

Notices:

1. Please note that this evening's service is not Choral Evensong, but Evening Prayer.
2. We would be very grateful if any member of the congregation who has access to a willing donkey or Shetland pony that might be able to take a key role in our Palm Sunday Procession on the 14th April could let us know. Please contact Laurence on: 525455 or Johnny in the office on: 511745
3. On Palm Sunday evening we will have a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion in place of the evening service, for which we're delighted to welcome back Stephen Pritchard as soloist. Choir and congregation both have an important part to play in some of the most rousing and moving church music of the Anglican repertoire. Contact Rupert Preston Bell rupertpbell@gmail.com if you would like to be in the choir.
4. 'Light' emerges as a theme in the April edition of the Parish Magazine which is available at the back of the church.

Lent Course 2019

Exploring the Eucharist

Also known as Holy Communion,
The Lord's Supper or Mass.

This year's Lent course will consider the presence and purpose of the Eucharist within the worshipping life of the church.

Should the Eucharist be the pattern of all Christian worship?

Can the Eucharist transform our relationship with God?

Is the whole of life sacramental?

Sessions have started and the next one is Saturday 6th April at 12noon - 1:30pm in the church. All welcome

We would like to encourage people to bring a packed lunch or something to share with others. Tea and coffee will be available.

This Week:

Monday 1st April:

Baptism Enquiries

Tuesday 2nd April:

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 3rd April:

11.30am Holy Communion(BCP)

Friday 5th April:

1pm Prayers in the Church

Saturday 6th April:

12 - 1.30pm Lent Course in the Church



**King Charles the Martyr
Tunbridge Wells**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday
31st March 2019**

Today's Services:

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

10am: Parish Communion (CW)

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

Deacon: The Revd Canon Sarah Partridge

Preacher: The Revd Laurence Powell

Hymns:

2: Christ whose glory fills the skies

313: For Mary mother of our Lord

587: Amazing grace

589: Angel voices ever singing

6.30pm: Evening Prayer(BCP)

President: Mr Paul Clark

Please join us in the Hall after the 10am Service for refreshments

Next Week's Services:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Claire Allwood

10am: Family Service

Presidents: The Revd Laurence Powell and
The Revd Claire Allwood

6.30pm: Holy Communion(CW)

President: The Revd Laurence Powell

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The Collect

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of
those sins which by our frailty we have
committed; grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and
Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading: Joshua 5. 9-12

⁹ The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5. 16-end

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15. 1-3, 11b-end

¹ Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³ So he told them this parable:
¹¹ Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.'

¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²² But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹ Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

Parish Electoral Roll and Contact List Renewal

The six year renewal of the Electoral Roll and the two year renewal of the contact information for the Parish contact list is now due.

Forms are available at the back of the Church, each form is for single use only.

We are asking for application forms to be completed by **THIS Sunday 31st March 2019**.
Forms can then be posted in the box available at the back of the church.

Charity Collection for March

Missionary Aviation Fellowship

Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church