

Welcome to St Matthew's

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Items for this weekly notice sheet should be given in writing to Daphne Boskey or sent to:
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 Deadline for the notice sheet is 4.00pm Wednesday evening. Inclusion of items received after this deadline cannot be guaranteed.

14th April 2019 : Palm Sunday

Our Services Today

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Hymns (HON)

- 11 All glory, laud and honour
- 435 Ride on, ride on in majesty
- 346 My song is love unknown
- SP50 When you prayed beneath the trees



Our Readings (see overleaf):

On Palm Sunday the focus is on the dramatic reading of the Passion (**Luke 22:14 – 23:56**), following the events of Jesus' betrayal, trial and crucifixion. We begin with the story of the first Palm Sunday (**Luke 19:28-40**). This is read outside the church in the hall. We then process into church with palms, symbolising Our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Then in the **Liturgy of the Passion** we read **Isaiah 50: 4-7** following the ancient Christian tradition of seeing Isaiah's words as referring to Jesus' passivity in the face of his accusers.

Next comes **Philippians 2: 6-11**. This describes Jesus' self-emptying. Though God-like he becomes a slave, enduring a horrible death on the cross. Because of this God exalts Jesus who is now the object of our worship.



After the service please join us in the hall for coffee and chat. The sales table will also be open this week.

Our Prayers



This week please pray for:

Watford Deanery:

St Peter Watford and Soul Survivor

In Our Community:

*Those who live in Field End Close and Field End Mews
 Those celebrating special events this week.
 Beth and Leigh-Ann preparing for confirmation.*

Those in special need of our thoughts and prayers:

Judith, Sandy, Richard, Marilyn T and David G.

The Departed:

We remember all who have died recently and those whose Years Mind falls at this time especially Norman Skinner and Liz Edwards.

*The Lady Chapel may be used as focus for prayer.
 There are candles to light and a board for requests.*



Forthcoming Services and Events

**Tuesday & Wednesday in Holy Week:
 16th/17th April**

10.00am Holy Eucharist



Maundy Thursday 18th April

(Please note there will be no Bookswap this month)

8.00pm Sung Eucharist with stripping of the altars.

Good Friday 19th April

9.30am Outdoor service at St Andrew's Bushey Heath

2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Sunday 21st April

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Paschal Candle and renewal of Baptismal Vows.



After the service there will be refreshments in the hall if we have a volunteer to make it.

PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers are needed to help at the various services during Easter Week. There is a list at the back of church where you can sign up for reading, chalice or intercessions.

Interested in hymns?

You may have seen that a number of white booklets have been placed on the table at the back of the church. They are regular publications of the Hymn Society, each containing several short essays plus a few "occasional papers". They reveal a world and history of hymns, not limited to the familiar ones of our own denomination and country and offer a way to broaden our appreciation of

this central part of our worship. The topics covered are at the front of each edition. Please feel free to browse and borrow. Roger



Rota Reminders



	14 th April : Palm Sunday	21 st April : Easter Sunday
Sidesmen	Margaret and Daphne	John and Marilyn
Chalice	Marilyn and Margaret	Pip and Adrian
Intercessor	Raymond	Lynn
Readers	Pip	Margaret
Coffee (Please bring milk)	Pip	**Volunteer needed**