

Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry

VIRAL BULLETIN

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Palm Sunday and Holy Week

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Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11.1-11 or John 12-12-26

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11 Mark 14 & 15

It is Palm Sunday and we remember Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, the applause and rejoicing of the crowds as they wave their palm branches and their shouts of: "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel."

And, of course, Jesus had come to announce the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God - its proclamation, its inauguration, its exposition - was what Jesus was all about. With the triumphal entry it seems that this Kingdom will now be established. Christ's victory seems near.

Christ's victory seems near ... and then the ensuing events are a shattering reversal. But Jesus's very actions carry the implication of that reversal. He fulfils the prophecy of Zechariah 9.9: "Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Jesus has quite deliberately chosen to identify himself with this passage. He is not an assertive ruler, riding on a charger as a demonstration of power, but a humble one, on the foal of a donkey.

All the same, nothing could be more striking than this huge lurch - as the Holy Week events unfold - from triumph to disaster.

And yet, in those events, that reversal, that disaster - in which Jesus is betrayed, denied and abandoned in every conceivable way, and comes to be judicially murdered in a grotesque parody of justice - we have come to see some sort of answer to all the questions we have about what it means to be human.

As Jesus goes to his cruel execution and his followers' hopes are destroyed, we find in his defeat a victory.

So it is that the passion narrative is a dominating part of all four gospels, a sign of the Church's awareness from the earliest times that these events are *crucial* (from the Latin *crux/crucifix*: cross). The cross is for us, quite literally, crucial, the crux of the matter. The message is built into our very language.

The gospel accounts are similar, but they have marked differences, too. There is authentic note here of eyewitness accounts. It is important that this is not just the greatest of stories, but that it is real, rooted in the human experience that we know.

These events can only be crucial if Jesus is *both* fully human and fully divine. This is a mystery the Church has spent 2,000 years trying to comprehend.

In the end it is a mystery, and our efforts - essential though they are - to get our heads around it are bound to fail. They even need to fail: God is not to be contained within the vessels of our understanding.

This most holy of weeks can help us instead to enter into the passion with our emotions, with our experience, reaching towards understanding with our heart and guts, where our heads just get mental wheelspin and our brains fuse.

Yes, this is a cosmic drama. Yes, these are divine actions. And yes, too, these are human events constrained, like us, by time and place.

Here is the shocking rejection and death of God. And here, too, is the victory which saves us - in the human experience of the man Jesus, whose calling leads him somehow to take the pain of suffering creation upon himself. This action can be truly divine for us only if it is fully human, fully vulnerable.

This is what we commemorate and celebrate in the Eucharist, the sacrament of glorified humility, blood sacrifice in benign elements.

The victory of the cross lies in the fact that the man Jesus - whom we gaze on in horrified fascination, from whatever distance we can cope with, as he follows his call to take the way of the cross - perfectly shows us this divine humility.

This is a week to enter into these events imaginatively, to push ourselves closer to Jesus in his humility, in his passive acceptance of the betrayals and brutality, so as to come nearer to the victory of salvation he brings us.

As we seek to experience Holy Week deeply, we shall open ourselves to experience Easter deeply, too. This is a gift waiting to be found in all the acts of worship offered to us and for us as the coming days unfold: a deeper sense of the love and forgiveness of God.

Adrian Mann

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES 24-29 MARCH

SUNDAY 24 March PALM SUNDAY Holy Week begins

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Culford
10.00am	Eucharist (CW)	Fornham St Martin
11.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)	Flempton

Monday 25 March Monday of Holy Week

9.30am	Eucharist (CW)	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
7.00pm	Compline	Lackford

Tuesday 26 March Tuesday of Holy Week

8.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Eucharist (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
7.00pm	Compline	West Stow

Wednesday 27 March Wednesday of Holy Week

8.30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Eucharist (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (CW)	St George's, Bury St Edmunds
7.00pm	Compline	Flempton

Thursday 28 March MAUNDY THURSDAY

11.00am	Chrism Eucharist	St Edmundsbury Cathedral
6.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper (CW)	
	<i>preceded by supper at 5.30pm</i>	All Saints', Bury St Edmunds
7.00pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper (CW)	Culford
8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist of the Last Supper (CW) with Washing of Feet, <i>Procession to Altar of Repose, Watch 'til Midnight.</i>	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Friday 29 March GOOD FRIDAY

9.00am	Stations of the Cross	St John's, Bury St Edmunds
9.30am	Matins (BCP)	Timworth
10.30am	Churches Together Walk of Witness	gathering at the Cathedral
2.00pm	Liturgy of Good Friday (CW)	Fornham St Martin
2.00pm	Liturgy of Good Friday (CW)	St John's, Bury St Edmunds

LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP

The Parish Eucharist is usually live-streamed from St John's on Sundays at 11am on Facebook [@StJohnsBSE](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsBSE) and later posted onto www.northburychurches.org.uk

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EASTER WEEK SERVICES 30 MARCH - 7 APRIL

Saturday 30 March EASTER EVE

8.00pm Team Easter Eve Ceremonies (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

SUNDAY 31 March EASTER DAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Parish Communion (CW) St George's, Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Parish Communion (CW) All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

10.00am Benefice Eucharist (CW) Fornham All Saints

11.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Monday 1 April Monday of Easter Week

6.00pm Eucharist (CW)
Jesus appears to the women St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Tuesday 2 April Tuesday of Easter Week

6.00pm Eucharist (CW)
Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Wednesday 3 April Wednesday of Easter Week

8.30am Morning Prayer (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Eucharist (CW)
The Road to Emmaus St John's, Bury St Edmunds

Thursday 4 April Thursday of Easter Week

11.00am Eucharist (BCP)
Jesus appears to the Apostles All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

Friday 5 April Friday of Easter Week

5.30pm Evening Prayer (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

6.00pm Eucharist (CW)
Jesus by the sea of Tiberias St John's, Bury St Edmunds

SUNDAY 7 April 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Parish Communion (CW) St George's, Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Parish Communion (CW) All Saints', Bury St Edmunds

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Timworth

10.00am All Age Worship Fornham All Saints

10.00am Eucharist (CW) West Stow

11.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) St John's, Bury St Edmunds

3.00pm Wonder Club Lackford

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The Mead Singers presented
Songs from the Passion
at St George's on Passion Sunday afternoon, 17th March,
with accompanying narration by David Honeyball.

CAFÉ

Saturday March 23rd

10am -12 noon

**The Village Hall
in Culford**

**(The village hall for West Stow, Wordwell, Culford Heath,
Culford and Ingham)**

**Come and enjoy a freshly
brewed cup of Fair Trade
coffee (or tea)
and some yummy
cakes or savouries**

**DONATIONS are invited for SARs
emergency responders**

NB NO café in April

EVERYONE WELCOME



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
SUFFOLK

Thingoe Deanery Safeguarding Training



Basic Awareness

Date: Friday 19 April

Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Location: Fornham All Saints



Leadership

Date: Saturdays 23 March & 6 April

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Bury St Edmunds; Thomas Clarkson
Centre



Leadership

Dates: Saturdays 23 November & 7 December

Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Location: Bury St Edmunds; Thomas Clarkson
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To attend any of these events, please book your place via our
Eventbrite page: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-st-
edmundsbury-and-ipswich-11874263047](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-st-edmundsbury-and-ipswich-11874263047)

If you do not have computer access to book a place
yourself, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Officer.

For further enquires please contact:
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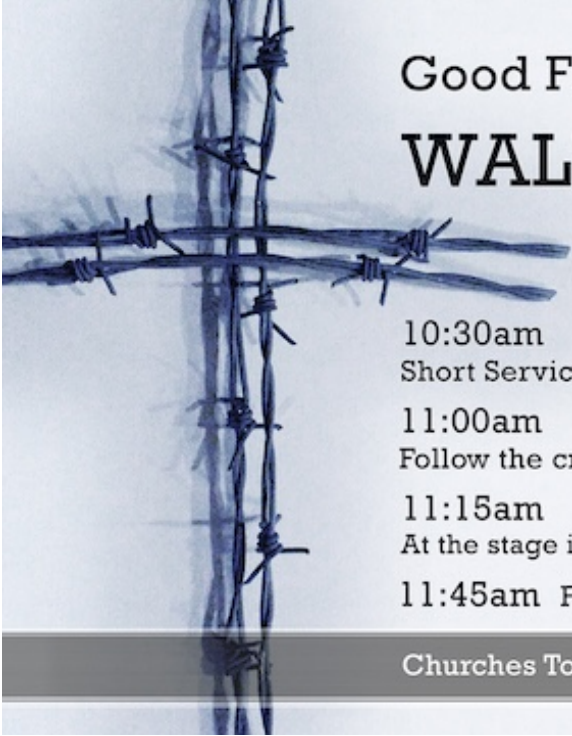


HIGH SHERIFF RECOGNISES OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO COMMUNITY IN ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Suffolk Community Foundation annual review and High Sheriff Awards ceremony took place on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at Trinity Park, Ipswich. Charities, community groups, public sector, and business leaders attended the event to celebrate work being carried out across Suffolk. High Sheriff Mark Pendlington selected Bury Drop In to win one his High Sheriff Awards.

The tough economic climate and impact of the cost-of-living crisis has forced demand on services and increased the number of people attending drop in sessions. Robert Green, chair of trustees, says, “we are deeply grateful to be awarded the High Sheriff Award alongside some truly exceptional organisations. Bury Drop In is, at its core, a volunteer community and this award reflects the dedication and quality of our amazing team. I also want to acknowledge our guests who are an integral part of the Bury Drop In family”.

If you are interested in volunteering for an award-winning charity, please visit burydropin.org/volunteer for more information.



Good Friday 29th March 2024

WALK OF WITNESS

10:30am

Short Service in St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

11:00am

Follow the cross. Silent procession into town.

11:15am

At the stage in Market Square. Speaker Emma Denton.

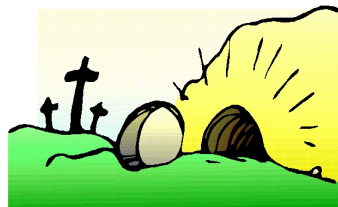
11:45am Finish.

Churches Together Bury St Edmunds and District



The Wonder Club

Story
Wondering
Craft
Prayer
Cake



St
Lawrence,
Lackford
7th April, 3pm

CAPTION COMPETITION REMINDER

A choice of fairtrade wine or chocolate awaits the person providing the winning caption for this photograph (*Photo: thanks to Ali Miller*).



Please send in your entries by Tuesday 2nd April
to the Viral Bulletin at adrian.mann@btinternet.com

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Please don't forget ...

to let Julie Hooton NBTLVB@outlook.com
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have details of events which have happened
and events which are coming up at your church.

And your photos are always welcome, jpeg or png format preferred.
