

NOTICES:

Holy Week Preaching Theme at St James - "Location. Location. Location." Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday with Canon Michael Hart

See poster below for details of services please make every effort to attend these services.

Praying for one another: You may like to give Easter Cards to those you have been praying for throughout the year.

Coffee & Cake: Thurs 9th April 10am

Thank you: Following our Lent Lunch, we have sent £55 to the Mercy Ships Charity

Parish of Lancing with Coombes



Sunday 29 March 2026
10.30am Sung Parish Mass

5pm Choral Evensong @ St Mary's



Palm Sunday

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Gerald Kirsch

Welcome to Mass today.
Follow the service from this paper.

Refreshments are served after the service - everyone is welcome to stay.

For your prayers...

The Sick: Wendy Bowers, Pam Durrant, Sally Best, Christy Q, Chris Moran, Robin Reeve, John Godden, Enid White, Kath Cosson, Ian Parsons, Laura P, Pam Filmore, Debbie Demarco, Elaine Groves.

Pray also: Ian David, David Scott, Stella, Jaxson, Adam Mitchell, Richard Pullin, Teddy Bridges, Ann & Ernest, Nick Battershill, Margaret Sands, Celia Poetz, Gill Agate, Tommy Eames, Fiona Scott, Andrew, Paula Kinsella, Brad Holland.

Recently Departed: Yvonne Parsons

The Departed commemorated this week: Monica Dawes, H.M. Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Kenneth Maddocks, Owen Hobbs, Frank Chad, Winifred Hobbs, Peter Catchpole, Madeleine Croad, Pope John Paul II, Barbara Craney, Doris King, Sybil Hansell

Intentions: Churchwarden and those living in Orchard Ave, First & Eighth Ave.

Events and Services this week:

Morning Prayer everyday @ 8.00am

Mon 30th March: 6pm Chi Kung.
7.30pm Said Mass @ St Michael's

Tues 31st March: 7.30pm Said Mass @ St Michael's

Wed 1st April: 8am Ecumenical Morning Prayer.
11am Said Mass
12noon Chrism Mass @ Chichester Cathedral.

Maundy Thursday: 10am Craft Get-together.
7.30pm Sung Mass of The Last Supper

Good Friday: 10.45am Ecumenical Walk of Witness. 11.15am Open Air Service at Lancing Family Hub.
2pm Stations of the Cross
3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

Sat 4th April: 7.30pm Sung Easter Vigil @ St Michael's

Easter Sunday: 9am Said Mass @ Coombes
10.30am Sung Mass of Easter.

All at St James unless otherwise stated.

HOLY WEEK
ST JAMES LANCING WITH COOMBES

Palm Sunday - 29th March
10.30am - Mass with Procession and Blessing of Palms

Holy Wednesday - 1st April
11am Said Mass
12noon Chrism Mass at Chichester Cathedral

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April
7.30pm Sung Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday - 3rd April
2pm Stations of the Cross
3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - 4th April
7.30pm Sung Easter Vigil at St Michaels Church

Easter Sunday - 5th April
9am Said Mass at Coombes Church
10.30 Sung Mass of Easter

All Services at St James the Less, unless otherwise specified.

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ALL GATHER AT THE LYCHGATE

ANTIPHON: HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID

The choir sing the Antiphon:

*Hosanna to the Son of David! The King of Israel!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the
highest! Hosanna in the highest heavens!*

GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

BLESSING OF THE PALM CROSSES

*The people hold their palm crosses in the air to
be blessed*

Almighty ever-living God, sanctify +
these branches with your blessing,
that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation,
may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

PALM GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Come, See His Hands And His Feet,
The Scars That Speak Of Sacrifice,
Hands That Flung Stars Into Space
To Cruel Nails Surrendered.

So Let Us Learn How To Serve,
And In Our Lives Enthroned Him;
Each Other's Needs To Prefer,
For It Is Christ We're Serving.

St Mary's Church, Sompting

CHORAL EVENSONG

FOR PALM SUNDAY

PREACHER:
BROTHER STEVEN HAWS CR
FROM THE COMMUNITY OF THE RESURRECTION, MIRFIELD

Sunday 29 March, 5 pm

Followed by drinks
sponsored by Titch Hill Winery

Everyone welcome


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2026 EVENTS

AT ST JAMES THE LESS

SUN 22 MAR	Lent Lunch 12.30pm
SAT 28 MAR	Easter Fair & Egg Hunt 10am
FRI 1 MAY	Beetle Drive 2pm
SAT 2 MAY	Gospel Choir 7pm
SAT 16 MAY	Afternoon Tea 2pm
SAT 13 JUNE	Hymns & Pimms 6pm
SAT 1 AUG	St James Bazaar 10am
SAT 22 AUG	Friends Cheese & Wine 5pm
SAT 3 OCT	Silent Auction 2pm
SAT 28 NOV	Advent Fair 10am
SAT 12 DEC	Nativity Displays 10am

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BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI (*sung together*)

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us,
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead,
please bring your service sheet with you.*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN *sit*
Drop, drop slow tears and O Sacred Head
(choir)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *stand*

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.
Amen

NOTICES *sit*

DISMISSAL *stand*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

+ May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN *stand*

From Heaven You Came, Helpless Babe,
Entered Our World, Your Glory Veiled;
Not To Be Served But To Serve,
And Give Your Life That We Might Live.

*Refrain: This Is Our God, The Servant King,
He Calls Us Now To Follow Him,
To Bring Our Lives As A Daily Offering
Of Worship To The Servant King.*

There In The Garden Of Tears,
My Heavy Load He Chose To Bear;
His Heart With Sorrow Was Torn,
'Yet Not My Will But Yours,' He Said.

trees and spread them on the road. 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!' 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

THE PROCESSION TO CHURCH

Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah:

*All glory, laud, and honour,
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and mortal men and all things
created make reply. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems
before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Do thou direct our footsteps
upon our earthly way,
and bring us by thy mercy
to heaven's eternal day. *Refrain*

Within that blessed city
thy praises may we sing,
and ever raise hosannas
to our most loving King. *Refrain*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry!
Thy humble beast pursues his road,
With palms and scattered garments
strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
O Christ! Thy triumph now begin
Over captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The winged-squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

COLLECT

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

FIRST READING: Philippians 2.5-11 *sit*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ
Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to
be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the
form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled
himself and became obedient to the point of
death— even death on a cross. Therefore God
also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of
Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and
on earth and under the earth, and every tongue
should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *stand*

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!** Christ was humbler yet, even to
accepting death, death on a cross. But God
raised him high and gave him the name which is
above all names **Praise to you, O Christ, king
of eternal glory!**

PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 27.11–54

*If you are able, please stand throughout the
reading. Everyone says the parts **IN BOLD**.*

Matthew: Jesus stood before the governor; and
the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Matthew: Jesus said,

Jesus: You say so.

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son,
O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near
at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our
own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for
all, we may feel already the effects of your
mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

*The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending
with:*

SANCTUS and **BENEDICTUS** (*sung together*)

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

*At the end all respond boldly; **Amen***

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sit/kneel*

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ,
 who said to your Apostles:
 Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
 look not on our sins,
 but on the faith of your Church,
 and graciously grant her peace and unity
 in accordance with your will.
 Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

My song is love unknown—
 my Savior's love to me;
 love to the loveless shown,
 that they might lovely be.
 Oh, who am I, that for my sake
 my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne
 salvation to bestow;
 but men made strange, and none
 the longed for Christ would know.
 But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
 who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way,
 and His sweet praises sing;
 resounding all the day
 hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
 and for His death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
 What makes this rage and spite?
 He made the lame to run;
 He gave the blind their sight.
 Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
 themselves displease,
 and 'gainst Him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
 my dear Lord made away.
 A murderer they save;
 the Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,
 that He His foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was His home;
 but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like Thine.
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

Matthew: But when he was accused by the
 chief priests and elders, he did not answer.
 Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations
 they make against you?

Matthew: But he gave him no answer, not even
 to a single charge, so that the governor was
 greatly amazed. Now at the festival the
 governor was accustomed to release a
 prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they
 wanted. At that time they had a notorious
 prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they
 had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for
 you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called
 the Messiah?

Matthew: For he realized that it was out of
 jealousy that they had handed him over. While
 he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife
 sent word to him,

Pilate's wife: Have nothing to do with that
 innocent man, for today I have suffered a great
 deal because of a dream about him.

Matthew: Now the chief priests and the elders
 persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and
 to have Jesus killed. The governor again said
 to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to
 release for you?

Matthew: And they said,

Crowd: Barabbas.

Matthew: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is
 called the Messiah?

Matthew: All of them said,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: Then he asked,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Matthew: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: So when Pilate saw that he could do
 nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he
 took some water and washed his hands before
 the crowd, saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to
 it yourselves.

Matthew: Then the people as a whole
 answered,

**Crowd: His blood be on us and on our
 children!**

Matthew: So he released Barabbas for them;
 and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over
 to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Matthew: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Matthew: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Crowd: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

Matthew: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Matthew: that is,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Matthew: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: This man is calling for Elijah.

Matthew: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Crowd: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Matthew: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son

Matthew: This is the Passion of the Lord.

NICENE CREED

Stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Stand

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.