

Your Word of the Week

29th March 2026, Palm Sunday



Christ Church
Wheelock

St Michaels
Crewe Green



St Matthews
Haslington

10.30 am

St Matthew

United Benefice
Holy Communion

Rev Jane

The Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1-10

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Epistle for Palm Sunday Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross. **This reading, the Epistle, continues over the page...**

Collect, prayers, Epistle Reading Continued and Old Testament Reading

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

We remember people who are sick in our prayers:

David Looker, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Margaret Lindop, Winnie Rutter, Marjorie Crook, Janet Fallon, Charles Howard-Smith, Linda Jones, Robert Leech, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall, Lisa Lalor, Graham Timmis, Pauline Fletcher, Pam Philpot, Geoff Keen, Margaret Jones, Jenny Slicher, Hazel Barnes-Newton, Brenda Hughes, Dennis Harrison, Sheila Humphries, Michael Brown, Jean Trigger, Lynn Haliburton, Eileen Mahon, Mark Trigger, Jenny Fradley, Mary Plachta, John Braithwaite, Arleine Bloor, Sue Taylor, Isobel Barber, Marion Mayo, Kay Wing, Janette Blood, Helen Carlson and Nicola Warren

We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy:

Mike Sadler and Eileen Jones

We remember and pray for all families whose loved ones have died.

The Epistle Reading continued, Philippians

2:9-11 ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Psalm 118:1-9, 23-26 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever!
² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

DIARY

9.30am Morning Worship for all St Matthew's church family in church and Facebook Live stream.

10.45am Morning Worship for all Christ Church's family in church and Facebook Live stream.

11.00am Morning Worship for all St Michael's church family.

4.30pm [Fourth Sunday] Evening Prayer from Book of Common Prayer at Christ Church and Facebook Live stream.

10.30am (Fifth Sunday) Joint Benefice service, rotating around our 3 churches.

Wednesday 10.45 am Holy Communion, (Book of Common Prayer), in St Matthew's church.

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