your kind help to local people in crisis.

¶ Spring into Summer

This very popular series of varied concerts takes place again this year in church, on Sundays at 3pm. Admission with programme costs £5 on the door and refreshments are available. .

28 April - The Arbory String Quartet with music by Brahms, Haydn ... and the Rolling Stones(!)

19 May - The Spiral Saxophone Quartet

23 June - Jonathan Eyre - organ recital

21 July - Enfield Brass Band

You can now follow our new Twitter page @smebconcerts, and we are on Facebook!

¶ Please pray for

Our Wardens, Associate Priest, Reader, Parish Administrator and PCC, and all those involved in caring for us in the vacancy. The Rev'd Dr Alec Corio, Sam, Nathaniel and Josiah as they prepare for his ministry here.

All victims of war, natural disasters, famine, and refugees; the emergency services.

For Members of Parliament in their deliberations, and all who seek to influence public opinion at this time.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Trevor and Luke; Janet; Don, Jilly and family; Deborah and family; Joan; Janet; Carmen; Audrey and Frank; Emma and Max; Maria and Edward; Aiden and Sue; Callum; Michael; Brian and Gill

Rest in Peace

Peg; Audrey Hall

Anniversary of Death

Alan Astley; Albert Miles; Mary Herbert

Anniversary of Baptism

Chloe Wise

Those living in

Grindleford Avenue, Haslemere Avenue, Hereford Avenue

¶ Annual Parochial Church Meetings and Annual Report

This year the APCMs will be taking place immediately after the service on **Sunday 28 April**. At these meetings, we elect Churchwardens, Deanery representatives, PCC members and Sidesmen. If you wish to nominate anyone for these positions, please speak to Roger, who has the forms.

At the back of church there are copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2018, which will also be discussed at the meeting. Please help yourself to a copy (one per household), and read them so that you are able to take part in the discussions.

The meetings will be concluded with a loyal toast to our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen.

¶ Planned Giving

If you do not already contribute through our Planned Giving Scheme to the work of St Mary's, PLEASE would you consider doing so?

Sadly, over the last year, a number of 'planned givers' have died or moved away. Without their donations we face a potential deficit of approaching £13,000 per annum, which we urgently need to prevent!

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is easy to join – just complete one simple sheet to set up a monthly direct debit (and Gift Aid if you qualify), which you can easily change if necessary.

PLEASE ACT NOW - request a form from Heather Melling, our Gift Aid and Stewardship Coordinator, and/or speak to her in confidence for more information – in church or 020 8449 2283.

THANK YOU if you are already a 'planned giver'. Of course, if you are able to increase your donations, this would be most welcome too!

UPDATE: 7/4/19 - in response to the above: 3 people have become "planned givers"; 5 have taken a PGS form and 2 intend to increase their donations. OUR THANKS TO THEM ALL - but we're still a long way from avoiding that deficit.

¶ Table Top Sale

Our next table Top Sale will be on **Saturday 11 May** from 2 to 4 pm. Bookings for tables at £10 each are now being taken at the Parish Office, so if you have been having a spring clearout, why not have a table?

As before, there will be plenty of bargains to be had, so do book the date in your diary and come to browse the bargains - admission free and refreshments will be available.

¶ About our Holy Week and Easter services

Monday 15 April

8.00pm Meditation with Passion music
Listen to Part 1 of J S Bach's masterpiece, the St Matthew Passion, sung in English. You can join in the Chorales if you wish, and participate in prayers at the end.

Tuesday 16 April

8.00pm Informal worship at Brookside

Wednesday 17 April

8.00pm Stations of the Cross - Bible readings, and meditations from Julian of Norwich, help us to make a spiritual pilgrimage through the Passion of Christ.

Thursday 18 April – Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

Here we give thanks for the Eucharist, which Jesus began with his disciples, and remember how he served them. We then remember how he was betrayed, abandoned and arrested, and keep watch with him in silent prayer. This year our vigil will last until 10.30pm. The service will be led by the Rev'd Martin Banister. There are sign up lists at the back of church this morning for having your foot washed and for keeping vigil. Please sign up TODAY if you wish to take part in these very powerful acts.

Friday 19 April – Good Friday

Starting at 10.00am, a three part Good Friday service at East Barnet Baptist Church, Brookside Methodist Church (11.00am) and then St Mary's (12 noon). The last part of the service will include the veneration of the Cross, as a symbol of Christ's suffering and our salvation, and a simple Communion. The Rev'd Shaun Sanders will lead this.

Saturday 20 April – Easter Eve

8.00pm Service of Light at Brookside

Easter Day

10.00am All Age Eucharist with Baptisms, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

At this service, led by Bishop Stephen Venner, we bless and light our Easter Candle, hear the good news of the Resurrection, renew our Baptismal vows alongside two children who are being baptised, and take part in the Eucharist. After the blessing all children are invited to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.

Easter Monday 22 April

7.30am Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey sets off from Brookside

3.00pm Pilgrimage service in St Albans Abbey - entry from 2pm onwards.

Notices & Information



Church School admission

Parents and guardians of children who will be applying for admission to church schools should sign in the book confirming their attendance at our Sunday services, to support their application. The book is available from a Churchwarden.

Palm Sunday Gospel Word Search

These words all appear in the Gospel for Palm Sunday and are in the grid below. They can run in a straight line in any direction. You may like to meditate on the word as you are looking for it.

ahead	multitude
Bethany	Olives
blessed	peace
bring	people
cloaks	power
colt	praise
disciples	road
glory	rode
heaven	shout
Jerusalem	silent
Jesus	spreading
joyfully	stones
King	throwing
Lord	untie
Mount	village

G L B D R W E E S N V P Y T S
S N R L R O L Q U P I O T B T
Y O I B E P A C S N L W D O O
L R G D O S L D E W L E I S N
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D M Z N E V A E H R D R D C P

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¶ Easter Sunday, 21 April, 2019

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10.00am All Age Eucharist with Baptisms
Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard

¶ Some more dates for your diaries

Wednesday 1 May 7.30pm in Reading Minster -

A special service to mark the retirement of Bishop Andrew Proud. Light refreshments available afterwards. RSVP to bishopreading@oxford.anglican.org - he has particularly asked if East Barnet parishioners could be there.

Sunday 12 May 1pm Christian Aid Inter-Church Rounders Match in Oak Hill Park

Saturday 18 May 10am Barnet Green Christian meeting at St John's URC - "How should we talk about climate change?"

2.30pm Wedding of Andrew Earwaker and Dinah O'Brien

Sunday 19 May 10am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club led by Bishop Andrew Proud

Thursday 30 May Ascension Day

8pm Parish Eucharist
"Thy Kingdom Come" prayer initiative begins

Sunday 2 June Community Fun Day on the Danegrove field (corner of Park Road and Cat Hill) including an ecumenical service at **11am**. We will also have a **6.30pm** Parish Eucharist at St Mary's.

¶ This week

Monday 15 April

9.30am Staff prayers and meeting
8.00pm Meditation with Passion music

Tuesday 16 April

3.00pm Tea on a Tuesday at Wesley Hall
8.00pm Informal worship at Brookside

Wednesday 17 April

11.30am Apthorp Lodge Communion
12.45pm Apthorp Lodge Day Centre Communion
8.00pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 18 April – Maundy Thursday

10.45am Communion at Brookside
11.00am Chrism Eucharist at St Albans Abbey
8.00pm Parish Eucharist with washing of feet, stripping of the sanctuary and vigil

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11.00am Brookside Methodist Church
12 noon St Mary's Church

Saturday 20 April - Easter Eve

8.00pm Service of Light at Brookside, with Communion

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