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This week's readings, Collect and Post Communion Prayer

Sunday 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday

Please use this service sheet in conjunction with the online Service booklet

Today's 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

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

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 awakens—
awakens 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 backward.
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?

Second Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

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.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Gospel

Mark 14: 1-end of 15

14 It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus^[a] by stealth and kill him; ² for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

The Anointing at Bethany

³ While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,^[b] as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴ But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii,^[c] and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the good news^[d] is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples

¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. ¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” ²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread^[e] into the bowl^[f] with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, “This is my blood of the^[g] covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Peter's Denial Foretold

²⁶ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written,
‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’

²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹ Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” ³⁰ Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹ But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” ³⁷ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled. ⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Jesus before the Council

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶² Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” ⁷² At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Jesus before Pilate

15 As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do^[a] with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³ They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah,^[a] the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

The Death of Jesus

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land^[b] until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"^[c] ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

The Burial of Jesus

⁴² When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

For your Prayers

For those at St Mary's: Our prayers are asked for: William and his family, Roger and Gill, Mary, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Father Mike, Father Paul, Keith and Lorna, Lucy and boys, Margaret, Stephen, Gerald, Lorraine, Pamela, Hazel, Tracey, Sue, Val, Alexandra, Baby Elizabeth, Laura and George, David and Maria, Wendy, Kevin and family, John, David, Roy, Marion, William, Alan, Jessica, Lydia and Spencer, David, Kate, Andy and Amy, Joshua and Jon, Jess, Julia and family, Colin and his children, Jean, Mikey, Lawrence, Peter, Revd Chris, Diana, Eileen, Jeanne, Kai and his family

For those at St Nicolas: Our prayers are asked for : William and his family, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Father Mike, Father Paul, Martyn, Di (Granny Owl), Hazel, Peter, Ruth and Simon, Jessica and family, Zoe

Those whose anniversary of death is today:

Hannah Matthews, Mary Warner, Ronald Bowles, Muriel Macdonald, Ethel Wilson, Violet Keer

Those whose anniversary of death is this week:

29th William Parker, Constance Ratcliff, Charles Ellery, Ins Gibson, Eileen Allsopp, Peggy Ratcliffe

30th Lucy Pleydell, John Powell, Baby Colby Ryan, Fred Mitchell

31st George Sumption, James Riley, Kathleen Ashton, Joyce Laurenti, Henry Barrington, David Jones

April

1st Samuel Edward, Frank Green

2nd Caroline Cluer, Charles Robinson, John Venn, Anne Smith, Bobby Barnard, Maisie Kennedy

3rd Catherine Pickering, Norman Rosser, Laurence Keen, Daisy Edgley, Beatrice Nalder, Dorothy Thompson, Laura Urling Smith, Ronald Piff, Peter Wood

For those at All Saints: Our prayers are asked for: William and his family, Sandra and her daughter, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Father Mike, Father Paul, Josephine, Mark, Nicola, June, Sasha, Shari, Baby George and his family, John

Those whose anniversary of death is today:

28th Ronald Purves

Those whose anniversary of death is this week:

29th Stella Hamblin

30th Lee Addis, Anthony Maisey, James Green

April

1st Muriel Hall, Fred Taylor

2nd Anthony Downen, Dorothy Todd

3rd Albert Downen

For those at St Lawrence: Pray for all who suffer in mind or body: William and his family, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Father Mike, Father Paul, Rose, Jackie, Mala, Rose, John

For those at St Mary Magdalene: Pray for all who suffer in mind or body: William and his family, Lyubov, Revd Elizabeth and Revd Howard, Harold, Father Paul, Father Mike, Eric, Nerys, Soo and Ray, Pauline, Kathleen, Margery, Sally, Michelle, Hilary

We pray for our families, friends and neighbours; in our cycle of prayer, we remember all those who live in Vine Court, Waterloo Street and Swindon Close (St Lawrence and St Peter's) and The Green (St Mary Magdalene).

Please also pray for: All key workers (and their families) in our country as we begin the roadmap out of lockdown. Also for all the teachers and those who work in schools as they re-adjust to teaching full classes face to face again and for the children and families who are concerned and worried about the start of our journey out of lockdown. All the NHS workers, the care workers, shop workers, emergency services, farmers, postal workers, lorry driver and delivery people, cleaners, refuse workers, military, funeral directors and our clergy and all those who are fighting COVID 19 and whose lives have been directly impacted by the virus.

Those who have died recently in the Benefice:

Sidney Sallis, Julie Mansell, Maria Caton, Antony Dick, Peter Yates, Doreen Barnes, Christopher Middleton, Lone Grove .and those who mourn their deaths. **And in addition:** Susan Beardsley, Helen Beardsell



THIS SUNDAY'S EVENING PRAYER READINGS – 28th March 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Mark 12: 1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – 4th APRIL 2021**EASTER DAY****Eucharist**

Exodus 14: 10-end; 15: 20, 21

Acts 4: 32-35

John 20: 19-end

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Luke 24: 13-35

SUNDAY 28th MARCH**PALM SUNDAY****Online services**

1030 Mass, streamed live from All Saints

Online

1630 Celebrate! Online via Zoom

Zoom

Services in our churches:

0800 Mass

All Saints

0800 Eucharist

St Mary's

0915 Holy Communion

St Lawrence

0930 Eucharist

St Nicolas

1030 Mass – streamed live

All Saints

1045 Service for the family

St Mary Magdalene

1100 Eucharist

St Mary's

1830 Evening Prayer

St Lawrence

1830 Evening Prayer

St Mary's

1830 Evening Service

All Saints

*** TEAM NOTICES *****STREAMING OF SERVICES**

There will be two services online this Sunday:

10.30 am: Mass, streamed live from All Saints Church

4.30 pm: Celebrate! Online via Zoom – Meeting ID: 836 6365 5447 Passcode: 788286.

These services are for viewing from your home only!**To watch these services, please follow one of the links below**Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCheltenhamTeamMinistry/>

Like 'the NCTM team page on Facebook to be notified when broadcasts start:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/NorthCheltenhamTeamMinistry>**Online services in the NCTM**<https://www.youtube.com/NorthCheltenhamTeamMinistry><https://www.northchelt.org.uk/online-services>

JOIN US FOR A COFFEE AFTER CHURCH ONLINE. We will be holding a zoom social time after our streamed services on Sunday so we can all get to know each other a little more during this Lockdown. So grab a cuppa and a biscuit then join us for a chat. See below for the Zoom links

THIS SUNDAY THIS WILL BE AT 11.30 AM FOLLOWING THE 10.30 AM SERVICE

Rev Tom Cook is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Social Time - After Sunday services

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83490504391?pwd=Nk95TnNhSVpabmJwTzFVTnlqdHAwUT09>

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CONTINUING SERVICES IN THE NCTM IN 2021

Celebrate! Online on a Sunday afternoon at 4.30 pm on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month via Zoom – see below for more information. We will continue to stream one of our NCTM Sunday morning services on a weekly basis.

Our Sunday services will be live streamed as follows:

Sunday 28th March 2021: 10.30 am live from All Saints

Sunday 4th April 2021: 9.30 am live from St Nicolas and 10.30 am live from All Saints

Sunday 11th April 2021: 10.30 am live from All Saints

Sunday 18th April 2021: 9.30 am live from St Nicolas

Sunday 25th April 2021: 10.30 am live from All Saints

TEA WITH TOM – every Wednesday at 11.00 am – PLEASE JOIN US

This is a light hearted time to have a drink and a cake from the comfort of your home. I look forward to getting to know you better! Wednesdays from 11.00 am via Zoom. Zoom ID: 819 1394 0076 Password: 346 649 Join

Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913940076?pwd=d3ltL0N3dmxrVW9aT0lqTGJxa3ppZz09> **Revd Tom**

NCTM LENT JOURNEY

Following the success of the Holy Family's journey through our Team during Advent, followed by many on social media we will be posting daily throughout Lent. This started on Sunday 21st February – 'Essentials for the Journey'. There will be a different theme each week: Week 4: Shelter – finding security, Week 5: Water – finding refreshment, Week 6: Holy Week.

On a Sunday, we will post a reading.

On a Monday, we will post a photo or video and ask you to share your photos with us (Media Monday)

On a Tuesday, we will post a link to some music for you to listen to and reflect on (Tune Tuesday)

On a Wednesday, we will post a suggestion for something for you to do outside (Wild Wednesday)

On a Thursday, we will post a craft suggestion for you to make and post your finished article (Craft Thursday)

On a Friday, we will post a recipe or food suggestions (Food Friday)

On a Saturday, we will post a suggestion of a game for you to play as a family, with a solo version too (Game Saturday)

All these will be linked to the weekly theme. We look forward to interacting on social media with you as we all journey through Lent. Please 'like' our Facebook and Instagram pages to get involved. We will hopefully put these on our website too for those who don't have social media, but would like to see what we are doing. For more information, please contact **Kate** Tel: 01242 244877

EASTER SERVICES ACROSS THE TEAM

At the time of arranging these services (17th February), we were still waiting to hear how the Government will be bringing us out of lockdown, so we have worked out our Easter services based on the current restrictions. Following the Government's announcement of the Roadmap out of lockdown, we are still waiting for updates from the Church of England. However, if restrictions do lighten we may be able to offer more. Please see below for which services we are planning to hold in our churches, as well as offering some online. Please note that these may change as time goes on, so please keep a close eye on the website, www.northchelt.org.uk and our weekly News Sheet and social media. WE WILL BE USING EVENTBRITE FOR BOOKING INTO THE MAIN EASTER DAY SERVICES FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES. You will be able to book these yourself, if you don't have internet access you will be able to contact Kate who will do it for you, or speak to your Church Wardens.

Sunday 28th March 2021 (Palm Sunday)

0800	Said Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms	St Mary's
0800	Said Mass with Blessing of the Palms	All Saints
0915	Holy Communion with Blessing of the Palms	St Lawrence
0930	Said Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms	St Nicolas
1030	Said Mass with Blessing of the Palms (streamed live)	All Saints
1045	Holy Communion with Blessing of the Palms	St Mary Magdalene
1100	Said Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms	St Mary's
1630	Celebrate! Online via Zoom	Zoom
1830	Evening Prayer	St Mary's
1830	Evening Prayer	St Lawrence
1830	Evening Service	All Saints

Thursday 1st April 2021 (Maundy Thursday)

1030	Service of the Word/Prayers	St Mary's
1115	Service of the Word/Prayers	All Saints
1930	Said Mass and Watch (streamed live)	All Saints
2100	Watch at Altar of Repose (streamed live)	St Nicolas
2100	Watch at Altar of Repose	St Mary's

Friday 2nd April 2021 (Good Friday)

1030	Good Friday reflection (streamed live)	St Nicolas
1030	Service at the Cross	St Mary Magdalene
1200	Good Friday Meditation	St Lawrence
1400	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	St Mary's
1400	Good Friday Liturgy	All Saints
	Pre-recorded video to be premiered - Journey to the Cross	

Saturday 3rd April 2021 (Holy Saturday)

2000	Paschal Liturgy and First Mass of Easter (streamed live)	All Saints
2100	Paschal Liturgy and First Eucharist of Easter	St Mary's

Sunday 4th April 2021 (Easter Day)

0600	Dawn Celtic Communion	St Mary's Churchyard
0800	Said Eucharist for Easter Day	St Mary's
0800	Said Eucharist for Easter Day	All Saints
0915	Holy Communion for Easter Day	St Lawrence (ticket only)
0930	Said Eucharist for Easter Day (streamed live)	St Nicolas (ticket only)
1030	Said Mass for Easter Day (streamed live)	All Saints (ticket only)
1045	Holy Communion for Easter Day	St Mary Magdalene (ticket only)
1100	Said Communion for Easter Day	St Mary's (ticket only)
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1830	Evening Service	All Saints

To book tickets, you will need to go to Eventbrite and use the following links (one for each service):

St Lawrence at 9.15 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-lawrence-0915-holy-communion-for-easter-day-tickets-146482303513>

St Nicolas at 9.30 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-nicolas-0930-said-eucharist-for-easter-day-tickets-146480351675>

All Saints at 10.30 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-saints-1030-said-mass-for-easter-day-tickets-146483561275>

St Mary Magdalene at 10.45 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-mary-magdalene-1045-holy-communion-for-easter-day-tickets-146479483077>

St Mary's at 11.00 am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-marys-prestbury-1100-easter-day-said-eucharist-tickets-146152216213>

Fr Nick is offering a 2nd Easter Day Eucharist at 12.45 pm on Easter Day, straight after the 11 o'clock service concludes, as demand for booking is so high already for the 11 o'clock service. Once we reach capacity for the 11 o'clock service we will then offer the 12.45 pm Service to people wanting to come and not miss out!

*** ST MARYS ***



PARISH TREASURER

We owe a huge debt to Kevin Holmes and Gill Wood, who look after the financial affairs of the Parish - thank you, Kevin and Gill, for all your time, skill and hard work. Kevin is

stepping down as Treasurer after three years and we are looking for someone to take on this role; could this be you, or do you know someone qualified and willing to help us? Please speak to one of the Church Wardens if you can help - thank you.



PRESTBURY PARISH CROSS

The Parish Cross has been erected at Prestbury URC. You are warmly invited to lay flowers at the foot of the cross (or attach these to the rail) on or around Easter Sunday. Please bear safety in mind and maintain social distancing.

CELEBRATE! IN 2021

Celebrate! Online – **Sunday afternoon at 4.30 pm** on the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month via Zoom. Meeting ID: 836 6365 5447 Passcode: 788286. Please join us on 14th, 21st and 28th March. Details can also be found on our Celebrate! Facebook page.

Live Craftalong – postponed until after Easter

Weekend Inspiration – this will be going out on our social media on Friday/Saturday to inspire you with different ways of worshipping with your household.

God Bless **Revd Tom**



Text 'PRAY' to 88802 Everyone needs a little help sometimes

Over this difficult time we want to reach out to people across North Cheltenham and give the unique support we have to offer. Our faith. I believe that prayer is a crucial part of our spirituality and is also an amazing way of supporting people. Anyone can text the number 88802 and start their message with the word PRAY. We will then be phoning people back and offering prayer. This is a witness to our belief that prayer makes a difference, our hope that God walks with us in the most difficult of times and our resolve to reach out to the community even when we are at our most restricted.

Ways to get involved:

POSTERS - Download and print off a poster for your own window or for your local shop.

SHARE - Use social media to share this offer of prayer

PRAY - You can pray that people will see this and be brave enough to send the text.

For more information contact **Revd Tom** on tom.cook@northchelt.org.uk

* ST LAWRENCE *

The Swindon Village news magazine, Village News, is back in production and is available on the Parish Council's website - www.swindonparish.org.uk

* ALL SAINTS *

HELP US SAVE THE ALL SAINTS' 'HOLST' PIPE ORGAN

The organ at All Saints' was built in 1887 by William Hill & Son, one of most respected English organ builders of the 19th century, and retains much of its original pipework and fine tonal character. The specification was drawn up by the vicar, George Gardiner and the first organist, Adolph von Holst, father of the composer Gustav Holst. As a boy, Gustav sang in the choir and wrote some of his first compositions for the instrument.

After more than 130 years of service, the original leatherwork is in a perilous state and many mechanical parts are worn out and need replacing. Constant atmospheric changes have taken their toll on wooden components, such as soundboards, and more than 2,500 pipes need to be cleaned and tonally regulated. We need to raise around £500,000 to put this cathedral-size organ on a sound footing so that it can provide another 100 years of service to the church and the local community.

Your support will be vital in helping us achieve our goal. A donation to our 'Sponsor a Pipe' appeal will make a real difference. Please have a look at our website www.sponsorapipe.co.uk where you can try out our 'virtual organ console', find lots of useful information on the project including videos, photographs, and recordings, and make a secure online donation. Information leaflets will also be available across the team churches for those who prefer more traditional payment methods. In addition to seeking local donations, we will be applying to major grant awarding bodies for funds. As we come out of lockdown we will be holding events to raise awareness of the project and publicly launch the 'Sponsor a Pipe' appeal. Do get involved and help us save this historic organ.

You can also contact **Alex Fishburn** (Director of Music) or **John McElroy** (Chair, All Saints' Organ Committee) at enquiries@sponsorapipe.co.uk for further information.

* OTHER NOTICES *

NOTICE ABOUT FUNERALS

Funerals can still take place in church, the Church of England guidelines are that no more than 30 people may attend. Bearing this in mind and the limits placed on funerals at the Crematorium (no more than 30 mourners), we ask that you continue to remain at home and light a candle at the time of the funeral as listed on this sheet and say a prayer (please see our website for some prayers you may wish to use). We are offering all families who have lost loved ones at this time a memorial service in the future if they so wish. Please also remember at this difficult time for many, the families and friends who are mourning loved ones, as well as the Funeral Directors who are dealing with arranging funerals under difficult circumstances, and the clergy who are supporting those in mourning.



A CHRISTIAN PASSOVER – THURSDAY APRIL 1st.

Gas Green Baptist Church are holding a Passover meal over Zoom on Maundy Thursday, 1st April, starting at 7.00 pm. Details below: If you would like to take part, please contact Kate by email at admin@northchelt.org.uk and your email will be passed on to Iain for the Zoom link to be sent out to you the day before

On the night before Jesus died he shared the Passover meal with his disciples – a special meal Jewish families still share once a year. The house would be cleaned, the best knives, forks and plates would be used and during the meal the family and guests would tell the story of Exodus again.

It was a traditional time to invite people as guests so that no-one had to celebrate on their own. Tonight we will follow the pattern of the Passover, but tell the story of Jesus, the Lamb of God as well as the Passover. It uses some of the traditional prayers and symbols of a Jewish Passover, tells the story of the Passover but also has some New Testament readings as well.

You will need:

- A copy of the liturgy for everyone
- Wine/Ribena to drink as the service/meal proceeds
- One central candle
- Tea light candles for everyone
- A bowl with water and a towel
- A bowl of parsley
- A bowl with salt water
- Some Matzos (unleavened bread) or any crackers
- A bowl of horseradish
- A bowl of sweet jam –this is called haroset.

Haroset is made using chopped apple, nuts, cinnamon and wine.

Partially peel and chop or finely dice an apple leaving some skin on. Add chopped or ground walnuts or pecans and an equal amount of raisins. Season with cinnamon, honey and a little red sweet wine-or Ribena.

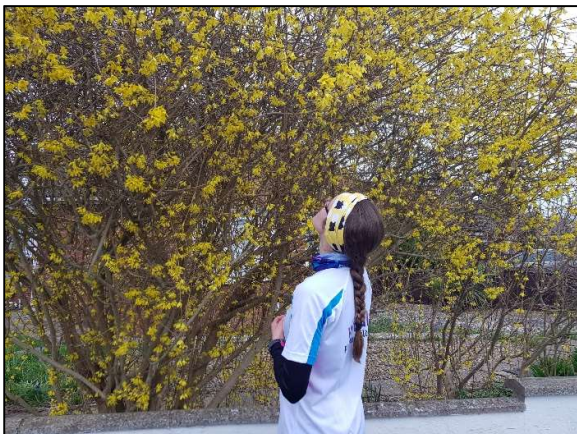
- The main meal – normally Lamb and you can have it any way you choose. Hot with vegetables, in a wrap with some salad or a lamb sandwich. Vegetarians choose their favourite option!
- Suggested that we allow 15 minutes to eat the main meal. Everyone remains unmuted so conversation can flow whilst we eat.
- Suggested start time for the Seder meal is 7pm.
- Invitations to the Zoom meeting for Seder meal will be sent the previous day.

Before the service and meal begin you will need to have all the above items ready to ensure a smooth running once the service/meal starts.

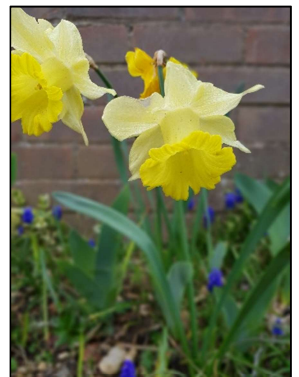
The writing in the liturgy is set out in 3 ways

- ordinary text is read by the named individual;
- **bold text is read by the whole group**
- *italic text are the instructions and don't need to be read out*

If you have any pictures you would like to share with others, to let people know what you are doing during the lockdown, then please send them to news@northchelt.org.uk. Thank you.



When Sophie and I go out running we are really enjoy seeing all the spring flowers and the blossom emerging, signs of new life and hope. **Kate**



Our Lent Journey so far —Week 4 SHELTER – finding security and the beginning of Week 5 WATER

SHELTER: Craft Thursday time! This week we have a way of building a mini shelter/house out of a cereal box. You will need an empty cereal box, scissors, glue, sellotape, colours and a small bowl or a large mug.

Step 1: cut the cereal box open along one fold so you can easily access the brown centre.

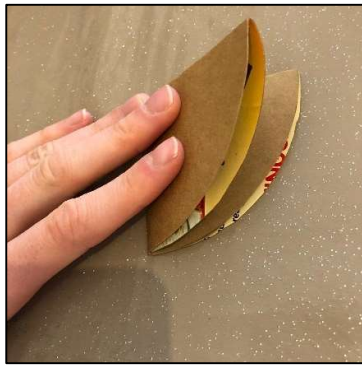
Step 2: draw around the bowl or mug and cut out your circle.



Step 3: fold the circle into halves then into quarters.

Step 4: cut along one folded line to the centre of the circle.

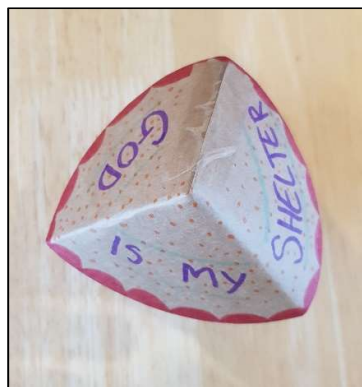
Step 5: overlap two of the quarters and stick together to make a “roof” as shown.



Step 6: cut along the side of the box so you have a long strip of cardboard. Fold in half then open out again and fold the two side straight into the centre (as shown).

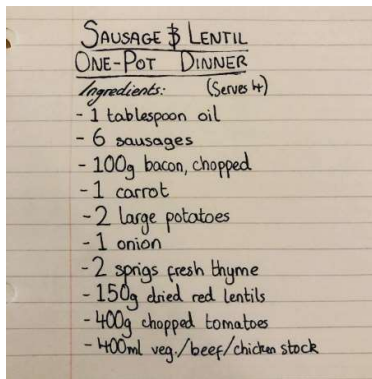
Step 7: again, overlap the two quarters and stick them together with glue to make the “walls”.

Step 8: colour in both the roof and the walls with the design of your choice.

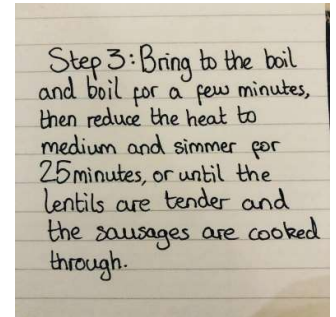
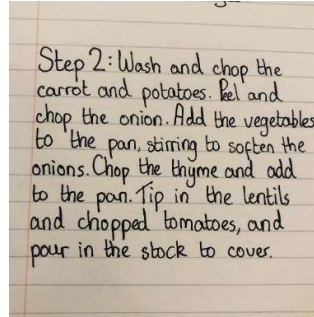
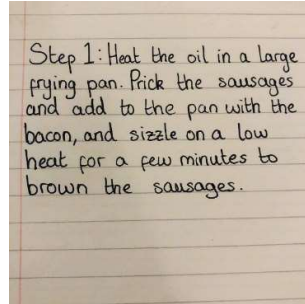


Step 9: stick the roof onto the walls with 3 pieces of tape. Now you have a beautiful miniature shelter as a representation of how God always provides a shelter for you!
#nctmlent21 #lent





SHELTER: Food Friday!! Our theme of shelter and finding security this week led us to thinking about the wonderful feeling that a comforting, home cooked meal can bring. This week's recipe is for a warm and delicious Sausage and Lentil dinner! We hope you enjoy trying it out (recipe by Jack Monroe) #nctmlent21 #lent



SHELTER: Social Saturday! Today for our children (and children at heart) we would like you to build a fort using blankets, cushions, chairs - whatever you can find! (Just check nobody else needs it first) For those who have no need for a fort, we invite you to set up a temporary prayer station for yourself. This can be done by sticking up a few words that keep you focused on prayer, or maybe it's just wrapping yourself in a blanket in your favourite chair.

Whatever it means to you to find the security needed to spend time with God. Send us

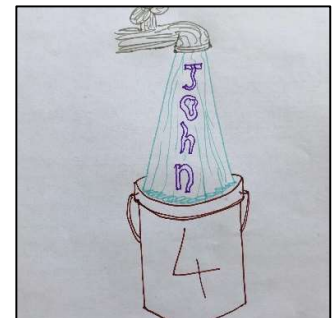
pictures of your creations as we love to share from our congregations! #nctmlent21 #lent



Week 5 WATER

WATER: This is a slightly delayed Sunday reading - we apologise for this being late! This passage is about Jesus being the living water to those who seek him, quenching the thirst of those who take on the living water. Below is John 4:13-14 however feel free to take some time to read the whole of John 4 for yourself:

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." #nctmlent21 #lent



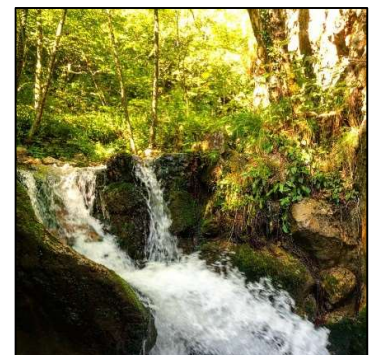
WATER: For Media Monday this week, we would like to show what water made us think of. This photo was taken in the Norwegian Fjords in 2018, and the sheer power and



strength of the water was so overwhelming. Such is the overwhelming and limitless power and love of God. Show us what comes to mind for you when you hear the word water! #nctmlent21 #lent

WATER: This week God is keeping us super busy, and we are very thankful for it. We do apologise that our posts have been a little behind schedule though! For this week's Tune Tuesday we have chosen "Living Water" by Gateway Worship. Feel free to find the whole song to listen to as it really is beautiful, or simply watch our video we have put together and allow the images and melody to wash over you as you spend time with God #nctmlent21 #lent To watch the video please go to <https://www.northchelt.org.uk/lent>

WATER: Wild Wednesday. Our theme this week is water. God provides us with the living water, yet have you noticed how calming and all encompassing the simple, beautiful sound of water can be? Think of waves lapping against the beach, a gentle fountain in a garden or a babbling brook flowing past. Our task for you is to find a waterfall, stream or some type of flowing water, and take some time (at least 1 minute) to stand in silence by the water, listening to the comforting sounds of nature bringing you closer to God in your thoughts #nctmlent21 #lent



The North Cheltenham Team Ministry is following current Church of England advice - which can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Following the Government's announcement on Monday 22nd February, the Church of England are reviewing the Roadmap as to what this means for our churches, so things remain the same at the current time: churches are able to remain open for communal worship. This is provided that any person attending is:

Alone or

part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households (i.e. support bubble)

You must not join any other group or 'mingle' with any person from another group.

If you are in an 'at-risk' category for COVID-19 the Government advice is to stay at home as much as possible and observe social distancing guidance. Please bear this in mind before attending services at our churches. We do have online services every Sunday at either 9.30 am or 10.30 am, followed by virtual coffee on Zoom. We also have some evening prayer services online on a Tuesday at 6.30 pm, Wednesday at 8.30 pm and Thursday at 6.30 pm. If you would like to attend Church when there are fewer people, then please note we are open for Individual Private Prayer as listed further down this page.

With the lockdown in place, a reminder that people should attend only their local churches, however, we look forward to welcoming visitors from further afield once the lock-down restrictions are eased.

Another reminder that any volunteers at our services should not present themselves for duty if they are in the 'at-risk' category.

Please follow all guidance that is in place to keep you and others safe.

When you do attend for our Sunday services, please wear a face mask **BEFORE** entering the church, and keep this on for the duration of your time in Church. (A mandatory requirement as set out by the Government since the 8th August 2020. Part of the new rules, including the 'Rule of 6' introduced on Monday 14th September 2020 is that they are backed up in law, and breaking of the rules can now result in a scale of increasing fines, and even imprisonment.). A document will be available on our website from the Church of England, and also in our churches, regarding the wearing of face masks and who is exempt. This includes the clergy while they are taking a service, provided they are able to keep the 2 metre distance from you (therefore a mask will be worn by the clergy when they offer communion). Information regarding the wearing of face masks in Church. You will only be able to attend a service as a household/support bubble following the 'Rule of 6'. There should be no mixing or 'mingling' between 'bubbles' while attending these services.

When you enter, please use the hand sanitiser available for your use.

Once in the Church, please sit where you are directed, either by the Sidespeople, or by the location of the service sheets, which have already been set out, keeping to the required social distance. Please **DO NOT** pick up the service sheets and move to another seat or place in the pews.

Before we were able to open our churches, the Clergy Team and Wardens spent a lot of time going through the guidelines and creating risk assessments to enable us to do so (as required by the Church of England and the Government).

We want to be able to keep our Churches open for private prayer and worship, and can only do this with your co-operation in following these guidelines.

There are new guidelines for places of worship that have been issued by the Government this week, which the Church of England are going through to amend their existing guidelines on their website, and any changes that are made will be implemented in the coming days as we receive them.

Thank you for your continued support in enabling us to offer private prayer and services.

We are endeavouring to keep in contact with you all through various platforms and by offering online services and prayers.

Please keep checking our website: www.northchelt.org.uk

For further information, please email admin@northchelt.org.uk or

call 01242 244373 and leave a message and this will be picked up

PRAYER LISTS AT ALL CHURCHES

If you would like to be prayed for by name on the service sheet, or know of someone who would like to be prayed for, or needs to be prayed for, please contact Kate at the office, either by email, admin@northchelt.org.uk or by telephone on 01242 244373. You can of course, speak to any of the clergy or wardens at your church who will contact Kate on your behalf. We only ever put someone's first name on the prayer list, Any names added to the prayer list will then remain on the list for a period of three months. After that time the name will be removed, UNLESS you have contacted Kate or a member of clergy to ask to stay on for another three month period.

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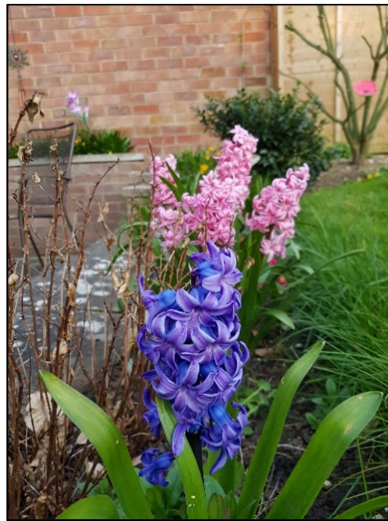
The office is open: **Monday to Friday: 9.00 am – 12.00 noon**

☎ 244373 Email: admin@northchelt.org.uk

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 1200 EACH WEDNESDAY

This news sheet is available electronically. To sign up to receive it by email, please go to: www.northchelt.org.uk/news

Baptisms (Christenings) & Weddings may be arranged at the Team Office on 01242 244373 (opening hours as above) – alternative number at the current time: 01242 244877



More pictures of the hyacinths in my garden, along with the pansies at front of my house. The purple flowers to the left were a Mothering Sunday present from my niece. The sunset below was taken from the top of Noverton Lane this week during a walk. **Kate**



THIS WEEK'S DIARY DATES

(available on our website also) <https://www.northchelt.org.uk/aboutus/calendar>

MONDAY 29th MARCH

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer
1930 Stations of the Cross – online
NO ONLINE BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

Monday of Holy Week

St Mary's
Online

TUESDAY 30th MARCH

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer
1830 Evening Prayer with Father Robert
2000 Alpha Online – for more information contact Revd Tom Cook
tom.cook@northchelt.org.uk Tel: 07539 551398

Tuesday of Holy Week

St Mary's
Online
Zoom

WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer
1000-1200 Church open for Individual Private Prayer
1400-1600 Church open for Individual Private Prayer
2030 Evening Prayer with a Celtic Flavour with Rev Mary Bowden

Wednesday of Holy Week

St Mary's
St Lawrence
All Saints
Online

THURSDAY 1st APRIL

0900-1300 Church open for Private Prayer
1030 Service of the Word
1115 Service of the Word
NO ONLINE EVENING PRAYER
1930 Mass and Watch at the Altar of Repose (streamed live)
2100 Watch at the Altar of Repose (streamed live)
2100 Watch at the Altar of Repose

MAUNDY THURSDAY

St Mary's
St Mary's
All Saints
All Saints
St Nicolas
St Mary's

FRIDAY 2nd APRIL

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer
1030 Service at the Cross
1030 Good Friday Reflection (streamed live)
1200 Good Friday Meditation
1400 Celebration of the Lord's Passion
1400 Good Friday Liturgy

GOOD FRIDAY

St Mary's
St Mary Magdalene
St Nicolas
St Lawrence
St Mary's
All Saints

SATURDAY 3rd APRIL

0900-1300 Church open for Individual Private Prayer
1000-1200 Church open for Individual Private Prayer
2000 Paschal Liturgy and First Mass of Easter (streamed live)
2100 Paschal Liturgy and First Eucharist of Easter

HOLY SATURDAY

St Mary's
All Saints
All Saints
St Mary's

SUNDAY 4th APRIL

Online services

0930 Eucharist, streamed live from St Nicolas
1030 Mass, streamed live from All Saints
1630 Celebrate! Online via Zoom

Online
Online
Zoom

Services in our churches:

0600 Dawn Celtic Communion
0800 Mass
0800 Eucharist
0915 Holy Communion
0930 Eucharist – streamed live
1030 Mass – streamed live
1045 Holy Communion
1100 Eucharist
1630 Celebrate! Online via Zoom
1830 Holy Communion
1830 Evening Prayer
1830 Evening Service

St Mary's Churchyard
All Saints
St Mary's
St Lawrence
St Nicolas
All Saints
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary's
Online
St Lawrence
St Mary's
All Saints