

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Colin Thompson, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Ann Harrison, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Eileen Smith, Ashley Powell.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:**

Maureen Palmer, Gillian Butler, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Judith Harrison, Linda Astley, Mary Gunn, Colin Graham, Margaret Rigby, Julie Ann Parson, Margaret Pigott, Elsie Smith.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:**

Lily Gibb, William Goodrum, Thomas Scarr, Joseph Roberts, Muriel Hamilton, John Race, John Gilmaney, George Snowball, George Wilson, Joe Parkin.



**22 March 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK****Tuesday 24 March**

9.00am Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Holy Communion in church  
 7.00pm Quiz night (online)

**Wednesday 25 March**

9.30am Trinity Tots  
 6.00pm Community Support Group  
 7.00pm Lent Course

**Thursday 26 March**

7.30pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 28 March**

2.30pm Church on the Hill - Easteringle

**Sunday 29 March 2026 – Palm Sunday**

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir  
 1.30pm Baptisms Nellie Carole Sweet & Romi Sofia Lowery  
 2.30pm Baptisms Jax Elias Robinson & Mia Warris

**Bible Readings for next Sunday:**

<b>Litany of the Palms</b>	<b>Matthew 21.1-11</b>
<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah 50.4-9a</b>
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	<b>Philippians 2.5-11</b>
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew 26.14-end of 27</b>

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**SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion in church**  
**10.00am Holy Communion** in church and with choir

**TUESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion** in church

**COLLECT**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Ezekiel 37.1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God:

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

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## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Roman 8.6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

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## GOSPEL READING

**John 11.28-45**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Blessed are those who have endured temptation, they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Martha went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, Lazarus, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,

‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## NOTICES THIS WEEK

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### APCM

The date for our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 2pm in Church. Everyone is invited.

### Lent Course

Throughout the Lent season, we will be studying The Creeds together. Please join us in church at 7pm on Wednesday evenings until 25<sup>th</sup> March (incorporating the Iona Service on 1<sup>st</sup> March) as we explore the central tenets of our faith.

### Easter services (PLEASE TAKE & SHARE A LEAFLET FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – Easteringle Service for families

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am - Palm Sunday Sung Eucharist

### Holy week services

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – Eucharist

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 7pm – Service at St Michael and All Angels, Sulgrave

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 7pm – Iona Lent service with anointing

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7pm – Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2pm – Good Friday service around the Cross

### Easter Day services

5.30am - Dawn Service followed with breakfast

8am - Easter Day Eucharist

10am - Easter Day Sung Eucharist

### Filming in Church

The film making group who were working in church last year would like to continue their work. It was so good to be able to support a local group of enthusiasts, and we are hoping that with the help of some volunteers we can do so again. If you feel you would be able to spend some time on an occasional Saturday, to be in church while they work, please let Jan know and she will make a rota once dates are set. Thank you.

### Easter Raffle

We are proposing to have our customary “Easter Chocolate Raffle” again this year and would be most grateful for the donation of prizes for the event. The proceeds will of course go to much needed Church Funds.

### Mothers Union

You are invited to the Mothers Union Deanery Lady Day Service at St Mary and St Cuthbert, Chester le Street, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm. Banners will be processed and the celebrant and speaker will be our new archdeacon, Ven Katherine Bagnall. It should be a lovely occasion. I can take three passengers if anyone would like to join me. Helen.

**The Sunday service** will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email [office.htcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.htcw@gmail.com) to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 850 2953 3415 followed by # (hash). The password is 473130, followed by # (hash).

### Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm

All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month’s email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196 the meeting ID is 870 6505 4582 followed by # (hash) and the password is 726138 followed by # (hash) and remember to press \*6 to talk to us.