



Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking



## Palm Sunday

29 March 2026

### Palm Sunday, 29 March, 2026

**9:45am** Procession of Palms, Market Square  
**10am** Parish Communion

**Readings:** Isaiah 50.4-9a  
*The servant's humiliation and vindication*  
Philippians 2.5-11 *Christ exalted*  
St Matthew's Passion

**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. Amen.

**Zoom** To join [Click here](#)  
Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094  
Passcode: 263739  
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Sunday School: All school-age children welcome  
*followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House*

### Monday 30 March

7pm Night Prayer in church

### Tuesday 31 March

7pm Night Prayer in church

### Wednesday 1 April

7pm Night Prayer in church

### Thursday 2 April, Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Holy Communion with hand washing  
Readings: Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14  
1 Corinthians 11.23-26  
John 13.1-17, 31b-35

*Followed by the Watch of the Night until midnight.*

### Friday 3 April, Good Friday

10:30am Walk of Witness (see notice sheet)  
11am Service, Market Square  
1:30pm-3pm Good Friday Liturgy  
Craft activities in the Chapter House for children)

### Saturday 4 April, Easter Eve

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop - *Chapter House*  
8pm Paschal Ceremony

### Sunday 5 April, Easter Day

10am Festival Parish Communion  
*Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House*

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**Intercessions** Let us pray for: St Albans Diocese and Cathedral, Biggleswade Food Bank

**Requesting our Prayers:** Percy Doughty, Revd Liz Lavelle, Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Bobbie Ball, Fran Sharp, James Etienne

**We pray for the souls of the recently departed:**

For families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration of life. We remember with prayers and thankful, privileged, memories those whose Year's Mind fall at this time.

**Mafambisa:** We remember the people of our partner community of Mafambisa, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the caregivers and all who support them. By name this week we pray for care-worker: Maria and children: Snethemba, Fezile, Bayanda, Mgcobi, Bafana

**Pew News**

Advance notice that the Easter Pew News will be a two-week issue, covering 5 April to 18 April. Please contact the Parish Office by 31 March for any notices you wish to include. *Sue Thorn*

**Easter Flowers**

Please remember to bring any crafted or cut flowers on Easter Day to decorate the Easter Gardens and outdoor cross.

**MU Quiet Day** Saturday 25 April 10am-3pm. Theme: 'The Emmaus Road'- Led by Revd Barbara Ebeling, Holy Communion at 2:30pm led by Revd Liz.

This is a day of prayer and contemplation. Time to sit or walk in the grounds, read or do crafts; relax and refresh. More details in the foyer. *Maggie McLoughlin Rosamund Drakes*

**Watch of the Night**

On Maundy Thursday (2 April) following the service at 7:30pm, when we remember Jesus washing his disciples' feet and sharing the Last Supper with them, there will be a "Watch of the Night" in church until midnight. Recalling how Jesus asked Peter, in the garden that night, "could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray" (Matthew 26:40-41); this is an opportunity for us to 'watch and pray' as we quietly reflect on this Holy night; either by simply sitting in silence or reading from the bibles or other material which will be available.

Please sign the list at the back of church so that we can ensure each half hour is covered by at least two or three people - but there is no maximum number. *John Dilley*

**Good Friday Walk of Witness, 3rd April**

Volunteers needed for marshals and to help carry the cross and lots of people to join the walk!

10am Central Square, Kings Reach

10:25am Stratton School main gates

10:40am Biggleswade Baptist Church London Road

For more information: [john@bbchurch.org.uk](mailto:john@bbchurch.org.uk)

*John Dilley*

**Foodbank**

As the school holidays approach, please donate any tinned or packeted food, toiletries etc that you can as this is a difficult time for many families. Also welcome are Easter treats for the children.

*Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt*

### Downing Street Announcement

The Rt Revd Dr Andrew Rumsey, currently Bishop of Ramsbury in the Diocese of Salisbury, is to be the next Bishop of St Albans. Bishop Andrew returns to the Diocese in which he was born and baptised, describing the appointment as “a homecoming” and saying he is thrilled to be joining a “fine team”.

### Save the Date!

Meeting of parishioners and annual parochial church meeting to be held at 11:45am on Sunday 10 May 2026. Everybody is welcome to attend. There will be an election for new church wardens and new representatives on the PCC. If you are interested in either of these roles, please speak to any current PCC member, Nettie our churchwarden, Rosemary or Revd Liz. Nomination forms are available from Harriet Shannon. Further details to follow.

*Harriet Shannon*

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### Celebration of Chris's life

Thank you to everyone that came to St Andrew's and joined online to celebrate Chris's life. We were overwhelmed with the number of people that attended. Thank you again for the memories and stories that you have shared and for all your cards, thoughts and prayers. If you would still like to make a donation on behalf of Chris to the chosen charities then the donate button will be available on the website until Easter Monday. Lots of Love, The Parkers

### A Lenten Prayer

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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### Future Dates

6 April	10:15am	Coach from St Andrew's for Easter Pilgrimage to St Alban's Cathedral, Sign the notice in the foyer if you need transport (£10 children, £15 adult)
19 April	12:45pm	Sunday lunch
	5:30pm	Taize Service, Cockayne Hatley
25 April	10am-3pm	MU Quiet day
9 May	2pm	Come and sing 'Saints Alive!' - all welcome.
	7pm	'Saints Alive!' performance open to all

**Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve, Holy Spirit make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage, for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen**

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