

# Welcome to St Andrew's Church

24th March 2024

Palm Sunday



## Welcome

It's lovely to have you worshipping with us today, if you are new, we would love to welcome you, please do introduce yourself to one of our welcomers on the door. If you need any help or information, they will be happy to assist.

We welcome all comers whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. You are welcome whatever your age, gender, marital status, disability, race or sexuality. You are welcome whether you have a deep and mature faith in Christ; are uncertain and still seeking; or have no faith.

To find out more about what's on at St Andrew's please see our website and Facebook pages;

<https://standrewseg.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsChurchEasternGreen/>

## Collect

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.

## First Reading: Psalm 118:1-2 and 19-end

Psalm 118

A Song of Victory

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

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## **Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11**

### Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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### **Post 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.

## **Notices**

### **Easter Raffle**

Tickets are now available for the Easter raffle which will be drawn on Easter Sunday. £1 a go. Tickets are available at the back of church.

### **Baptisms and Confirmations**

Calling all adults and older children! There will be an opportunity to get baptised this Easter or to renew your baptismal vows. If you have been baptised or christened but would like to renew those promises for yourself, or if you have never been baptised and would like to find about what this involves, do come and chat to Rev Jo. If you haven't been confirmed and would like to find out more about that do chat to me. Every Easter the bishop holds a confirmation service in the cathedral, open to anyone in Coventry churches who haven't been confirmed. To find out more speak to Jo.

### **Welcome and Hospitality**

We are hoping to provide an opportunity once a month to offer a welcome and hospitality to members of our congregation and the community, perhaps in the form of a coffee morning or something similar. Please could you think about the possibility of offering help as a volunteer and speak to Lynnette (02476 467097) about what's involved.

### **Do you love staying for Teas after the service?**

We really need some more helpers for after Easter to join our tea rota. It's a great way to get to know people and you only need to stay for half an hour after the service. The dates we currently have on the rota available are 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June. If you can help with any of these or to find out more, please email Julie or chat to Jo. If you don't currently do much in church life it's a great way to get involved and is easy to do. Thanks Jo

### **Revision of the Electoral Roll**

Notice is given of the revision of the electoral roll, beginning on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March and finishing on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The existing roll is displayed at the back of church for any corrections or amendments. If you would like to join the roll please fill in the forms also at the back of church, where you will also find a notice on who is eligible to join. Please speak to the vicar if you have any questions.

## **Holy Week Events**

Join us this week as we journey through Holy Week. The church will be open for private prayer and reflection Monday to Friday. There are prayer stations and a chance to reflect on the events of the week using the Easter Gardens made for us by St Andrew's Infants.

### **Maundy Thursday**

Join us for a simple soul supper at 6.30pm in the side room, followed by the traditional service of foot washing, as we break bread together and remember the last supper, this will be followed by the stripping of the altar and a vigil.

### **Good Friday**

At 10 am we have a fun service packed with activities for all the family as we explore the Easter story, make our own garden together and try some Easter crafts.

At midday there is a short ecumenical service on the grass outside St Oswald's, for those who would like to take part in a walk of witness, the St Oswald's group are joining with the Catholic church outside Nicholson Road shops at 11am, any from St Andrew's are welcome to join them.

At 2pm there is an Hour at the Cross service in church.

### **Easter Sunday**

Join us at 6am for a Sunrise Service. Welcome in the first light of Easter morning, gather round the fire as we celebrate together. There will be breakfast in the Vicarage afterwards.

At 10am there will be a Parish Communion and Easter Celebration, come and celebrate with us. This service will include baptisms and an affirmation of vows. If you would like to get baptised please speak to Jo, please be praying for the candidates this week.

### **Clocks**

The clocks go forward one hour on Easter Sunday.

### **Mid-week Communion and Morning Prayer**

On Wednesday there is morning communion at 10am as usual, please note there is no service the week after Easter. There will be Monday zoom prayers in holy week but not on Easter Monday.

### **Time to Pray**

The first Saturday in the month will be a time to come together to pray and to listen to God as we think about what God is calling us to be and do as a church, within our parish and also beyond to the new estate. We will meet in church at 9.30am on 6<sup>th</sup> April. There will be coffee and pastries available after the time of prayer. Sue Masters, susanmasters@skycom

### **Funeral Verger**

We are looking to recruit a stand-in funeral verger to cover funerals when our usual funeral verger isn't available. This is a paid role. If anyone is interested, please speak to Jo.

### **Prayer Book**

There is a book placed at the back of the church in memory of Lesley Lee, in which you are invited to enter the name of someone for whom you would like to be held in prayer. Please feel free to make an entry in the book knowing those named will be held in prayer by the Prayer Group.

### **Tots Time**

Tots time is our new Tots group for babies toddlers and their carers. Running twice a month on Thursdays. Pop in any time from 8.45am, finishing around 10.15am. The next dates are: 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **Hope Coventry Seeks Local Befriender**

Hope Coventry is seeking a local befriender for a lonely older person near St Andrew's. He is friendly & welcoming, but is housebound and feeling isolated. He is a Christian. Graham is an enthusiastic sci-fi fan and is quite intellectual. He does smoke in the house. They are hoping to find Graham a friend to have a fortnightly cuppa with. To discuss befriending, people can contact kim@hopecoventry.org.uk or 07713 340 065.

## Donations

Should you wish to give online to support the work of the church, the link below or the QR code will take you directly to the page. It is a secure way of supporting the churches ministry. Thank you for your ongoing support. Nick Tooby.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/eef64318-0a22-4db7-8d81-0ab3ccddf15d>



<b>Diary Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>March</b>		
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Palm Sunday Parish Communion
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Bereavement Group meeting
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Wednesday Communion
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Supper
	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Good Friday All Age Service
	2.00pm	An Hour at the Cross
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	6.00am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
	10.00am	Easter Sunday Parish Communion

***The church is open throughout Holy Week for prayer and reflection***

*Please send notices for next week to Julie by Wednesday, email [administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk](mailto:administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk) or call 07756 918847*