



Notices for 6th of April 2025

A warm welcome to everyone

We also welcome Reverend Sue Ayling who will be taking our 8:00am BCP and 9:30am services this week.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

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.

Hymns:

- 485** Jesu, the very thought of thee
- 598** There's a wideness in God's mercy
- 119** O sacred head, sore wounded
- 308** Just as I am, without one plea
- 393** Brother, sister, let me serve you

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

Isaiah 43.16-21

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

John 12.1-8.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Vacancy News – Peter & Dan

The Bishop of Guildford is delighted to announce that Rev Canon Dr Joshva John Christopher has been appointed as Vicar at Cuddington, subject to DBS and medical clearance. He is currently Head of International Bible Advocacy Centre at the British and Foreign Bible Society in Swindon. Arrival date in June/July to be confirmed.

8am SERVICES will be held only once a month on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

The new Electoral Roll is now available to view at the back of Church.

Dates for your diary

EASTER LILIES. Some people like to contribute to the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one. Suggested donation per lily £5. Judith Round and Jenny Snailham are collecting donations.

Wednesday evenings at 7.30 - 8.00 pm in church. In the Footsteps of Christ. Do join us for a quiet reflective time each Wednesday during Lent.

Knit and Natter April dates - The Leverton Room

Monday 7th April 7.30pm All welcome

Saturday 12th April is the next meeting for the **Women's Group**. One of our local businesses, called **Fragranced With Love**, is all about handcrafted luxury soaps, candles and melt waxes. The business is owned and run by Miriam who is coming to tell us how she started and show us the beautiful gifts she makes. So do come along for what should be a very interesting talk. We start at 10am and our meeting ends by 12 noon.

Sunday 13th April, Palm Sunday at 18:30pm

The choir is performing **Maunder's sacred cantata "Olivet to Calvary"** at 18:30pm in the church on Palm Sunday. It will be run for approximately one Hour with no interval with Karl as guest conductor

Friday 18 April 10am until 12pm

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S CRAFT WORKSHOP

A family Easter craft workshop for parents and children up the age of 12 years. Lots of craft activities including Easter bonnets, cake icing, clay modelling, and lots more. The craft morning will be run by St Mary's Toddlers volunteers and offers of additional help would be much appreciated. If you would like to come with your children or are able to help, please contact Daphne at revdejr@gmail.com

Easter Egg Donation Appeal

We are once again seeking donations of small Easter eggs/treats that will be passed on to our foodbank. There is a labelled box at the back of Church for any donations. Thankyou

Saturday 14th June Big Day Out, Shadbolt Park 10.30am-3pm. We are planning to have a plant stall to raise funds for St. Mary's. If you are able to help out on the stall or provide some plants, then please email crabdo2025@gmail.com

The social committee has also planned some dates for our diaries: -

Lunch with guest singer Wendy Edwards - Saturday 7th June

Homemade Sunday - Sunday 29th June

Quiz Night on Saturday 25th October **Enquiries: Sara & Daphne**