

## ESSENTIAL JESUS – Readings for this week:

Mon 26 March	23	Isaiah 42:1-9
Tue 27 March	24	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12
Wed 28 March	25	Isaiah 61

**MARGERY BUDD:** Margery's funeral will be held at Christ Church at 2pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**QUIZ TIME:** Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £10 each available now. Fish and chip supper or alternatives, BYO drinks.

### DIARY DATES:

**The Annual Meeting** will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in church. There will be 5 vacancies for PCC members. The revision of the Electoral Roll will commence on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Summer Festival:** Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 12md-4pm.

**Advent Fayre:** Sat 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 12md-3.30pm

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## Mission of the Month: Tearfund



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**PALM**  
*Sunday*

Christ Church



For Christ. For you.

**Welcome** to our services today.

**Please join us for refreshments** after The 10.30 Service

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**PALM SUNDAY**  
0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)  
1030 The 10.30 Service (Family Service)

### This Week's Activities

Monday 1030 Lent Course Week 6 (Sandra Morgan)  
Wednesday 0900 Morning Prayer  
1400 Lent Course Week 6 (Jacqui Wilson)  
1930 PCC Meeting  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY** 1100 Funeral of Merle Frost in Church  
1400 Lent Course Week 6 (Sandra Morgan)  
1900 Holy Communion **at St John's Purbrook**  
**GOOD FRIDAY** 1000 Procession of Witness **at Christ Church**  
1000 Easter Family Fun Day **at CoGS**  
1400 Solemn Eucharist **at St John's Purbrook**  
1900 'At the Cross' **at CoGS**  
Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

**EASTER DAY**  
0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)  
1030 The 10.30 Service  
(EASTER HOLY COMMUNION)



## **PALM SUNDAY**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle-bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. <sup>13</sup> I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword. <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, <sup>15</sup> and the LORD Almighty will shield them. They will destroy and overcome with slingstones. They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar. <sup>16</sup> The LORD their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in his land like jewels

in a crown. <sup>17</sup> How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING: Mark 11:1-11**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" <sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' <sup>10</sup> 'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!' <sup>11</sup> Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**