

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

28th March 2021 – Palm Sunday (start of Holy Week)

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

You are warmly welcomed to attend any or all of the services in our various churches. Services take place indoors unless otherwise indicated.

Palm Sunday 28th March

9.30am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby
11.00am Online worship by Zoom (final occasion)
6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's, Woodland

Monday 29th March

6.00pm Stations of the Cross at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby

Tuesday 30th March

7.30pm Lent Group no. 7 (by Zoom)

Wednesday 31st March

11.30am Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, B'Mills
2.00pm Lent Group no. 7 (by Zoom)
7.30pm Lent Group no. 7 (by Zoom)

Maundy Thursday 1st April (*Liturgy of Maundy Thurs*)

11.00am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby
6.00pm Holy Communion at St John's, Ulpha

Good Friday 2nd April

10.00am Pilgrimage service to High Cross, Broughton
(*Outdoor service, starting at St Mary Magdalene*)
2.00pm Watch service, St Cuthbert's, Kirkby

Easter Sunday 4th April

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's Broughton
9.30am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's, Kirkby
11.00am All-Age Easter Service at St Mary's Broughton
6.00pm Easter Service at St John's, Ulpha

Online worship after Easter

I am conscious that, in both parishes, regular churchgoers are still shielding or, for various reasons, are not yet able to return to in-person worship. Particular thanks to those who written to me about the continuing value of the YouTube services.

I shall, at least for the time being, continue to film the Wednesday service at Broughton Mills (with the exception of the Wednesday following Easter Sunday, which will be taken by Alex and Chris). After Easter, this service will revert to the Wednesday lectionary, rather than using the readings for the following Sunday.

A new vehicle for Burundi

The Keppleway Centre is raising funds for a very necessary new 4x4 for the Bethesda Project in Burundi, in which it partners with the Anglican Diocese of Musinga. Many in Broughton will already be familiar with this work. There are more details here:

<https://www.keppleway.org.uk/bethesda-project>

You can get involved in the 'Walk4Wheels' project as a sponsored activity or just donate directly. There are links at the bottom of the page above. It would be great if we could lend our support to Keppleway, in their wider ministry, as we also look at the possibility of hosting interns together.

Put an Easter Egg or Cross in your window now

Please display an Easter Egg in the window of your home or car this Easter! Blank templates of an egg, a plain and a celtic cross are attached to this *Sunday Supplement*, ready for decorating.

Why might we do this? To spread the joy of the season. Our world at present is less happy than usual and it is our task to spread peace and joy. Children love to spot things in windows and will be delighted to notice eggs and crosses appearing around their neighbourhood. **This is evangelism.** This is the church provoking questions and reminding everyone in a gentle way that there is something more going on at present: more than chocolate eggs from the supermarket. Something intriguing, something about which they might wish to find out more. Displaying a cross alongside an egg might be especially interesting.

Don't wait for Easter day: get these symbols working as soon as you can. The secular world doesn't mark ecclesiastical seasons with the lectionary, so no-one need be offended if Easter Eggs appear in windows now.

Lent group

This week we have our final Lent group meetings. Please attend whichever group is most convenient for you:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4235751855?pwd=Vk1nMDhaVkZhTGZYa0lBZ0lRdldqUT09>

Or use the Zoom app, or website zoom.us/join with the following login details:

Meeting ID: 423 575 1855

Passcode: 5RKuy8

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Palm Gospel: John 12:12-16

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

'Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!'

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!'

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ 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.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
⁶ 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.
⁷ 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;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.

¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.

¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, 'You are my God.'

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and
persecutors.

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 15:1-39

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' ¹³ They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!' ³¹ In the same way the

chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, '*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

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.





