

Welcome to St Mary's

Worship Today:

8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15 am	Procession with Palms from the War Memorial,
10.30 am	Morning Worship (CW) Readings: Colossians 2: 6-15 & Luke 19: 28-48
6.30 pm	Iona Communion, and also
6.30 pm	Tales on the Hill at Ightfield

Prayer is offered, in the Resurrection Chapel, during and after each 10.30 service. You are encouraged to bring your concerns and your thanks to God and you can be assured that your requests will be kept confidential.

We have toy bags for small children to play with during the Service, and under 5's can use the Children's Corner at any time, with parental supervision.

Mid-week:

Wednesday	9.00 am	Short informal Morning Prayer – All welcome
Thursday	10.00 am	Holy Communion

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Thu 29 th Mar	MAUNDY THURSDAY: Holy Communion with Foot Washing , in St Mary's at 7 pm, followed by 'THE VIGIL': please sign up to 'Watch and Pray' for one hour between 8 pm and midnight.
Fri 30 th Mar	GOOD FRIDAY: 10 am Churches Together Walk of Witness. Meet at <i>Church open from noon for quiet prayer</i> 2-3 pm: An Hour at the Cross 7.30 pm: Tenebrae Service
Sun 1 st Apr	EASTER DAY - HALLELUJAH! 6.30 am - Sunrise Service 10.30 am - Holy Communion (BCP) 11.45 approx - Easter Egg Hunt followed by Lunch in the Parish Rooms at 12.30.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1st: for the Easter Lunch extra helpers are still invited, to prepare and serve. If willing, please see Keren. Please indicate on the list at the West End if you will be attending the meal and if you can bring an item.

DIARY & NOTICES

- Wed 28th Mar **SOCIAL MORNING** at Raven House: 10.30 onwards, with Junior School children singing Easter Songs at 11 am. Do come along"
- Thu 29th Mar **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE in Lichfield Cathedral:** 11 am
- Sat 31st Mar **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** 8.30 am in St Mary's. Please note, this will now start at the earlier time of **8.30 am**
- ALSO: **DECORATION OF CHURCH FOR EASTER:** We shall be decorating the church from 9.15 am onwards. Gifts of flowers would be appreciated - before 10.00 am please - or monetary donations are always welcome. If you able to help please let me know. Many thanks, Barbara Bashford
- Sat 31st Mar **'THIRD DAY'** will be performed again at St Michael's, Lilleshall: 7.30 pm. Entrance is FREE.

CAFÉ WORSHIP: We are planning to introduce a new family-friendly, informal, café-style worship gathering, which will meet at 4pm on a Sunday afternoon, every other month, alternating with our Messy Church services. If you would be interested in helping with this new service and/or want to find out more, please talk to Catherine McBride.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Monday 16th April at 7 pm.

ELECTORAL ROLL: The existing Electoral Roll is on display at the back of Church and forms are available for congregation members not currently enrolled. These need to be received 2 weeks prior to the AGM (2nd April). **Please check that your name is on the roll!**

NB: Although everyone living in the parish can attend and vote at the Annual Vestry Meeting (to elect churchwardens), only those on the Electoral Roll can attend and vote at the APCM.

NOMINATION FORMS for Wardens and PCC members are available at the back of Church for submission prior to the APCM. Please note that anyone to be nominated as Churchwarden must have obtained DBS clearance before taking up office.

BARNABAS FUND PETITION: If you are concerned about our religious freedom in the UK, please see the information from Barnabas Fund at the back of church and if you feel able, please sign the petition. See the Barnabas Fund website for more information: www.barnabasfund.org/en/news/reclaiming-religious-freedom-in-the-uk

The focus for this year's **BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL** is 'Supporting Families'. Please see the explanatory leaflet in the Welcome Area and take an appeal envelope.



CAP Release Group (help with addictions)	07845 762 309
CAP Debt Centre 0800 328 0006 or	01274 760839
CAP Job Club	07399 852 163
FOUNTAINS Counselling Service	07980 387 847

CAP RELEASE GROUP COURSE: 5-6.30pm in the Methodist lounge, for those who need support in overcoming any life controlling issues or addictions. Further information or advice from Jill Alexander: 07845 762309 or jillalexander@capuk.org.

'FOODBANK LENT CHALLENGE': please continue to save 40p a day for the remainder of Lent so that we can help support a local family in crisis this Easter.

Also, now **MORE URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS:** Long Life Juice, UHT Milk, Biscuits, Rice, Jam, Sponge Puddings, Dog and Cat Food, Coffee, Cereal, Toilet Rolls and Toiletries, Laundry Washing Powder & Washing Up Liquid, as well as **Low Stock items:** Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Soup, and Carrier Bags

We are looking for a new organiser for the weekly Coffee Rota. If you would like to find out more please see Haechin Priestley. **The need is urgent!**

Billy Graham "Home-going", March 2, 2018, Charlotte, NC. If you missed the marvellous celebratory witness to the glory of God and the life of Billy Graham as told by his sister, children, and special friends, here is the entire service for you to enjoy and share with others around the world: https://memorial.billygraham.org/live-stream/?_ga=2.225955353.2020067031.1520212011-1660612808.1520212011

NB: Any items for the notice sheet should be submitted no later than Thursday morning, either to 653137 or candjcorney@gmail.com

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25th MARCH 2018 PALM SUNDAY

Today on our journey through Lent, we look at 'A Journey into Conflict'.

Jesus was surrounded by disciples and followers yet none of them had any idea how He felt about the days just ahead of Him. Jesus had tried to explain what would happen but it seemed their minds were closed to the reality of the situation.

Our readings today show how Jesus prepared for a final confrontation with the authorities. At the time of His capture and trial Jesus was facing serious conflict. He was invited to defend Himself – but He remained silent!

How do WE handle conflict? We are blessed by being able to ask for God's help but, in Jesus' case, He had to cope with it alone!

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