



8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.

6pm Choral Devotions and Scriptures for Palm Sunday *Stabat Mater*

We offer an opportunity to journey the 'Way of the Cross', with stations for reflection for all ages. Our reflections include a special prayer corner if you'd like to pray, light a candle or write a prayer on a paper cross and hang it by the cross.

You might also wish to listen to the congregation produced recording (in Holy Week 2012) of *The Man born to be King* on our website [here](#).

WORSHIP IN LENT: 'TEMPTATION, TEMPTATION!'

Sunday services have featured a sermon series pondering different aspects of temptation. The aim of the series is to explore something of what Scripture teaches about the different drives and desires which can separate us from God, and how by God's grace we can live more faithful, obedient lives of discipleship. This week, we consider the temptations of Anger and Ambition.

Collect for Palm Sunday

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.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 119. 33-40

Refrain: *My delight shall be in your commandments.*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for therein is my delight.

Incline my heart to your testimonies and not to unjust gain. **[R]**

Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities; O give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise, which stands for all who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgements are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness give me life. **[R]**

God of loving mercy, in this place of our pilgrimage turn your laws into songs, that we may find your promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 21. 1-13

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, '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.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Jesus 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!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.' Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.'

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

We invite children of all ages, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during part of the service, and share in A Godly Play (a short visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions, stories, crafts, puzzles, and even some acting for those that want ... for all ages to share together; then various age related activities). **We also have an older group breakout session most weeks.** This week we share in Palm Sunday worship and enjoy activities based on Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 21. 1-11).

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus this Lent. **There will be something new each week!**

Our young person's choir - If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (stmichaelsbstdom@gmail.com) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people.

Admire St Michael's School Children's beautiful display for Easter at the back of the church – children from every year group have thought hard about the Easter message.



Holiday Bible Week 2026: 'Rescue!', 3rd-7th August. Sign Up for children and volunteers is now LIVE – Head over to the [HBW website](#) to secure your place for this year's festival event NOW! And visit our [website](#) for a sneak video preview of all the fun that happens each year!

Details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website. Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.



Palm Sunday, 29th March

8am Holy Communion & 10am Parish Communion **WORSHIP & REFLECTION**

6pm Choral Devotions and Scriptures for Palm Sunday, Stabat Mater (Pergolesi). The ancient hymn, contemplating the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross.

Tuesday 31st March

7pm Riding Lights Passion Play 'Crosslight': Filmed Showing

To support the Lent Appeal, in church this Holy Week we are showing a film of the Riding Lights Passion Play *Crosslight*. Devastated and confused, Mary, John and a guilt-stricken Peter gather on the Saturday after Good Friday, trying to make sense of what has just happened to the one they were convinced was the long-awaited Messiah. But perhaps it isn't the end of the story. Donations for Lent Appeal.

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

7:30pm Choral Eucharist of the Last Supper then Stripping of the Altar and Vigil of Prayer

Good Friday, 3rd April

10am United Service with Churches Together at URC, Water Lane, then Walk of Witness

1:30pm Good Friday Devotions: 'The Final Moments'

Easter Day, 5th April

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Communion for Easter, followed by Easter Egg hunt for the children

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am **this Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)**, then 5th April (Easter Day) and 19th April.

Easter Lilies, in memory or celebration – If anyone in the congregation wishes to contribute to the purchase of Easter lilies, please give your donation to Claire Conquest and complete a dedication card as soon as possible.

A request for small, wrapped Easter Eggs – We're delighted to be able to offer an Easter Egg hunt for the children and young people of St Michael's after the 10am service on Easter Day. We'd be most grateful for donations of **small (Creme Egg size) individually wrapped Easter Eggs**. Please place them in the box in the Publicity Area, thank you!

Holy Communion, Wednesday 1st April, 10am – Refreshments afterwards.

Tiny Tots, Thursdays from 12:30-2/2:30pm, WCC – **We're taking a break this Thursday 2nd April but we'll be back on 9th April. Older children are welcome these school holidays and there will be an Easter celebration.** Playtime, tea/coffee, songs, stories, activities and a prayer. Buggy access and baby change available, and you're welcome to bring a packed lunch if you like. It's also ok to be late, we understand!

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 4th April, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Saturday 4th April, 10am-12noon – Please come to the Methodist Church, South Street, for tea/coffee and cake and support this good cause. Everyone welcome!

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 7th April in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. This month we are delighted to welcome Mary Stock and her woodwind group.

The Charities Support Group would welcome new members If you're interested in helping support charities through events, talks and distributing the funds at St Michael's Church then get do in touch with CSG or Derwyn. Our next meeting is **9th April at 7.30pm in the WCC.** Val Ashwood (Chair).

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 13th April – All welcome!

Healing Prayers – are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on Sunday 26th April.**

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next on **Thursday 30th April.**

St Michael's Charity Quiz: 9th May, 7 for 7:30pm – The quiz team has again been assembled for this popular event. £15 per ticket with Fish and Chip (or chicken) supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Tables of 8. Please see Carole/Bill Macdonald, Val Ashwood or Claire Conquest to reserve a table. (Tables of 8 or individuals welcomed).

APCM, 31st May after 10am service – The Electoral Roll revision this year starts on 5th April and ending on 3rd May, if you'd like to join our electoral roll and/or nominate for PCC, Deanery Synod or Churchwarden election.

Communion Music – To help with congregational singing at communion, the Sidespeople have melody versions of some settings available for worshippers.

Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group – Donations split between Riding Lights and Embrace the Middle East: Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. Donations can be made into the red bucket or on the card machine using the button 'Lent Appeal'. See our [website](#) for noticeboards for information about the charities and donating through BACS.

Treasurer Role - Church Finance Administration – Graziana, our long-serving Treasurer is standing down from 30th June 2026, after 11 years in post. If you have accountancy/bookkeeping/finance administration skills, could you be part of a team of people who can help in some way with the work of our Finance operation? Sharing the tasks seems a more realistic plan than expecting one person to take everything on. If you might contribute to this, please speak to Claire Conquest, Peter Rixson or the Vicar, to let us know and find out more. Thank you.

The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

PRAYER, COUNSEL AND SUPPORT

If parishioners would value the prayers, counsel and support of the church, in time of need for themselves or others on their hearts, please do reach out to the ministry team. Do speak to us in person at church services and events, or use the contact details on the other page.