

Churchwardens' Chat

A very warm welcome to our worship, especially if you are here for the first time. It is a joy to have Bishop Ian and Sue with us this morning to lead us.

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, which is the most important week of the church's year when we follow in Our Lord's footsteps as He goes to the cross. Do try to join us for at least some of the many services (listed over) to be held this week. To leave the church today and not return until Easter Day is to miss out on what lies at the heart of our faith.

5pm Evening Prayer with hymns:

Tonight Fr Christopher will give a meditation on *The Deposition of Christ from the Cross* by Peter Paul Rubens. Psalm 69: 1–20, NEH 92, 95, 99
Readings: Isaiah 52: 13 – 53:12, Mark 15: 42–47,

The deadline for applications for the post of the **Abbey's new Vicar** was last Friday. The next stage is shortlisting the applications. Please pray for those tasked with this important step; in particular, we pray for our two Parish Reps Jim and Isabel that they have the wisdom and strength they need.

Please pray for Lynn Chapman, former Churchwarden of the Abbey, who is to be instituted as Vicar of Hethersett on Wednesday 3rd April.

Church Cleaning Day – Saturday 30 March from 9am to 1pm. All welcome.

Tombola prizes still needed for the **Abbey's Spring Fair on Saturday 6 April.**

At our last fair the tombola was so popular we ran out of prizes so, if you can find more unwanted gifts, bottles etc they would be most welcome. Please deliver to the welcome desk.

The **Abbey Duck Race** is on **Bank Holiday Monday 6 May.**

Please volunteer to help on the day. More details from Hayley pa@wymondhamabbey.org.uk or Robert Culyer.

Electoral Roll. If you live in this parish or have been worshipping with us for six months you might like to apply to be on the Roll. Green forms are at the Welcome Desk. Please seal and return to me via the 'R' pigeonhole.

A list of names of all on the Roll will be available from Easter Day for everyone to check prior to the APCM on Sat 20 April 2024. *Barbara Randall, Electoral Roll Officer.*

Wymondham Abbey ❖ 24 March 2024 ❖ Sung Eucharist

Palm Sunday

The hymns, readings and prayers for the day:

Hymn	NEH	509	All glory laud and honour	St Theodulph
Introit			Hosanna to the son of David -	Weelkes
Hymn	NEH	511	Ride on, ride on in majesty	Winchester New
Hymn	NEH	86	My song is love unknown	Love Unknown
Setting			Mass of St Thomas	Thorne
Anthem			When the Lord Jesus entered	George Malcolm
Hymn	NEH	93	Were you there?	American spiritual
Hymn	NEH	76	Take up thy Cross	Breslau
Voluntary			Toccatto on 'Breslau'	Brian Solomons

The 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**

The first reading: Isaiah 50: 4–9a

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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 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.

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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; he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
 Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
 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.

The Passion Gospel

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**

This week we pray especially for:

The sick: Geoffrey Dorling, Shirley Foulsham Catherine Mack,
 Julia Parker, Allan Pointer, Roy Pulsford

Recently departed: Ann Elliot and Jill Mitton

Years Mind: Geraldine Greenhill, Arthur Sturman, Howard Thomas,
 Patricia Wright

All who have lost loved ones.

Thank you to all on the **Parish Giving Scheme** (PGS) for your regular giving.
 We do not have a service offertory, so if you are not on the scheme you
 can offer cash or card donations at any of the giving stations.
 You can support the Abbey at www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk/giving
 Thank you.

Pastoral visits:

If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let
 Fr Christopher know: canon@wymondhamabbey.org.uk
 Tel: 01953 605671 (office) Mobile: 07543 593903 (direct)

Holy Week at Wymondham Abbey

Mon	9.30am	Eucharist for student Pilgrims to Walsingham (Wensum Leg)
25 March	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Holy Eucharist and Address
	12pm	Funeral of Ann Elliot
	3pm	Evening Prayer
Tue	10am	Morning Prayer
26 March	10.30am	Holy Eucharist and Address
	3pm	Evening Prayer
Wed	10am	Morning Prayer
27 March	10.30am	Holy Eucharist and Address
	10.30am	Crochet and Conversation
	3pm	Evening Prayer
Maundy	7.45am	Eucharist for student Pilgrims to Walsingham (Essex Leg)
Thursday	10am	Morning Prayer
28 March	10.30am	Holy Eucharist and Address
	3pm	Evening Prayer
	6pm	Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper with foot washing and stripping of altars followed by the Watch before the Blessed Sacrament
Good	10am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness 10am from the Meth. Church
Friday	12pm	Stations of the Cross followed by soup lunch
29 March	2pm	The Liturgy
Holy Sat.	6pm	The Liturgy followed by sparkling wine and nibbles
30 March		
Easter Day	9.am	Eucharist of the Dawn
31 March	10.30am	Sung Eucharist, Procession and Sermon
	5pm	Solemn Evensong , Address and Benediction
Bank Hol.		No services today
Mon 1 April		The church is open to visitors 10 – 4pm

Holy Trinity Spooner Row

Good	2pm	Service for Good Friday
Friday		
Easter Day	11am	Holy Communion