

EASTER FLOWERS The Flower Guild invites donations towards decorating our Church for Easter. *Special 'Easter Flowers' envelopes are available to be put on the collection plate during services*, either anonymously or with details filled in of a donor who is a taxpayer who is eligible to use Gift Aid.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS around the wall of the church are photographs of original woodcarvings made for the parish church of Steyning, in West Sussex by Chris Shawcross. They will provide points of meditation during the service on Good Friday at 2.00 pm. The origin of the Stations of the Cross was to make provision for those who could not go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem to follow the route taken by Jesus along the The Via Dolorosa (Latin for *Way of Grief* or *Way of Suffering*) on the way to his crucifixion.

GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS IN THE CITY CENTRE

In addition to attending the services held in our own Church during Holy Week, why not participate in **Christ in the Centre**, the annual act of witness performed on the streets, amongst any passing strangers?

The drama begins in St Peter's Square, Highcross at 10.00 and moves on to Humberstone Gate, ending at 12 noon.

Thousands of spectators, Christian and non-Christian alike, are moved by the re-enactment of Christ's final hours, leading to his crucifixion.

Afterwards, a simple lunch will be served in the Large Hall from 1.00 – 2.00. Please sign up at the back of the Church before 11am on Maundy Thursday.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is on **Sunday 25 April at 11.45**, following the 10.30 service. We shall elect Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC); receive annual accounts, and review our life together. If you wish to stand for election to the PCC, or if you are, or wish to be, a Sidesman, you must be on the Electoral Roll. Ideally, everyone associated with St James the Greater should be on the Roll, which is at the back of the Church, should you wish to check your entry. *Nomination forms for joining the Roll and for standing for election to the PCC are at the back of the Church.*



THE SIXTEEN CONCERT on **15 April at 7.30 pm**. The Sixteen will enter to a processional plainsong, led by our own team of Crucifer and Acolytes. You can also hear The Sixteen in *Sacred Music* – BBC Four at 8.00 pm on Friday 2 April.

Booking forms for the concert here are at the back of the Church.

BISHOP TOM BROWN sends greetings to us all via David Mitchell, who visited him in his diocese of Wellington, New Zealand. Tom was assistant curate at St James the Greater from 1974 to 1976.

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This Week at the Church of St James the Greater

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28 MARCH 2010 – PALM SUNDAY

*If you wear a hearing-aid, please switch to T to benefit from the inductive loop
Large-print hymn books are available from sidesmen*

*The high altar may be approached via the side steps, which have handrails
Please inform a Churchwarden if you wish to receive Communion in your seat*

08.30

Holy Communion

Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
Celebrant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole
Churchwarden: David Brunning

10.10

Palm Sunday Procession

departs from the Church Hall

Children's Sunday Club

in the Church Hall after starting together in church following the procession

10.30

Passion Gospel and Eucharist

see separate Order of Service
Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp
Assisted by: Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar and April Burton
Churchwardens: Owen Jones and Will Warner
Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway and John Sharp
Servers: John Finn, Janet Burton and Angela Finn

11.30

Book Group for readers of *Walk to Jerusalem* *in the Vicarage*

18.30

Music and Readings for Holy Week

see separate Order of Service
Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby
Churchwardens: David Brunning and Angela Hefford
Sidesmen: Paul Dean, Tricia Dean, Rosemary Freer and Ken Lumb
Servers: William Woolley, Hazel Carlin and Mandy Stephensen

The Rest of Holy Week

Monday 29th

- 18.00 Boys' Choir practice
19.00 **Compline & Address** (sung by the Boys' Choir)

Tuesday 30th

- 07.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I
Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby
14.00 **Funeral** of Kathleen Mary Fensome
19.00 **Compline & Address** (said)

Wednesday 31st

- John Donne*
14.15 Good Companions in the Large Hall
19.00 **Compline & Address** (said)

Maundy Thursday 1st April

- Frederick Denison Maurice*
10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)
Celebrant: Canon Henry Evans
10.45 Coffee Drop-in in the Undercroft
19.30 **Last Supper Liturgy, followed by Vigil till 22.00**
Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

Good Friday 2nd April *Bank Holiday – Church Office closed*

- 10.00 Christ in the Centre drama begins in St Peter's Square, Highcross
13.00 Simple Lunch in the Large Hall
14.00 **Hour at the Foot of the Cross** led by Canon Glynn Richerby
19.30 **Tenebrae** Readings and Music for Good Friday
Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

Saturday 3rd April – Easter Eve

- 14.00 **Wedding** of Dan Corcoran and Suzy Gardiner
20.30 **Easter Eve Service of Light**
Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

Sunday Next – Easter Day

All services conducted by the Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

- 07.00 **Holy Communion (BCP)**
08.30 **Sung Eucharist**
Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby
Readings: Acts 10 : 34 – 43 and John 20 : 1 – 9
09.30 Choir breakfast in the Large Hall
10.45 **Family Service**
12.00 **Holy Communion**
18.30 **Festal Evensong** Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

Keeping Holy Week 2009

FROM TODAY, please display a poster in your front window to inform neighbours and passers-by that THIS IS HOLY WEEK – with the caption HE IS RISEN folded out of sight until Easter Day.

Compline is on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at **19.00**. Short addresses will focus on Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem – weeping over the city, cleaning the Temple and teaching in the Temple.

On Tuesday and Maundy Thursday, there are the usual morning services of **Holy Communion** and the **Liturgy of the Last Supper** is commemorated in Maundy Thursday evening at **19.30**. The congregation is encouraged to remain for part or all of the **Vigil** that follows until 22.00 – 'Could ye not watch with me one brief hour?'

On Good Friday, everyone is encouraged to be present in the City for '**Christ in the Centre**', starting from **St Peter's Square, Highcross Centre at 10.00 am**. For those who wish to come from that to the **Hour before the Cross** at St James the Greater, a frugal lunch of soup, cheese and bread is to be provided **from 13.00 – please sign the list at the back of the Church before 11.00 am on Maundy Thursday**. Observance of The Stations of the Cross around the walls of the church will be at the heart of the Hour before the Cross (with the opportunity to sit at the various points for those who need to.

The ancient night service of **Tenebrae** (shadows) at **19.30** is especially recommended to those who have never experienced it.

The Easter Eve Vigil is a wonderful anticipation of the dawning of Easter Day, with the blessing of the Pascal Candle from the New Fire in a darkened church – hence the late start at 20.30 – and listening by candlelight to the story of God's saving work from the beginning until the resurrection of Christ. The service lasts an hour and deserves strong support as the first service of Easter.

Easter Day begins with a said service of **Holy Communion** according to the Book of Common Prayer at **07.00**, followed by a **Sung Eucharist at 08.30**, with breakfast for the choir members, who stay on to sing for **All Age Worship at 10.45**. A shortened said service of **Holy Communion** follows at **noon**. The day culminates in a glorious **Festal Evensong at 18.30**.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us through frailty
Unwell

Barry Butler : Vera Clark (Glenfield Hospital) : Arthur Garrett : Paul Long
Ellen Mumyani : Victor Pugh (LRI Ward 29) Millie Talbot
Elizabeth Rees (Hilary's mother-in-law) after surgery in Guildford, Surrey
Olive Rees (Hilary's mother) after heart surgery at Glenfield Hospital

Rest in Peace

Kathleen Mary Fensome (83) funeral on Tuesday