

WELCOME to ST CATHERINE'S EAST TILBURY

If you are visiting or new to St Catherine's, please introduce yourself.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

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25th March 2018 – PALM Sunday

25 Palm Sunday: Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to His own people in their capital city, and yet He came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave Him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into His path. They knew His reputation as a healer and welcomed Him. But sadly, the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put Him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

COLLECT for PALM SUNDAY

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

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| Sun | 25th March PALM SUNDAY | |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion led by Revd. Linda Peall then our LENT lunch in aid of the Bishop's Lent appeal. |
| Tue | 7.30pm | LENT study group at the Linford Methodist church |
| Wed | 10.00am | Holy Communion at St. Francis led by Revd. Tim Codling |
| | 10.30am- noon | Drop In (St. Francis) |
| Thur | MAUNDY THURSDAY | |
| | 11am-1pm | Food Bank at St. Francis |
| | 7.30pm | Holy Communion at St. Catherine's |
| | 7.30pm | Welcom forum meeting at Linford Methodist Church |
| Fri | 1pm | "Stations of the Cross" |
| Sat | 10am | Church cleaning and decorating for Easter |
| Sun | 1st April EASTER DAY | |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion led by Revd. Peter Hillman |
| | 2.00pm | St. Catherine's open afternoon |

THE BIBLE READINGS at OUR SERVICES

Sunday 25th March PALM SUNDAY

10 am Isaiah 50.4-9a **(OT 691)**
 Philippians 2.5-11 **(NT 194)**
 The Passion according to Mark **(drama)**

Sunday 1st April EASTER DAY

10 am Isaiah 25.6-9 **(OT 662)**
 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 **(NT 172)**
 John 20. 1-18 **(NT 111)**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon Lamentations ch1 v1 – 12a
Tue Lamentations ch3 v1 – 18
Wed Wisdom ch1 v16 – ch2 v1, ch2 v12-22
Thur Leviticus ch16 v2 -24
Fri Genesis ch22 v1 - 18
Sat Job ch14 v1 -14

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Please let Colin know of people in hospital, to visit, or who would like Communion at home.

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, our 10am service of Holy Communion is being presided over by Revd. Linda Peall who is the lead Chaplain at Basildon Hospital. Linda has been with us once before, at St. Francis and will be with us again at the end of April. Do stay for our **LENT** austerity lunch in aid of the Bishop's Lent appeal.

This Monday the PCC meets in St. Catherine's at 7.30pm. The agenda and minutes have been circulated to members.

On Tuesday evening we meet with our Methodist friends for the fourth of our weekly LENTEN study groups at the Linford Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

On Wednesday we will be celebrating our mid-week service of Holy Communion as usual and Revd. Tim Codling will be taking it. The service will be followed, as usual, by our "drop-in" for refreshments and "chat".

Our Holy Week services continue with Canon Martin Wood leading on **Maundy Thursday** our 7.30pm service of Holy Communion. **On Good Friday** we will remember "The stations of the Cross" at 1pm and we are invited to join with the Grays Baptist churches for a walk at Coalhouse Fort at 2pm followed by a time of reflection at 3pm

Next Sunday our **Easter** Day service of Holy Communion will be led by

Revd. Peter Hillman who is the Director of St. Marks College, Audley End. This is Peter's first visit to us at St. Catherine's and we are very grateful for his help.

Next Saturday, Easter Eve, we will be cleaning and decorating the church for Easter from 10am. If you can possibly spare a hour or two do come along and help. At a recent PCC meeting the church cleaning was discussed and it was concluded that a monthly Saturday morning session where anyone could turn up and help was probably a better solution than expecting our teams of four to do it all. So, this will be our first "all together" cleaning session.

At the back of church there is a list for us to order Easter lilies in memory of loved ones as well as a selection of Easter cards. There are also some "**Holy Week**" that are available for display in windows etc.

Please also let friends and family know about the quiz night at St. Francis on 7th April and the concert with the '**Essex Music Man**' here on May 5th. Details at the back of church or see Pam P or Geraldine.

The foodbank shortages - this week are sponge puddings, fruit juice, cooking sauces, sugar and coffee, if you are able to help Thank you.

OUR WEEKLY SERVICE TEAMS

| | 25 th March | 1 st April | 8 th April |
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| Sunday | Palm Sunday | EASTER DAY | 2nd Sunday of Easter |
| Service | HOLY COMMUNION | HOLY COMMUNION | HOLY COMMUNION |
| Leader | Chris | Norman | Janice |
| Celebrant | Revd. Linda Peall | Revd. Peter Hillman | Revd. Ivor Moody |
| Prayers | Kim | Pam | Chris |
| Readers | Geraldine & Janice | Pat & Sheila | Jessica & Norman |
| Sides-people | Gena & John | Sue S & Hazel | John & Veronica |
| Offertory | John & Veronica | Kathy & Geraldine | Sheila & Pam P |
| Communion Assistants | John & Barry | Brenda & Kathy | Norman & Chris |
| Teas | Gena | Sue S | June C |
| Cleaning | | | |

Thurrock Gospel Choir present an

Inter-Church CELEBRATION
For Easter 2018

Featuring the audio-visual worship musical

GLORIOUS DAY

at

The Salvation Army, Clarence Road on 30th March at 4.30pm

Sockets Heath Baptist Church, Premier Ave. on 1st April at 6.30pm

St. Mary & St. Peter, Wennington Rd, Wennington on 7th April at 7.30pm

St. Cedd's, Crammavill Street on 8th April at 6.00pm

Community Church, Defoe Parade, Chadwell on 11th April at 7.30pm