

# Holy Trinity

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### **Welcome to this week's edition of Holy Trinity News - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

As a kid my feelings about Holy Week were definitely negative. It was partly the posters. Back in the 1960s it was quite usual to see several identical 'This is Holy Week' posters in house windows in most suburban streets – each with a rather threatening (to a small child) large black silhouette of the head and shoulders of Christ on the Cross. It was also that Good Friday was the day of my grandmother's annual visit to my long-deceased grandfather's grave, accompanied by my father and uncles, followed by lunch at our house – all of which gave the day a very uncomfortable air of solemnity. And the hymn we sang every year at school, with what at that age were problematic words for me "He died to make us good".

It wasn't until many years later that the "Good" of Good Friday, and the message of the Cross, of Jesus's suffering and death for us, and his Resurrection, began to make sense to me. My own experience of suffering (divorce, illness, bereavement) opened me to its power. God with us, not just in the mysterious and wonder-filled birth of a tiny baby at Christmas. But also God with us in the adult Jesus who lived and taught a very different Way from the way of the world, the Way of God's Kingdom of love. Jesus, who with complete commitment confronted evil and entered into our brokenness and alienation, and suffered and was tortured to death for that. The ongoing revelation, that God knows our suffering and our sin, our brokenness, from the inside; knows the worst of human pain and evil and death, from the inside; and has mysteriously transformed it and is with us in the risen Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit, in unimaginable love; all this was and is to me a deeply life-changing experience.

So I'd like to suggest that Holy Week is a very appropriate time to bring our own suffering, and the world's, to Jesus. In our imaginations, our prayers, our bible reading, and at our services. To walk with Jesus this week to the Cross and beyond, as he carries the world's sin and suffering to the Love which can and will transform it. To walk with him in the assurance that the power of God's saving and transforming love is greater than we can possibly imagine, and is for us all.

*Revd Debbie Beer*

## HT / worship

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Palm Sunday**

### **9.30am A Service of Holy Communion**

Led by Revd Dr Richard Coldicott  
Preacher Revd Debbie Beer

**Readings:** Psalm 118:19-29 and Mark 11:1-11

### **11.00am Service**

Led by Revd Dr Richard Coldicott  
Preacher Tom Dare

**Readings:** John 12.12-19

### **Eileen Clark**

We were saddened to hear of the death of Eileen Clark. Her funeral will take place in church on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 12 noon.

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

9.30-11.30am The Sanctuary Baby and Toddler Group at The Village Centre  
7.30pm Holy Communion

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30-11.30am Toddlers at Fairfield Pavilion, Fairfield Recreation Ground  
7.30pm Holy Communion

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

11am Mid Week Eucharist  
7.30pm Holy Communion

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday

9.15am – School Easter Service  
10.00am-12 Noon Melting Pot Café at Court Bushes  
11.45am – School Easter Service  
7.30pm – Choral Eucharist followed by The Watch

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday

10.00am – Walk of Witness  
12noon – Time for reflection with prayer stations  
2.00pm – The Last Hour at the Cross

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March Holy Saturday

7.30pm – Easter Vigil

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Day

8.00am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer  
Led by Revd Debbie Beer  
Preacher Revd Dr Richard Coldicott

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Preacher Sarah Steel

## Friday Lent Course – date of final session

Because of a funeral on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and then Holy Week, the final session of the Lent Course Friday group, will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.45 for 2pm in church. All welcome!

## Our Holy Week Services

All our evening Holy Week services are at 7.30pm.

There are evening services every day except Good Friday: shorter said Holy Communion on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and much longer sung Communion services on Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday.

For those who wish to come in the daytime, there are services on Wednesday and Good Friday.

On Wednesday at 11am there is a simple said Communion service followed by tea and coffee.

## On Good Friday:

The Walk of Witness, for all the family, starts at 10am at South Avenue and ends with a service at Holy Trinity Church, followed by coffee and hot cross buns.

You are very welcome to come straight to the church if you are unable to join the Walk.

From 12noon to 2pm will be a quiet time for prayer and reflection on the Journey of the Cross. There will be short readings every 15 minutes from 12noon to 1.30pm inclusive, with quiet music playing at other times. Seven simple prayer stations will be set out in church. Please come and go at any time as you please, in quietness.

If you would like to be one of the readers, please email Debbie ([revdebbiebeer@gmail.com](mailto:revdebbiebeer@gmail.com)).

Our 2pm service is The Last Hour at The Cross – with hymns, prayer, readings, and a homily.

## Holy Week poems by Malcolm Guite

### Jesus Weeps

Jesus comes near and he beholds the city  
And looks on us with tears in his eyes,  
And wells of mercy, streams of love and pity  
Flow from the fountain whence all things arise.  
He loved us into life and longs to gather  
And meet with his beloved face to face  
How often has he called, a careful mother,  
And wept for our refusals of his grace,  
Wept for a world that, weary with its weeping,  
Benumbed and stumbling, turns the other way,  
Fatigued compassion is already sleeping  
Whilst her worst nightmares stalk the light of day.  
But we might waken yet, and face those fears,  
If we could see ourselves through Jesus' tears.

## Maundy Thursday

Here is the source of every sacrament,  
The all-transforming presence of the Lord,  
Replenishing our every element  
Remaking us in his creative Word.  
For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,  
The air delights to bear his Spirit's speech,  
The fire dances where the candles shine,  
The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.  
And here He shows the full extent of love  
To us whose love is always incomplete,  
In vain we search the heavens high above,  
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.  
Though we betray Him, though it is the night.  
He meets us here and loves us into light.

Both from Malcolm's book [Sounding the Seasons](#)

## Easter Fun Activity Morning

We are really looking forward to our Easter Fun activity morning on 1st April, aimed at children aged 0-11 and their families. If you are able to help out, either by baking some Easter-themed cakes/biscuits or by volunteering on the morning, please contact Sarah - [sarah.holytrinityhpp@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.holytrinityhpp@gmail.com) or 07913103827. Thank you!



## Confirmation Service

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm we will be hosting at Holy Trinity the Deanery Confirmation service which will be led by Bishop Ruth, the Bishop of Horsham.

Confirmation is a wonderful way to publicly mark a new stage in your faith journey. It is ideal either for young people (aged 11+) who were baptised as infants and who now want to affirm the declarations made on their behalf by parents and godparents when they were infants, or for adults who have never been confirmed and who wish to declare their faith as they move on in their journey of discipleship. If anyone (aged 11+) who is not baptised would like to make this commitment at this time, baptism and confirmation can take place within the same service. There will be Confirmation preparation sessions for all those who would like to be Confirmed.

If you would like to be a part of this year's Confirmation or would like further information about what Confirmation involves, please contact either Richard (email [rector.holytrinityhpp@gmail.com](mailto:rector.holytrinityhpp@gmail.com); Tel: 01273 967598) or speak to Vicki Macken (email [vicki.macken@btinternet.com](mailto:vicki.macken@btinternet.com); tel: 07980223483).

## Date of the APCM and Joining the Electoral Roll

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), when we appoint our churchwardens for the coming year and new members to the PCC, as well as receiving reports and the accounts for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023, will be taking place on the evening of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at church. Still quite a way off but an important date in the church diary, so do put the date in your diary and join us if you are able.

Ahead of the APCM, our Parish Electoral Roll will be revised, and we encourage anyone who has been part of the church community for at least 6 months, to consider joining our electoral roll. By being part of the roll you will also have voting rights at the APCM. Electoral Roll forms are available on the table at the back of church, or you can download one from our website by visiting the [Documents and Forms](#) page. Please put completed forms into the box at the back of church, or photographed and emailed to the church office. Thank you.

## Thank you and Congratulations!



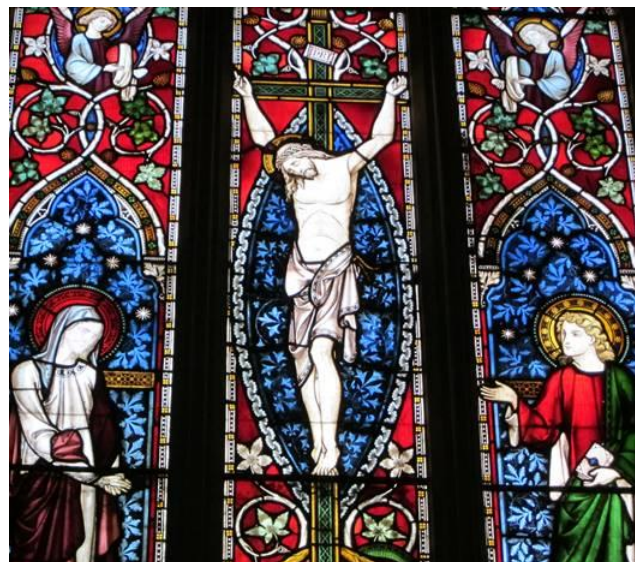
Susan Skinner held a Book Launch for her recent novel "Raiders from the Sea". She gave all the proceeds from the launch to Christian Aid for its work in Ukraine, and raised £560. Congratulations and thanks to Susan and to everyone who came along to the launch. The book is a historic children's story about the invasion of the Vikings on Holy Island, and the effect it had on two generations of one family - an earlier catastrophe. Ask Susan if you want a signed copy.

### Good condition laptops and tablets needed for a school in Ukraine

Last year all the computers in a school linked with one of the Hurst Ukrainian families were destroyed by a power surge. We are looking to help replace them. If you have a spare laptop or tablet/ipad in good condition and would be willing to donate it, please get in touch: [jenny.brown1106@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.brown1106@gmail.com) (07986119603)

## Stained Glass Windows – a focus for Holy Week

How often do you stop and really look at the beautiful stained-glass windows in our church? Here are details from two of them which focus on the cross – why not spend some time reflecting on these depictions of the crucifixion this Holy Week?



Detail from The Crucifixion, in the north transept



Detail from the West Window, Christ taken down from the Cross – best viewed by standing near the altar platform and facing the back of the church.

## **This week we are praying ....**

For King Charles III as he continues his treatment for cancer, for Queen Camilla as she supports him, and for the Royal Family at this difficult time.

For peace and justice in our world. For Israel and Palestine. For the leaders of the nations. For our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, our government and all who bear responsibility for our nation, for wisdom to seek first justice and peace.

For refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis – and for our own response. Pray for the families we are welcoming to Hurstpierpoint, for host families and for the whole support network.

For those across the world suffering from the impacts of climate change. For a greater sense of urgency from politicians and major companies in tackling the causes and consequences.

For those who are in distress, who feel anxious, or are facing difficulties – may they know God's love.

For those who are unwell including Hugo, Yasmeen, Ann, Ben, Fran, Neil, Esther, Margaret, Tony, Benny, Rosemary, Susan, Paul, Roger, Pauline, Belinda, Nicki, Richard, Brian, Rosslyn and June.

For the bereaved, especially the families and friends of Eileen Clarke, Valerie Evershed, John Kentsley and Robert Lovegrove

*Please do tell us if you are unwell and would like to be included in our prayer list. Do not think that any request is too small.*



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