**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 13th April 2025 Palm Sunday (Year C)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max**

**Please assemble in the Church Hall by 11.00 am for the Blessing and Distribution of Palms, followed (subject to weather ) by a Procession.)**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

Today's hymns are from New English Hymnal (Green)

\* Omit starred verses \*

**Introit** 509 \*All glory, laud and honour\*

**Gloria**  No Gloria

**Psalm** 22 My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

**Gradual** 511 Ride on, Ride on, in Majesty

**Offertory** 86 \*My song is love unknown\*

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  338 \*At the name of Jesus\*

**Recessional** 352 Crown Him with many crowns

**Angelus**

**This evening: 18.00 Benediction and Compline**

**For Services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday see overleaf**

**Services for Holy Week and Easter**

**Monday 14th April** 11.00 am Chrism Mass Lichfield Cathedral

**Tuesday 15th April Holy Trinity 9.30 am Mass**

**Wednesday 16th April** 11.30 am St Laurence's Lent Study, Mass and Soup lunch 19.00 Christ Church Cotmanhay Tenebrae

**Maundy Thursday 19.00 Holy Trinity Sung Mass and Watch Fr Bob Boyle**

**Good Friday** 11.00 am St Laurence's Stations of the Cross

**15.00 Holy Trinity Liturgy of Good Friday**

**Holy Saturday** 20.00 pm St Laurence's Vigil of Easter Mass

**Easter Sunday 11.00 am Holy Trinity Sung Mass of Easter followed by Easter Egg Hunt**

**PLEASE KEEP A TIME OF QUIET AND PRAYERFUL REFLECTION AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST TOGETHER.**

Welcome to our worship this Sunday. Baptised and communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you’d prefer to receive a blessing, please carry a Mass booklet or hymn book with you when you come to the communion point. Gluten-free communion hosts are available – please let a sidesperson know if you require one. Large-print copies of the Order of Mass and children’s Mass Booklets are also available. Refreshments are served after Mass in the Hall – please join us.

**This week's news:**

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**Lectio Divina Wednesday 23rd April**

Our next Bible Study session will take place on Wednesday 23rd April at 1:45 for 2pm in the Church Hall and then monthly on the 4th Wednesday (except August and December) finishing about 3pm in the Hall. At each study we will be using the following Sunday’s Gospel reading. Everyone is welcome and I will be leading the meetings for the time being. **Helen**

**Electoral Roll**

In compliance with Church Representation Rules (CRR) an entirely new Electoral Roll must be prepared in advance of the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) in every parish in the Church of England. Everyone on

our existing Roll is required to complete an application form and newcomers wishing to be on the Electoral Roll will be given an application form on request. All applications are required to be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer before Sunday 27th April 2025. **Maureen West – Electoral Roll Officer**

**Easter flowers**

The Flower Fund is in need of your help if we are to have the usual Easter displays this year. We hope to rely on your generosity in giving whatever you can afford, please, to Margaret or Sharon Breedon. The Flower Team will be very grateful for even the smallest amounts, and will make very good use of all monies received.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Those who are sick: Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Oliver Bostock, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Margaret Clayton, Frank Clewes, Pat Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, Helen Jarvis, Jean Jarvis, Gary Marsh, George Mills, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Smith, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

All who have recently died; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Marjorie Henshaw, Kathleen Howarth, Alec Muir, Frank Holt, Phil Amos, Hilda Bostock, and Frank Hewitt.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Kathleen Howarth.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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Donations to Holy Trinity may be made at any time using the QR code below:

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**Parish Safeguarding Link:** Mrs Nicky Bailey 07809 680034, Email: *nickybailey1938@gmail.com* (Nicky also has the honorary title of Churchwarden Emerita)

**Newsletter** Please send material for each Sunday's Newsletter to Richard Pykett as soon as it is ready, and at the latest by 12 noon on the previous Wednesday. 07850 428299.

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Printed copies of the Newsletter are available in Church each Sunday morning;it can be downloaded from our website, and you can receive a copy as an email attachment. Please let me know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the email distribution list **Richard Pykett**

**Website / Facebook** For more about Holy Trinity, visit our website:-

w*ww.holytrinityilkeston.org.uk*. Follow us on Facebook: 'Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston'.

**5th Ilkeston Holy Trinity Brownies:** Brown Owl: Bev: 07747 142501

**5th Ilkeston Holy Trinity Rainbows**: Sue: 07722 929226

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**Contact for Church Hall Bookings:**Mrs Christine Hudson

Tel. 0115 932 2796, or email: hudson.owlhudson@btinternet.com. The Church Hall is a community facility and we welcome bookings especially from local people and groups. Please contact Christine for further details and availability.

**Commentary on the Readings for Palm Sunday: Andrew Smith writes:**

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**The Lord’s Passion Begins**

**The Theme of the Readings: God's Servant is Christ the King, Who Raises Us from Death to Life**

This Sunday marks the climax of the liturgical year when everything that has been anticipated and promised in the Old Testament comes to fulfilment. As Jesus told the Apostles in today's Gospel Reading, 'For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me ... indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfilment.’

The Old Testament Reading and the Responsorial Psalm only make real sense when read as a description of Jesus's humiliating death on the Cross. He is the ‘Suffering Servant’ whose coming Isaiah foretold and whose cruel suffering the Psalmist described. Both readings give an accurate description of the abuses that Jesus suffered as He submitted Himself without protest into the hands of His enemies.

The First Reading **(Isaiah 50:4-7)** is from the third ‘Song of the Servant’ in the Book of Isaiah. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the prophet Isaiah composed four such songs describing the ideal Servant-Son of God. Jesus fulfils each song as God's beloved Son who came to ‘serve and give His life as a ransom for many.’ In the third ‘Song of the Servant,’ the 8th century BC prophet Isaiah contrasts imperfect Israel with God's ideal Servant-Son. Isaiah presents the Servant's testimony in the first person, allowing God's Servant to speak for himself. The Church has interpreted the events described in Isaiah's third Servant's Song as fulfilled in Jesus Christ: in His obedience to His mission to proclaim the Kingdom in words that come from God, in the humiliation He endured at His trials before the Sanhedrin and the Roman Governor, in the Passion of His crucifixion, and His vindication in His glorious Resurrection.

In the Responsorial Psalm **(Ps22)**, we read a prophecy that begins with Jesus's fourth statement from the Cross, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ The Psalm describes Jesus's emotional and physical suffering as His enemies ridiculed and abused Him centuries before the event describes the physical agony of His crucifixion as He suffered without protest for our sake. The Gospels repeat the taunts we hear in Isaiah's Servant's Song and Psalm 22. Jesus's enemies mocked and beat Him, they pierced His hands and feet with nails, they cast lots for His garment, and His enemies dared Jesus three times to prove His divinity by saving Himself.

Jesus is God's divine Son: and yet, as St. Paul reminds us in the Epistle **(Philippians 2:6-11)**, ‘He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are; and being in every way like a human being, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. By His obedience,’ St. Paul tells us, ‘Jesus atoned for our disobedience, and he was exalted by the Father who bestowed upon Him the name which is above every name and for which every knee should bend of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.’

The Gospel Reading **(Luke 22: 14-23: 56: 23; 1-49)** recounts the last night and the next day of Jesus's life. The account begins with the events of the Passover meal on the first night of Unleavened Bread, which became the first Eucharistic banquet as Jesus held Himself in His own hands in the bread and wine that became His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Next, we mourn as we hear about His betrayal by one of the Twelve Apostles. And we follow Jesus in His arrest and the indignity of His two trials: the first before the Jewish High Priest and the Sanhedrin, and the next day when they took Him before the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. Finally, we cringe as we hear the conditions of His unjust trial and execution. Yet we know that the end of the story will result in victory and glory in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the Holy day we celebrate as Easter Sunday.