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The Vicar writes

A transforming journey?

Dear Friends,



Most of us will recognise defining moments, experiences in our own lives which have shaped and formed us. While this is true of life it is also true of faith. Someone said that, “In the liturgy, particularly the Eucharist, the Church is formed for life and mission in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

In other words, worshipping together changes us. Through the synergy of words and silence, music and our senses of sight and smell, and through the use of movement and space in our worship, God meets with us, and by his Spirit working through the liturgy, he forms, moulds and shapes both our faith and us as his people, his beloved children. So, joining in, taking part together is really important for us.

This is especially true for the services of Holy Week. From Palm Sunday to Easter Day the church does not merely remember the events in the last week of Jesus’ own life. Neither does it act them out as does a historical re-enactment society! Rather, in worship in Holy Week, we journey with Jesus so that we enter into his story, so that it becomes part of us, defining our faith and, indeed, ourselves.

On Palm Sunday we journey in the procession with Jesus as he enters Jerusalem for the last time. From Monday to Wednesday we experience his rejection by the leaders of his own people. On Maundy Thursday; we gather with him in the Upper Room, to see Jesus kneeling before us, washing our feet before breaking the bread to feed us in the institution of the Eucharist.

We watch with him in Gethsemane before he is betrayed, arrested and abandoned. On Good Friday, like our medieval forbears, we creep towards the Cross in humble adoration of our Crucified Saviour, in the knowledge that we have been crucified with him and 'by his wounds we are healed'.

And then, as the Easter Fire is kindled on Holy Saturday and the Paschal Candle, "The Light of Christ" is carried into the church; as the bells ring, the organ thunders and the lights are flung on, we know our Risen Lord afresh in the Eucharist, and know ourselves, with all the faithful from every generation, to be raised with Jesus in the radiant glory and triumph of His Resurrection!

For it is in every Eucharist but most vividly expressed in the Vigil Eucharist on Holy Saturday that both the past events of God's saving work in and through Jesus and the fruits and benefits of that work are brought vividly into the present, releasing his Resurrection power to shape and transform our own lives and give us hope for eternity. However, if we only move directly from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, skipping over the midweek events, we will allow ourselves to be short changed. I do urge all of us, for our own sakes, to take as full a part as we can in the services of Holy week.

In particular, I do urge us all to make the Vigil and Eucharist on Holy Saturday a priority. If you have a handbell – then bring it and ring it!

So I pray that of us will so enter into these defining moments in history, and to allow them to define us, change, shape and form us into Christ's people, as we encounter the dynamic, risen life of Jesus himself.

A very happy Easter to you all.

Fr. Kevin

Trinidad & Tobago: Easter 1997

Sister Hazel recalls a hot and busy Easter on the dual Caribbean island 27 years ago

It's 5.00am on the Thursday before Holy Week and I'm driving into San Fernando, the second largest city in Trinidad & Tobago. My car lights pick up some Spiritual Baptists and Anglican people walking with their red prayer books, now two years old and well thumbed.



From the sacristy window there is a glint on the sea. Morning prayer and Eucharist starts at 6.00am with about twenty there. Some fast from first light until dark, like their Muslim brothers.

FRIDAY: the Bishop sends me to Tobago, a land of forest, beach and agriculture. I meet Bishop Anstey's girls at Assembly. In the yard near the Archdeacon's house palms have been cut and stacked. He sends me to Pembroke on Palm Sunday, a seacoast drive, and we find the church packed.

Coming back down the hill after the blessing of the palms, waving green branches the sheep and goats sing along too. At the end of Mass there is an endless queue for the laying on of hands, and then away with the deacon to Charlotteville. We don't seem to have a gospel book, so he cleverly reads the gospel inside his sermon. In the afternoon in Scarborough, the local Christians sweat through the midday heat, from the Salvation Army citadel to the Roman Catholic Church of the Conception.

In Trinidad, servers, priest and people are doing the Stations as they climb San Fernando Hill in blinding heat, thinking of our Saviour's Passion and thousands are processing through Port of Spain from the Roman Catholic Cathedral to Trinity Cathedral where the steel band waits.

Holy Trinity is full for the Bishop's Maundy Chrism Mass. He calls me out to renew my priestly vows, and we priests con-celebrate with him. The oils are blessed, and at the communion I see faces I have known before. We head south for the evening Liturgy with the washing of feet - cool water on hot, tired feet.

Good Friday is busy, everywhere, all day. I break the fast with the parish priest and his future wife. Hot, fast driving back again to the capital for the Easter Vigil, where there are confessions to be heard from baptism and confirmation candidates. Finally at 10.30pm, the Liturgy of the New Fire and the candles light up intent and happy faces.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!



Easter parade in Trinidad and Tobago

HOLY WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Palm Sunday - March 24th

Procession from St Mary's Gardens @ 9.55am

Sung Eucharist @ 10.15am

Stations of the Cross @ 5.30pm

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th March

Devotionals @ 7.00pm

Maundy Thursday - March 28th

Sung Eucharist, Washing of Feet & Vigil to Midnight @ 7.30pm

Good Friday - March 29th

Liturgy of the Cross @ 1.30pm

Holy Saturday - March 30th

Confessions in the Trinity Chapel @ 10am

Lighting of the Easter Fire, Paschal Vigil & Eucharist @ 8.00pm

Easter Day Sunday - March 31st

Festival Sung Eucharist @ 10.15am

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Late Ripeness – a Lenten poem

Not soon, as late as the approach of my ninetieth year,
I felt a door opening in me and I entered
the clarity of early morning.

One after another my former lives were departing,
like ships, together with their sorrow.

And the countries, cities, gardens, the bays of seas
assigned to my brush came closer,
ready now to be described better than they were before.

I was not separated from people, grief and pity joined us.
We forget—I kept saying—that we are all children of the King.

From where we come from there is no division
into Yes and No, into is, was, and will be.

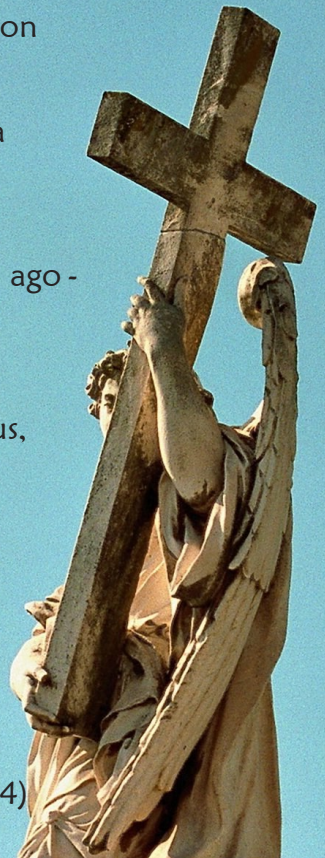
We were miserable, we used no more than a
hundredth part of the gift we received
for our long journey.

Moments from yesterday and from centuries ago -
a sword blow, the painting of eyelashes
before a mirror of polished metal,
a lethal musket shot, a caravel
staving its hull against a reef—they dwell in us,
waiting for a fulfilment.

I knew, always, that I would be a worker
in the vineyard,
as are all men and women
living at the same time,
whether they are aware of it or not.

Czeslaw Milosz

transl. Robert Hass and Czeslaw Milosz (2004)



Saints' Days in March



David, Patron Saint of Wales - March 1

Sixth century monk who founded over a dozen monasteries including St David's at Menevia, Pembrokeshire. Renowned for both his spiritual discipline but also compassion to the poor. Died in 601.



Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln - March 8

Born in London 1829 he was Founder of St Stephen's House Theological College in Oxford and professor of Pastoral Theology whose influence on ordinands was great. A prominent Anglo-Catholic whose introduction of certain rituals in the liturgy caused criticism at the time for being "Romish". Consecrated Bishop of Lincoln in 1885. Died 1910.

Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland - March 17

Although born in Cornwall in 390, he became known as the Apostle of Ireland. His association with Ireland came later only after he trained as priest in his 40s in Gaul, and then on his return to Ireland as bishop where he settled at Armagh. He travelled extensively in the country to spread the gospel message and is generally regarded as the founder of Christianity in that country.

Joseph of Nazareth, March 19

Married to Mary and the legal father of Jesus. Although not widely written about, he is portrayed as a good man, a carpenter and loving father. The adoption of Jesus by him established the lineage to the House of David as prophesied in the Old Testament. He is also known as the patron saint of workers.

Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, March 20

Born around 640, he became known as patron saint of Northumbria. After seeing visions in the night sky at a young age he resolved to become a monk and missionary. He began his work at Melrose Abbey and Lindisfarne, where he was Abbot and later Bishop. He had a period as a hermit on Farne Island, where he died on March 20, 687.



Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, March 21

As Archbishop of Canterbury in 1533 one of his first acts was to announce the annulment of Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon. Cranmer was instrumental in imposing major religious change under the rule of Edward VI, authoring the first two editions of the Book of Common Prayer and introducing doctrinal changes in the Eucharist, clerical celibacy and other areas. However with the accession of Catholic Mary I to the throne in 1553 he was convicted of heresy and treason and despite his recantations, was executed March 21, 1556.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, March 25

Feast day which marks the conception of Christ in the womb of Mary, marked on March 25, nine months prior to Jesus's birthday in December. The day has been celebrated in Catholic churches since the fourth century; it asserts the complete humanity and divinity of Jesus, becoming established at a time in Christian history when there was much controversy over these orthodox statements. In doing so, Mary becomes Theotokos. (Mother of God).

Notes

.Sunday 3rd March

The Bishop of Bedford will be our president and preacher at the 10.15 Eucharist

Mothering Sunday 10th March

Posies and cards will be given to mothers and all ladies at the 10.15 Eucharist. Do come and bring a member of your family or a friend. We are grateful to the Mothers Union for providing posies.

Blessing of the River Sunday 17th March

Following the 10.15 am Eucharist, we shall move to the pedestrian bridge in Riverside Square for the blessing of the River Great Ouse and all those who use and enjoy it. Please do come and bring someone with you.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY 24th March

9.55 Procession of Palms and Parish Eucharist. We gather in St Mary's Gardens for the Blessing of Palms, and Procession of Witness into St Paul's for the Eucharist at 10.15

5.30pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 25th March 7.00pm Stations of the Cross - Nave

Tuesday 26th March 7.00pm Eucharist – Trinity Chapel

Wednesday 27th March 7.00pm Address and Compline - Quire

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March at 7.30pm

The Eucharist of the Last Supper, which will include the Washing of Feet, will be celebrated in the Nave, to be followed by the Vigil until midnight in the Trinity Chapel. Please sign up for a slot at the Vigil on list at the back of church.

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March at 1.30pm

The Liturgy for Good Friday led by St Paul's Singers, will include an address, Veneration of the Cross and Communion of the Pre-Sanctified, as is our custom, at which the Vicar will preach.

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March

10.00am Easter Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

The Vicar will be in church to hear confessions. If this time is not suitable, please phone him on 364638 to make an alternative appointment.

8.00pm Lighting of the Paschal Fire, Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

This is the principle celebration of the Eucharist on the Queen of Festivals. Following the drama of the lighting of the fire and procession into Church and hearing the Vigil readings, we join in renewing our Baptismal vows and celebrating the Eucharist. It is not to be missed! Candles will be provided.

EASTER DAY Sunday 31st March at 10.15am Festival Sung Eucharist

The Vicar will be the president and preacher. This will be the only service at St Paul's on Easter Day.

Looking ahead:

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place in church on Sunday 28th April, following the Parish Eucharist. Details to follow. Please put the date in your diaries now. Please also pray for God's will to be done in the election of wardens and PCC members.

Fr. Kevin

Why hymns matter

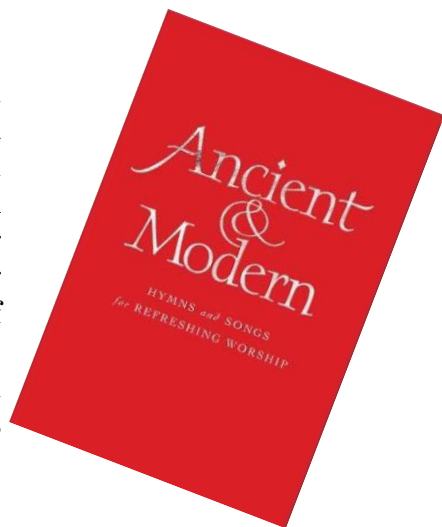
*Will your anchor hold in the storms of life
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
(Priscilla Jane Owens, 1829-1907)*

Hymns have always meant much to me from an early age. My mother's family were Scottish. They were non-Conformists and, from time to time, engaged us all in singing hymns round the piano on Sunday afternoons. These were usually rousing exhortations to pull yourself together and face with courage the ups and downs of daily life. Those hymns had compelling rhymes too and have tended to stay with me like "earworms" throughout my life.

I was reminded of the rich variety of this tradition recently when I rediscovered an anthology owned by my great-aunt, Johanna Fraser, dating from 1916 and entitled 'Redemption Songs: 1000 Hymns and Choruses for evangelistic meetings, choirs, solo singers and the home'. My father's family were Welsh so, for them, hymns were rather more contemplative and melancholy. Their music also, however, seemed more operative to me than many Scottish hymn tunes. Take "Ebenezer" the tune for 'Once to every man and nation' written by Thomas J Williams or "Aberystwyth" the tune for "Jesu Lover of my soul" written by Joseph Parry. They both start in a minor key but then develop into a major key as the hymn's message gets more positive – and back again to a minor key at the end to remind us all that earthly happiness is fleeting. It's no surprise that Welsh hymn tunes are very apt for Lent.

By the time I was a teenager, my father was - an occasional - Anglican. He was a real disciple of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" first published in 1861 and still used today throughout Anglican churches. This introduced me to an English tradition of hymns which has meant much to me ever since.

In a recent article for the publication ‘Slightly Foxed’, the writer Ysenda Maxtone Graham has provided an excellent analysis of the riches and variety of this publication. “Looking through *Hymns A & M* is like being in a vast dusty antique shop full of pieces of obsolete brown furniture, but every now and then a gem shines out. And what precious gems those are!”



Ysenda points out that many of the original Victorian hymn writers wrote hymns in their “spare” time for the real pleasure of doing so (as indeed did Thomas J Williams whose day job was in insurance). She singles out Reginald Heber, the writer of the words for “Holy Holy Holy” who was translating Latin classics into English at the age of 7, went to Oxford, became a Rector, and finished his career as Bishop of Calcutta. One of my father’s – and my – favourites was the Reverend John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876), the fifth of fourteen children of a bank manager from Hull. He wrote over 300 hymn tunes, for no apparent financial reward, and they are still much-loved today. They are all beautifully articulated compositions with musical lines for all four singing voices (not just giving the sopranos the tune while everyone else mumbles along underneath....) Take “Melita”, the tune for “Eternal Father, strong to save”, “Gerontius”, the tune for “Praise to the Holiest in the height” or “St Andrew of Crete”, the tune for “Christian dost thou see them?” – which has to be one of the best Lent hymns ever written.

Time and space mean that I have to stop without mentioning modern hymns and their tunes. I am sure others will have many likes and dislikes in that category!

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Outward Giving

The Outward Giving Committee of St Paul's PCC is organising a fund raising frugal Lent Lunch again this year when we will be raising money for the Swaziland Schools Projects, a charity that we have had a close connection with for many years.

We were introduced to the charity by Fr. John Tibbs, a former and valued Honorary Assistant Priest. I have been fortunate enough to be able to make several visits to Swaziland (now known as Eswatini) and been able to work with the school staff and many of the children that we have been supporting over the years.

This year we have been able to secure the services of Keith Fossey, a member of the committee of SSPs, who is presently on a visit to Swaziland. Keith will be able to give us up to date information about the latest projects and will also show us some photos of the work that is currently taking place.

You are warmly invited to join us for lunch on Friday March 22nd at 12noon, which will take place in the Alexander Room. Lunch will be served at around 12.30 and will be home-made vegetarian soup, rolls, fruit and tea/coffee. We invite a donation of £7.00 towards the project's work and hope you are able to join us.

A sign up sheet for this lunch is at the back of the church and we look forward to welcoming you on March 22nd.

Wendy Jones,
Outward Giving Committee &
St Paul's PCC

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Why hymns matter (cont. from p.15)

I would find it very hard now to choose which of the above hymns means most to me – they all do in different ways. On the basis that Priscilla Jane Owens, the writer of “Will your Anchor Hold” was of mixed Scottish and Welsh descent too (albeit that she emigrated to America at an early age), I will close with the refrain from that hymn: -

“We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour’s love!”

Alison Phillipson

Uncle Eustace

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren
Visits from your parishioners to our church are always welcome. But I did not expect them to return to you complaining because our pews are uncomfortable.



Pews are *meant* to be uncomfortable. The unshakeable belief of our congregation is that the more uncomfortable the pew, the holier the worship must be. By the same token, an 8am Service is more fervent than one at 11am, since it is much more socially inconvenient. If you add on enduring sub-zero temperatures and damp, then sainthood clearly beckons. Your people may be used to lolling in upholstered chairs in tropical temperatures, but I am sure such comfort places their souls in grave peril. Our pews were built 500 years ago, when people were several inches shorter and many pounds lighter, and so could accommodate themselves on them perfectly adequately. The fact that a twenty-first century body is in constant danger of sliding off the seat and requires knees to be folded somewhere near ears at least helps to keep minds focussed – apart from Colonel Wainwright, who still manages to sleep peacefully throughout Matins every Sunday.

I could point out that your chairs make kneeling almost impossible – although I suspect that posture is not encouraged in your church, as people would then be unable to read the words on your overhead projector or wave their arms about quite as easily during the hymns.

While the majority of our congregation find the Anglican crouch perfectly adequate, you can see those who flop to their knees on hearing “let us pray” from the clouds of dust sent up from suddenly compressed hassocks, which were purchased to commemorate Queen Victoria’s Accession. I may also point out that our box pews are very useful for modern times. Once a family is seated, with the door firmly shut, then any toddler is penned in and unable to use the aisles as a racing circuit. Medieval carpenters were clearly forward-thinking people. Admittedly, box pew doors do tend to stick, and few manage to look dignified while they wait for step ladders to be brought before they can climb out. If only you would remove your chairs and substitute benches without backs, turn off all heating and replace carpets with slate slabs, I am sure your congregation’s religious zeal would soar.

Your loving Uncle,
Eustace



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you'll ever need.*

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Fr Clifford Bradley



It came as a shock to hear of Fr Clifford Bradley's sudden and sad passing at the end of January. Fr Clifford was a much loved Honorary Priest here for a number of years, up until 2019 when women priests were allowed to preside and officiate at the eucharist at St Paul's for the first time. After retiring As Vicar of Renhold, he became a mainstay in covering services during the inter-regnum between the previous vicar John Pedlar and current vicar Fr

Kevin Goss who took up post in 2014. His earlier ministry included periods in Belize and the Isle of Man before coming to Bedfordshire.

Fr Clifford will be remembered in particular for his pastoral care. Shortly after I joined St Paul's, my mother turned up to a Wednesday eucharist which was being taken by Fr Clifford. She was quick to introduce herself on the way out, happy to share the problems she was experiencing with her hip at the time. Fast forward one whole year before she attended St Paul's again, when on arriving Fr Clifford came straight across to greet her: "Hello Mary" he said, "how have you been coping with that hip of yours?" She called me that same evening to express her admiration and fondness for a priest she met only twice but who remembered every detail of a conversation from a year earlier. After leaving St Paul's he became active at St Martin's Church, Bedford until his passing on January 31st.

RB

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Music at St Paul's, Bedford

March 2024 Programme

Tuesday 5th March 1.00pm

Leo Little (piano)

Tuesday 12th March 1.00pm

Holly Redshaw and Andy Mellor
(bassoon and clarinet)

Tuesday 19th March 1.00pm

Lorraine Augustine (piano)

Tuesday 26th March 1.00pm

Fumi Otsuki (violin)

Our concerts are free to attend with a retiring collection, suggested donation of £5. Proceeds in aid of St Paul's church funds.

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A crucifix for Ghana

Meeting Belinda recently, the lovely carer for Gordon Mitchell, I was reminded of the beautiful black crucifix that Andrew Jelly, a former parishioner of St Paul's, made for St Nicholas College, Cape Coast, Ghana in the 1980s (*image right*). I have a photograph of it when it was displayed in St Paul's which I admire daily.



Sister Hazel has updated me on the history of this commission. Sister Joyce (*see notes 1*) was the contact and for many years went out to the college to support Father Ralph (*notes 2*) in his work at the seminary. Some of you may remember Father Soloman from the College who was attached to St Paul's for four months to gain parish experience, while Christopher Collingwood was vicar in the early 1990s.

To quote from the College website: "St Nicholas Seminary was established as Ghana's first independent Anglican Seminary. St Nicholas Seminary has turned out over three hundred priests who are currently serving in all Ghanaian dioceses and various others all over the world. Today it remains the only active Anglican Seminary in the Province of West Africa." One of the halls of residence is named after Sister Joyce, who we remember with great fondness.

If you ever have the chance to meet Belinda, should Gordon be well enough to return for a service, she might sing and teach you a traditional song: Mede macuma (I will love you) nina bedowo (with all my heart) wona woye me quan cheré (you are the one who shows me the way).



Thinking about this crucifix seems appropriate as we prepare for Easter and acknowledge that Christ is universal. It 'teaches us the way' and reminds us how strong the Christian faith is to so many across Africa, as I often find when I visit residents at Yarl's Wood IDC (Immigration Detention Centre).

Ann Collett-White

Notes:

1/ Sister Joyce (d 21 March 2009), with Sister Muriel (d 16 April 2009) and Sister Hazel were the Sisters of St Etheldreda. Thankfully we still have Sister Hazel to treasure.

2/ Father Ralph of the Society of the Sacred Mission (SSM) came to St Michael's Priory, Willen in 1973 since Milton Keynes was a growing town. He was Willen's first Prior.

Recently Departed

Fr. Clifford Bradley priest, former Honorary Priest at St Paul's. Died Bedford 31/01/2024.

John Long, regular worshipper and long standing member of St Paul's community. Died Bedford, 8/02/2024.

John Gaisford, long standing member of St Paul's and former church welcomer. Died Bedford 26/02/2024.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

African palms

The palms that we will use on Palm Sunday and through Holy Week come from African Palms, an organisation set up to help the poorest of Tanzania sell their palm crosses around the globe to provide much needed income for their daily essentials. Below is a brief biog on the organisation's founder, Alan Talbot.



The Revd Alan John Talbot died peacefully at home at the age of 95yrs on 30th August, 2018. He was born in Leyton, East London and at the age of five moved with the family to Northolt where he became a keen member of the local church, St Mary's Northolt where he was greatly influenced by the rector, Revd Gordon Phillips.

After serving in world war two as a navigator in bomber command, he read PPE at Oxford University and then went to the College of The Resurrection in Mirfield. He was ordained Priest in 1952. He served as a curate at St Mary of Eton, Hackney Wick and then St Saviours in Portsmouth.

In 1963 he went to Southern Tanzania to work with Bishop Trevor Huddleston and it was here that the Palm Cross project was born. Revd Talbot worked as a priest in a very remote area of the Masasi Diocese. In 1967 he was visited by two English Botanists who identified and confirmed that the bushes of reeds that grew wild around the village were Palm. He had recently read that the making of Palm Crosses in Devon had come to an end. This gave him the idea that the villagers could make some extra money for essentials such as salt by plaiting palm leaves. This wouldn't interfere with their work as farmers and gave them dignity in earning their own money.

He sent these back to friends in the UK with the aim that they should try and sell them, they proved popular, so he sent more back. He returned to the UK in 1969 and continued the project which grew. He was delighted when all denominations started to use the crosses uniting so many Christians on Palm Sunday. Palm Crosses are now sold all around the world from the UK to Hong Kong.

At his funeral Father Henry from African Palms USA told of how Palm Crosses had affected millions of people in Tanzania over the years, both through the work of making the crosses and through money leftover being used in Education and Healthcare projects. It is amazing. How such a small idea could affect and encourage people in their daily lives around the world. On the day of his funeral, he was remembered in all the parishes of the Diocese of Masasi, Tanzania in a special service. He will be remembered by many throughout the world with love and joy.

Text taken from [African Palms.co.uk](http://AfricanPalms.co.uk)



Services in March

Friday 1 March 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Saturday 2 March 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Sunday 3 March The Third Sunday of Lent

10.15 am Parish Eucharist

Preacher: The Bishop of Bedford

Hymns: CP208 Christ Is made the sure foundation *Westminster Abbey vv 5-8*

CP 375 Amazing Grace *Amazing Grace*

CP 585 The Church's one foundation *Aurelia*

CP 308 Just as I am *Saffron Walden*

CP 429 Forth in the peace of Christ we go *Jerusalem*

5.30pm Stations of the Cross (*Nave*)

Wednesday 6 March 12 noon Parish Eucharist (*Nave*)

Friday 8 March 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Saturday 9 March 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Sunday 10 March Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

10.15 am Parish Eucharist

Preacher: Tom Otley, Reader

Hymns: **NB. Hymns from the New English Hymnal**

NEH 285 For the beauty of the earth t. *NEH 47 Dix*

NEH 186 Tell out, my soul *Woodlands*

NEH 188 Ye who own the faith of Jesus *Daily, daily*

NEH 187 Virgin born, we bow before thee t. *NEH 387 Quem pastores*

NEH CP 413 Now thank we all our God *Nun danket*

Wednesday 13 March 12 noon Parish Eucharist (*Nave*)

Friday 15 March 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Saturday 16 March 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Sunday 17 March Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.15 am Parish Eucharist

Preacher: Fr Anthony Davis, Assistant Curate

Hymns: CP 499 Lift high the Cross, vv 1, 8-12 *Crucifer*

CP 116 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head *Albano*

CP 376 And can it be *Sagina*

CP 125 We sing the praise of him who died *Bow Brickhill*

CP 103 And didst thou travel light, dear Lord t. *CP 469 Kingsfold*

Wednesday 20 March 12 noon Parish Eucharist (*Nave*)

Friday 22 March 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Saturday 23 March 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday

9.55 am Blessing of Palms, and Procession of Witness into St Paul's

10.15 am Parish Eucharist with Prayer Ministry in the Trinity Chapel

Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns: CP 129 Ride, on ride on in majesty Winchester New
CP 122 The Royal banners forward go *Vexilla Regis* (plainsong)
w/1,2,3, & 6) choir only*
CP 112 My song is Love unknown *Love Unknown*
CP 127 When I survey the wondrous cross *Rockingham*
CP 557 Praise to the holiest in the height *Gerontius*

Monday 25 March 7pm Stations of the Cross (Nave)

Tuesday 26 March 7pm Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)

Wednesday 27 March 12 noon Parish Eucharist (Nave)
7pm Address and Compline (*Quire*)

Thursday 28 March Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Eucharist, Washing of Feet & Vigil

Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Bradley, Honorary Assistant Priest

Hymns: in booklet
Great God, your love has called us here t. *Melita* CP 413
CP 393 Brother, sister, let me serve you *Servant Song*
Lord, we come to ask your healing t. *Ar hyd y nos* CP 15
HON 322 Love is his word *Love is his word*
CP 279 And now, O Father, mindful of the love t. *Unde et memores* CP 559
NEH 268 Of the glorious body telling *Pange lingua* (plainsong)

Friday 29 March Good Friday

1.30pm Liturgy of the Cross

Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns: in booklet - CP 123 There is a green hill far away Horsley

Saturday 30 March Holy Saturday

8.00 pm Paschal Liturgy, Vigil and Eucharist

Hymns: in booklet
CP 137 Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise *Lux Eoi*
CP 162 Ye choirs of New Jerusalem *St Fulbert*

Sunday 31 March Easter Sunday

10.15 am Festival Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Vicar

Hymns: in booklet
CP 160 Thine be the glory *Maccabaeus*
CP 137 Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise *Lux Eoi*
CP 151 Most glorious Lord of life *Farley Castle*
CP 147 Jesus Christ is risen today
Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven t. *CP 167 Llanfair*

Calendar for March 2024

Morning Prayer at 9.00am Monday to Saturday, via Zoom. After clicking through to Zoom
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- 1 Friday**
9.30am **David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c. 601**
Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 2 Saturday**
9.30am **Chad, Bishop of Litchfield, Missionary, 672**
Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 3 Sunday**
10.15am **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
11.45am **Parish Eucharist** (*Nave*)
5.30pm *Serbian Service (Nave)*
Stations of the Cross (*Nave*)
- 4 Monday**
12.30pm **AA Women's Meeting** (*Anderson Room*)
- 5 Tuesday**
1.00pm **Lunchtime Recital** - Leo Little, Piano
2.30pm **Mother's Union** *Anderson Room*
- 6 Wednesday**
11.00am **Coffee and Chat** (*Nave*)
12.00 **Eucharist** (*Nave*)
- 8 Friday**
9.30am **Edward, King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910**
Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 9 Saturday**
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
12.30pm **London Philharmonia VR Installation** - Free un-ticketed
- 10 Sunday**
10.15am **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Mothering Sunday**
Parish Eucharist (*Nave*)
- 11 Monday**
12.30pm **AA Women's Meeting** (*Anderson Room*)
- 12 Tuesday**
1.00pm **Lunchtime Recital** - Holly Redshaw & Andy Mellor
2.30pm **Prayer Group** (*Christie House*)
- 13 Wednesday**
11.00am **Coffee and Chat** (*Nave*)
12.00 **Eucharist** (*Nave*)
- 15 Friday**
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 16 Saturday**
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
11.00am **Craft and Flea Market**

- 17 Sunday**
10.15am **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Passiontide begins)**
Parish Eucharist (*Nave*)
- 18 Monday**
12.30pm *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher, 386*
AA Women's Meeting (*Anderson Room*)
- 19 Tuesday**
1.00pm **JOSEPH OF NAZARETH**
Lunchtime Recital - Lorraine Augustine, Piano
- 20 Wednesday**
11.00am **Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687**
12.00 Coffee and Chat (*Nave*)
Eucharist (*Nave*)
- 22 Friday**
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
12.00 Outward Giving Frugal Lunch (*Alexander Room*) by sign-up
- 23 Saturday**
9.30am **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 24 Sunday**
9.55am **PALM SUNDAY**
10.15am **Procession from St Mary's Gardens**
5.30pm **Parish Eucharist** (*Nave*) *Prayer Ministry in Trinity Chapel*
Stations of the Cross (*Nave*)
- 25 Monday**
12.30pm **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
7.00pm **AA Women's Meeting** (*Anderson Room*)
Stations of the Cross (*Nave*)
- 26 Tuesday**
1.00pm **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
7.00pm **Tuesday Recital** - Fumi Otsuki, Violin
Eucharist (*Trinity Chapel*)
- 27 Wednesday**
11.00am **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
11.00am Christie House Communion
12.00 Coffee and Chat (*Nave*)
7.00pm **Eucharist** (*Nave*)
Address and Compline (*Quire*)
- 28 Thursday**
7.30pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Sung Eucharist, Washing of Feet and Vigil (*Nave*)
- 29 Friday**
9.30am **GOOD FRIDAY**
1.30pm **Eucharist** (*Trinity Chapel*)
Liturgy of the Cross
- 30 Saturday**
10.00am **HOLY SATURDAY**
8.00pm Confessions in the Trinity Chapel
Lighting of the Easter Fire, Paschal Vigil and Eucharist (*Nave*)
- 31 Sunday**
10.15am **EASTER DAY SUNDAY**
Festival Sung Eucharist (*Nave*)

2024 MARCH			PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS
1	FRI	David, Patron of Wales, c.601	Help us to love each person as David (Dewi) did.
2	SAT	Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672	To be learned in Christ.
3	SUNDAY	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Help us to follow our Lent journey.
4	MON		We pray for Fr Kevin.
5	TUES		We pray for Fr Anthony.
6	WED		We pray for our singing group.
		Perpetua, Felicity & Companions, Martyrs, 203	
7	THURS		May we affirm our faith in Christ.
8	FRIDAY	Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910	Show us how to draw others to you.
9	SAT		Robin and Sharon our office staff.
			We pray for our Mothers and those who long for children.
10	SUNDAY	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mothering Sunday	
11	MON		We pray for our Ministerial Team.
12	TUES		For the residents of our parish.
13	WED		For Fr. Roger and Fr. Michael.
			Give thanks for the coming of Spring.
14	THUR		
15	FRIDAY		Help us to follow our Lent journey.
16	SAT		We thank you for the joy of faith.
		THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT(PASSIONTIDE BEGINS)	
17	SUN		We enter into your passion.
			We give thanks for our teachers in faith.
18	MON	Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher, 386	To be like Joseph and trust in God.
19	TUES	JOSEPH OF NAZARETH	We pray to share our faith with others as Cuthbert did.
		Cuthbert,Bishop of Lindisfarne,Missionary 687	We worship you in spirit and truth.
20	WED		We pray for Miriam our cleaner.
21	THURS	Thomas Cranmer, Archbp. Martyr, 1556	
22	FRIDAY		For Swaziland Schools Projects.
23	SAT		We journey with Christ to Jerusalem.
24	SUNDAY	PALM SUNDAY	For Christ's journey this week
25	MON	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	To bring our faith closer to you.
26	TUES	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Help us to hold a deeper faith.
27	WED	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	
28	THUR	MAUNDY THURSDAY	We pray for our vigil.
29	FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	go deeper into your Passion.
30	SAT	EASTER EVE	We wait with the friends of Christ.
31	SUNDAY	EASTER DAY	Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

CHAPTER AND VERSE

Readings for principal Sunday services

DATE	March 3 Lent 3	March 10 Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	March 17 Lent 5	March 24 Palm Sunday	March 31 Easter Day
READING	1 Cor. 1, 3-7	2 Cor. 1, 3-7	Heb. 5, 5-10	Phill. 2, 5-11	Acts 10, 34-43
READER	Neville Posnett	Mothers' Union	Serena George	Brian Taylor	Churchwarden
PRAVERS	Tom Otey	Shella Smith	Alison Phillipson	Linda Colton	Churchwarden
GOSPEL	John 2, 13-22	Luke 2, 33-35	John 12, 20-33	Mark 8, 31-end	John 20, 1-8



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