



“There they gave a dinner for him, Martha served” John 12. 2

**This morning's music**

550 O happy band of pilgrims

3 A man there lived in Galilee

454 Lord, for the years

65 Be thou my guardian and my guide

627 Praise to the Holiest

*Buxtehude: Prelude and Fugue in G minor*

**This morning's readings and prayers**

**Isaiah 43.16-21** (reader: Esther Masih); Psalm 126;

**Philippians 3.4b-14** (reader: Lewis Oliver);

**John 12.1-8** (Gospeller: Mark Hewerdine);

Intercessor: Opal Walsh

**Prayer in the silence after communion**

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.

**Collect for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

**Gospel acclamation** Reader: Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. **Response: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

**Post Communion for Passion Sunday**

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.

**Next Sunday, Palm Sunday and Sunday Table\***: **Isaiah 50.4-9a** (reader: Trena Radcliffe); Psalm 31; **Phillipians 5.2-11** (reader: Pam Race); **The Passion According to St Luke** (readers: Leslie Fletcher, Helen Reid and Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Helen Reid

\* Check with Mark for venue

**Thanks ...** ... to all who helped with yesterday's Artisan Market – bakers, providers of tea and coffee, washers up, furniture movers, &c. More than 130 people enjoyed St Chad's hospitality.

**The Food Bank ...** ... urgently needs donations of toiletries & non-perishable food – tins or jars, UHT milk, breakfast cereals, instant coffee, fruit juice.

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**6.30pm today**                      **Hymns & Psalm**

**Evensong**                              638 Rejoice, the Lord is King                                      Psalm 35

    358 In the Cross of Christ I glory                                      777 To God be the glory!

**Reading**                                2 Chronicles 35.1-6, 10-16, Luke 22.1-13

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### **This week and further ahead**

Monday 8 April                      Hall refurbishment begins, first stage expected to take two weeks.  
Please note that the Hall will be a building site so out of bounds.

Wednesday 10 April                7.45pm **in church**: Lent Study Group on The Beatitudes

Thursday 11 April                    10.00am Holy Communion

Friday 12 April                        7.00pm in Church: congregational practice for the new setting of Kyrie and Gloria to be used at the Parish Communion from Easter Day onwards

Saturday 13 April                    10.30am – 12.00noon: Café Concert with Roger Nichols, Chris Ashfield, ...

Sunday 28 April                      New date for the postponed Annual Parish Meetings. It is hoped that the Independent Examiner will have submitted his report by today so the Annual Report, including the accounts, should be available next Sunday in good time for the new date.

    Forms for nominating churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members and appointment of sidespersons are at the back of church. Nominees must be willing to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check application if elected.

Lent is almost over ...              ... so take a look at Traidcraft's Easter Egg leaflet and give your orders to Judy or Leslie.

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**Confirmation Preparation** Mark will be running confirmation preparation classes after Easter. If you are interested in being confirmed then please have a word with him. The next confirmation service for our area is on Sunday 16 June. More about confirmation here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmation>