

St Mary's Speen Pew News 14/2021

Dear friends,

1) ST MARY'S SPEEN HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday 28th March 10.30am PALM SUNDAY Communion service led by Rev Pam McKellen, with Palm Crosses.

NB The clocks go forward on Saturday night. We would prefer to see you at 10.15am than 11.15am.

Wednesday 31st March 11am – 4pm St Mary's Church is open for private prayer. There will be Prayer stations reminding us of the happenings during Holy Week.

Friday 2nd April GOOD FRIDAY 11am An hour at the Cross led by Rev Pam McKellen. We reflect on the events of Good Friday with readings reflections, music and silence.

Sunday 4th April 10.30am EASTER Morning service led by Rev Janice Macdonald

BIG HINT. Please consider arriving at St M's in good time for these popular services as we expect plenty of visitors. This will allow more time for hand-gelling and for stewards to show people to appropriate seats. The current partitioning of the church may be slightly adjusted to allow places for a few more people than usual, bearing in mind we still want to maintain and feel comfortable about social distancing. There should be plenty of room in the Majendie Hall if necessary, for any overflow.

If you are able to walk to church easily on Easter Day, rather than bringing your car, it will help with car parking arrangements.

2) Sabbath Sustenance for worship at home is available each week prepared by Janice.

3) ONLINE SERVICES FROM ST NIC'S . You will need to look on St Nic's website under "events" for full information. You can also click on https://www.stnics.org/Groups/204724/St_Nicolas_Newbury/Events/Upcoming_Events/Upcoming_Events.aspx

Sunday 28 March

10:00am [Palm Sunday Celebration](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuH34vZu0Gg&...>

6:00pm [Palm Sunday Praise](#)

[online https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py0LnVBejqQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py0LnVBejqQ)

Wednesday 31 March

7:00pm [In Matthew's Company](#) (see St Nic's website)

Thursday 1 April

7:30pm

Benefice Maundy Thursday (see St Nic's website)

Friday 2nd April

2-3pm Good Friday Meditation (see St Nic's website)

4) EASTER HERB GARDEN



There are a few kits left. If you would like one, please take it. They are free but donations are welcome for the Women's Ministry at St Nic's who kindly prepared the kits for us. A collection box is available on the table to the left of the church door.

5) **Monday 29th March: St M's PCC Meeting by Zoom.** We are getting quite proficient at this now. Chaired by Joy, we have to be unaccustomedly disciplined, not all speak at the same time and provide our own coffee and cake.

6) **EASTER BOOK RECOMMENDATION BY JANICE :** "I highly recommend this novel to people - **GOSPEL - *Rumours of Love*, by Simon Parke**, 'an imaginative recreation of the life of Jesus leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection.' Very much a work of fiction but with a lot of familiar words and stories from the Gospels; it gives another view of the man we follow who lived, loved, died and lived again" JMac.

I am sure Steve at Shoemakers at the Christian Bookshop would be happy to supply this. Phone him on 01635 37836. You can collect your order from the Bookshop in the alley opposite St Nic's on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9.30am-4pm. Steve will meet you at the door.

7) I look forward to being in Church on Sunday and hope to see you there.

. Love Mavis H. 01635 43120