

Anglican Parish of Avon

Palm Sunday



14th. April 2019

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.

Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: - A Service of Holy Communion at: -

- 8am St Mary's Church, Munro

- 9.30am, Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.

**-11am, St Patrick's Church, Stratford for the commencement of
the Palm Sunday Ecumenical Walk.**

You are invited to light a 'Prayer Candle' and enjoy morning tea after the Services. Toilets are located at the rear of the Hall. Holy Trinity is fitted with a hearing loop. Please note that the Holy Trinity Chancel floor slopes up from the front pews to the Lectern; please use the handrail as needed and take care, thank you.

We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

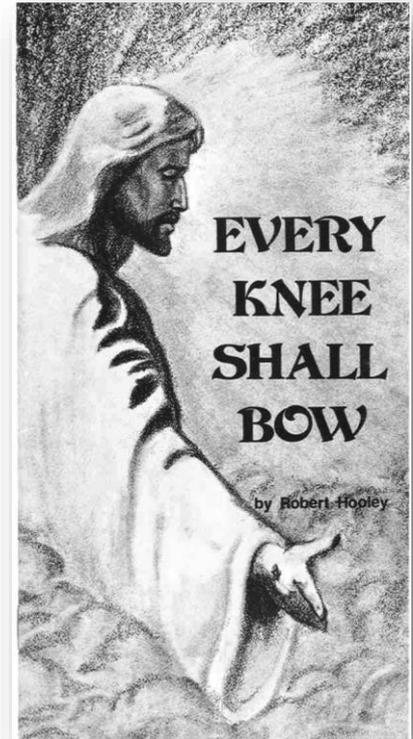
Processional Hymn MP 242 Hosanna, hosanna . . .'

Greeting and Sentence.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2.10–11

The Prayer of Preparation. The Trisagion Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy
enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rejoicing and calamity are the two poles that appear to frame the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, unleashing a power that continues reverberating in our day and time. It would appear that the rejoicing is quickly left behind as the destructive powers of the cross have their way with Jesus. But, there is another source of power at work, evidenced in the joy of the crowds who greet Jesus, laying their cloaks before him as he goes. It is a joy that will not be squelched, becoming a source of power for all who, as Paul reminds us, take on the mind of Christ.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up. Isaiah 50.4-9a

Hear the word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

Psalm 31.9-18

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.
¹⁰ For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
¹¹ I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
¹² I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
¹³ I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.
¹⁴ For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;
¹⁵ While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.
¹⁶ But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:

I have said ‘You are my God.’

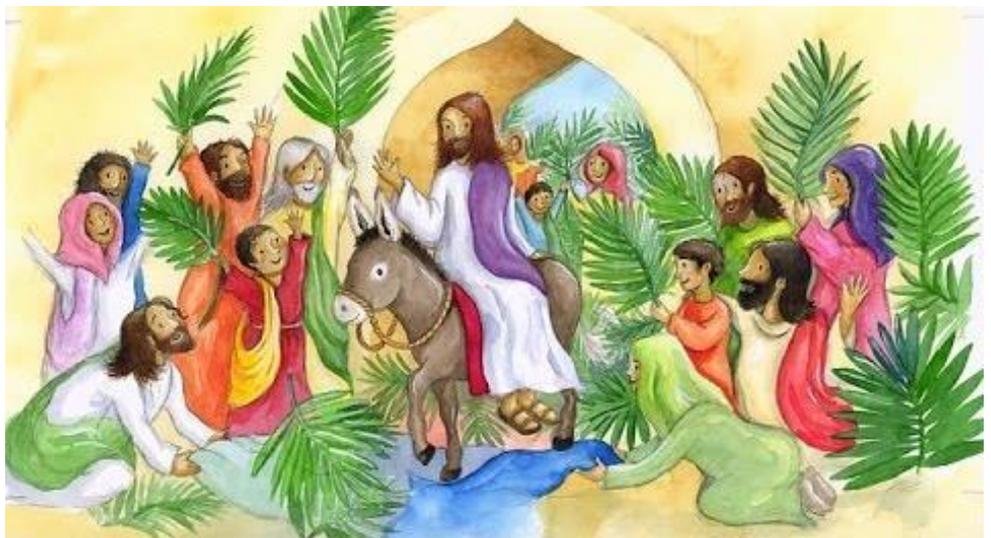
- ¹⁷ All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.
- ¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy’s sake.

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians

- ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2.5-11

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thanks be to God.

Children’s Spot



The Gradual Hymn: MP 790 ‘You are the King . . .’

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it.’’ ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ ³⁴They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

‘Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!’

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ ⁴⁰He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

Luke 19.28-40

For the Gospel of the Lord
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

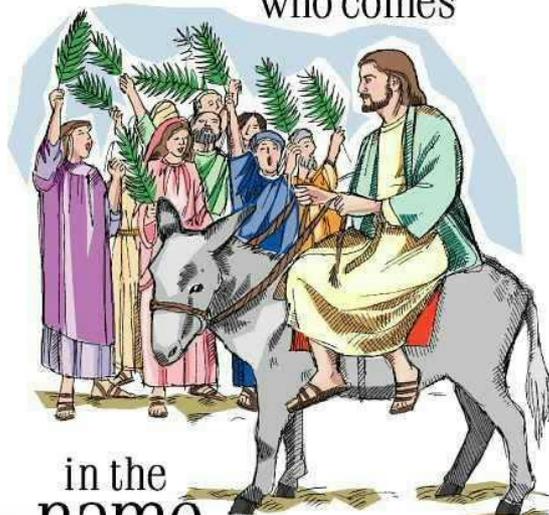
Reflection

Affirmation
of Faith

On Palm Sunday, Jesus came not to conquer by force like earthly kings, but by love, grace, mercy, and sacrificing Himself for all.



“Blessed is the king
who comes



in the
name
of the Lord!”

Luke 19:38

Prayers of the People

We Pray for: -

- Peace that brings an end to violence, oppression, and war.
- Peace that enables all people to live with peace and justice.
- World leaders and all who commit their lives to the work of peace.
- Justice, healing and respect for all who have suffered child abuse. For correct and truthful judgment of perpetrators and those accused of sexual abuse of children
- Appropriate care and preservation of the environment.

The local community: We pray for: -

- Our families, our friends, for those with whom we work and learn.
- The homeless, the hungry, and those without hope for the future.
- Continued success of our mainly music program. For safety and refreshment for all children, families, and volunteers over the school term holidays.
- Our op shop coordinators and all volunteers, giving thanks for their ministry.

The Church: We pray for: -

- Bishop Richard as he leads the clergy and people of the diocese. For Leanne, Rachel and Nicholas.
- All in the Parish of Avon: for David as he prepares and leads us through Holy week and 3 services of celebration on Easter Day. For all in our parish ministry teams and their support of David.
- David and Emma and Jacob Raymond's Godparents following Jacob's Baptism into the family of God's Church by Bishop Richard yesterday.
- For Emma in her ministry beside David and God's blessings on their 3 boys.
- Our Retiring Offertory this month, the MAF Mission
- Parish of Bass/Phillip Island, Jo White, Ken.
- Our Sister Diocese, the Diocese of Gahini, Rwanda. Bishops Alexis Bilindabagabo and Manasseh Gahima
- Diocese of Armidale: Bishop Rick Lewers.
- Special Focus. Anglicare Gippsland: Tim Pedlow, Regional Director.
Parish Partnerships: Anglican Community Development Officer: Cathrine Muston, Philip.
- We pray for all who are physically or mentally ill and for those who care for them. For those who are lonely, the grieving and for those without faith, hope or love. For all whom we know and those who have asked for our prayers.

Ivan, Crystal, Pete, Prec, Bruce, David, Geoff, Ray, Isobel, Emma, Jacob, Daryl, Jan, Bob, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.

Confession Absolution

Greeting of Peace. Offertory Hymn: MP 41 ‘At the name . . .’ (V1,2,6)

Holy Communion. Announcements.

Final Hymn: MP 1122 ‘Be unto your name . . .’

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NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings

Yesterday, many parishioners were privileged to join with Emma, Dave, their family members and friends, as Bishop Richard Baptised into the family of God’s Church, Jacob Raymond Perryman. The afternoon concluded with a happy celebration afternoon tea in the parish hall.

TODAY, The ‘Palm Sunday Ecumenical Walk’ between each of the Stratford Churches will take place after Sunday morning worship.

Following this morning’s service at Holy Trinity, parishioners may join in a quick ‘cuppa’ in the hall before going to St Patrick’s Church for the commencement of the Ecumenical “Walk”. Some parishioners may wish to remain for a longer morning tea.

At each church we will gather for a Reading of Scripture, short Meditation, Prayer and Song. From St Patrick’s the congregation will walk or drive to Holy Trinity and then walk or drive to St Andrews. We have been invited to join in a ‘bring and share lunch’ at St Andrews.

This week, commencing from today, we prayerfully walk with Jesus through the most difficult and yet glorious last days of his life on earth. Please plan to attend in our parish, all or some of the special liturgies of Thursday, Friday and Saturday (the Cathedral) . . . and then the glorious Mystery of Easter Day. By celebrating the liturgies together in community, we live and learn again, in a new way, the reality of our Risen Lord, alive here in our midst. **Continued over page >>>>**

Also, this week Parish Council Reports are due on Wednesday please.

The next Parish Council Meeting will convene on Easter Tuesday 23 April instead of Thursday which is ANZAC Day.

The Retiring Offertory for March in support of the Hope Restart Project raised \$357.50. Thank you to all who contributed to such a very worthy local cause.

Our Retiring Offertory for April is in support of MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship)



What is MAF?

For 70 years MAF, a Christian organisation, has flown over rivers, jungles, swamps and mountains to bring medical assistance, community development, Christian Hope and all kinds of disaster relief.

MAF began with several World War II pilots who had a vision for how aviation could be used to spread the Christian faith. After the War, Jim Truxton of the U.S., Murray Kendon in the United Kingdom, and Edwin Hartwig of Australia, with the support of like-minded Christians, founded missionary aviation agencies in their respective countries.

Further, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) provides aviation, communications, and learning technology services to more than 1,000 Christian and humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of isolated missionaries and indigenous villagers in the world's most remote areas. There are three major operational centers – Nampa, Idaho, United States, Ashford, United Kingdom, and Cairns, Australia. These centres provide operational support to programs in the Americas, Africa and Asia Pacific regions. In 2010, MAF served in more than 55 countries, flying 201,710 passengers with a fleet of some 130 aircraft.

Denise

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

APRIL

- Thursdays* 9.30am mainly music during school term.
Fridays 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity.
School holidays: Saturday 6th April to Monday 22nd April
- Tues 16th** 11am Chrism Eucharist and Renewal of Ordination Vows at the Cathedral. A light lunch will follow the service in the Delbridge Hall. Dave attending.
- Wed 17th.** Evening, Service of Shadows at St Mary's Cathedral. Dave involved.
- Thurs 18th** 7.30pm. Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Trinity
- Fri. 19th.** 9am. Good Friday Service at Holy Trinity
- Sat 20th.** Holy Saturday. 8pm Easter Vigil at the Cathedral.
- Sun 21st** Easter Day 8.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.
2pm Holy Communion at All Saints.
- Tues 23rd** Parish Council Meeting. St Mary's Church Anniversary.
- Wed. 24th.** Wreath making, 2pm, at the RSL. Bev Harrap
- Thurs 25th** ANZAC Day. Dawn and 9am services at Stratford Memorial Park. Bev Harrap to lay the wreath. Dave leading the Lord's Prayer (9am)
- Sat 27th** Parish Council Planning Day: Comm. 10am. Light Lunch Provided.
- Sun 28th** Dave Presiding, Jane Preaching. 4.30pm Traditional Service of Evensong. Bard's Birthday on 23rd, 1564. The Rev'd Nicolai Blaskow. 2pm. Baby Shower in Honour of Duchess Megan. UCA.
- Mon 29th**
- May** *Thursdays mainly music, 9.30am. Parish Hall, During School Term*
- Fridays* 9am Morning Prayers at Holy Trinity.
- Wed 1st** 10am. St Paul's Cathedral, 'Get Out For Good', Official Launch of the Program in Gippsland. Dave attending. Parishioners welcome.
- Thurs 2nd** 6.30pm. St Paul's Movie Night, Sale Cinema 'Top End Wedding' Tickets to be pre-booked prior to the night.
- Fri 3rd.** 7.30pm. Induction of The Rev. Judith Wake, Heyfield. Dave attending.

ROSTER - 21 April, Easter Day

Read: Isaiah 65.17-25. Acts 10.34-43. Luke 24.1-12

Priest: David. Sunday School: N/A. Lit. Assist: Denise. 2nd Judy T

Readers: Liliias, Ron. Intercess: Denise. Org: May. Sides: Vic, Wendy

PPT: Judy K. Flowers: Judy T. Morning Tea: Bev T. Bev H. Sac: May

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