

1st April 2018
Easter Sunday
10.00am Holy Communion

President: Revd Sr Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.,
Preacher: Ven. Simon Gates

Readings: Acts 10:34–43 NT page 126
1 Corinthians 15:1–11 NT page 172
John 20:1–18 NT page 111



Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,
“Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. (Mark 11: 9-11 NIV)

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25th March 2018

Palm Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Ven. Simon Gates, Archdeacon of Lambeth
Deacon: Eileen Ross

Readings: **Liturgy of the Palms~**

Mark 11:1–11 NT page 45

Liturgy of the Passion

Philippians 2:5–11 NT page 194

Mark 15:1–39, NT page 51 (various voices)

~ 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**

Holy Week

We come to the week where we celebrate the centre of our faith, in Jesus' suffering, his death and triumph over death. We begin by being confronted with the painful reality of death with Susan England's funeral. We will grieve, yes, but in the light of the hope of the resurrection. We are not holding our usual reflections at the beginning of the week, though the Immanuel Prays! prayer group will meet on the Tuesday (see opposite). The Archdeacon would like to invite all to join him with the beautiful services at the end of the week:

- **Maundy Thursday ~ We remember Jesus at the Last Supper, we will have our feet washed and watch with him in the garden.** Beginning at 8.00pm, please come ready to have a foot washed (i.e. wear socks not tights!)
- **Good Friday ~** there are two events offered ~ The **Love Streatham, Good Friday Celebration** ~ on Streatham Green at 11.00 am and the traditional **Hour Watch** at Immanuel at 2.00 pm
- **Easter Sunday ~ Celebration of Holy Communion with Admission to Communion** (Iris Payne) at 10.00 am

Susan England

Susan's funeral is tomorrow: Monday 26th March at 4.00pm, South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, London SW16 5JG,

Followed by: A celebration of Susan's life from:5.00 In the church hall. There will be food and drink, but feel free to bring more of either. (for catering purposes if you are making food or drink contributions please contact Caroline Hewitt)

The family will take care of flowers, just so we are not overwhelmed. Instead if you would like to you could contribute to the Just Giving page that John set up a few weeks ago when he shaved his head to raise money for Cancer Research, and which is now dedicated to Susan's memory.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/johns-giving-page-111>

Prayer Pointers

- Pray for those sharing in the ministry and worship at Immanuel during the Parish Renewal Pilot giving thanks for the support we are being given, particularly as we celebrate Easter
~ **Knowing Jesus ~ Making Him known.**
- Pray for all involved with our school. For Richard Johnston, our new foundation governor, and for the election of a parent governor. Pray that we can be representational of the community our school serves. Pray for all families awaiting primary school allocations.
- Continue to give thanks for the lives of Susan England, & Mrs England senior, Sarah Jennifer Green (Penny Bramwell's sister), Jim (Silburn) McLean, Granville Brown (Lorraine Thomas's father), Earl Lynch (Joyce Lynch's Father-in-Law), praying for Chris, Penny, Hannah, Lorraine, & Joyce and their families at this sad time. Pray too for Angie Grant and for James mourning the death of his father who's funeral was last Thursday.

Immanuel Prays!

Future meetings, at 7.30pm in the Chapel (all welcome!):

Tuesday 27th March

Monday 9th April

Wednesday 18th April

Monday 23rd April

(No meeting in the week after Easter.)

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Please give generously in support of the charities chosen for this year's appeal. Details are on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Love Streatham invite you to a Good Friday Celebration.

(Friday 30 March)

Join local churches for an open air Good Friday Service at 11 a.m. on Streatham Green. Theme "What is Good about Good Friday?" Observed through Music, Youth Drama, Face Painting and Free Hot Cross Buns!

Ministry Musings ~ Palm Sunday

Over eight years ago a colleague gave me a prayer picture for Immanuel & St. Andrew, it was just one verse in John ~

"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."
John 12: 24 NIV

which we heard in last weeks Gospel and sermon for Passion Sunday. Little did I perceive that it would be eight years before God had prepared us, bringing us to a place where we would recognise that we had bandaged historical wounds and disappointments, tried to work in our own strength to survive and, that we would be brought to the place where we could admit that yet another sticking plaster simply would not do! That is not an easy place to reach ~ as we have discovered ~ but by God's grace we have got there and now God can work His purpose out in us.

God is working His purpose out was Susan England's favourite hymn and will be sung at her funeral. It is based on a verse in Habakkuk

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. "
Habakkuk 2:14 NIV

and referenced in Philippians

"... for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose."
Philippians 2:13 NIV

We are blessed that as we learn afresh to walk with God we have the resources of the Parish Renewal Pilot to challenge and assist us ~ and what a time in the church year to start!

Palm Sunday ~ the people crowded round ~ praised God as they glimpsed His presence and went home! They watched in horror as the week unfolded, watched our Lord be obedient to the Father, watched the authorities engineer Jesus' death, watched without understanding. And then ... God revealed His purpose and invited a response! What is our response ~ to go home after Palm Sunday or journey on through Easter and really begin **"knowing Jesus ~ making Him known"**?

Parish Renewal Pilot

In experiencing different ways to worship as part of our parish renewal we will encounter things that we find valuable and things that we do not. We need to share how we receive what we are offered so that we can grow and celebrate together and achieve ways of praising and thanking God that strengthen us as a whole as the body of Christ in this place. Exciting opportunities but they will contain challenge week by week. We need to be aware of some of the tweaks and changes that will happen during this time and the impact they will have if we do not get our communication right!

NOTICES ~ It has been observed that our notice giving can become lengthy and disrupt the worship that precedes them, which is not helpful! So the way we give notices is going to be contained. From now on the notices will be given by the priest or deacon with any that need highlighting from Open Door and the publishing of Banns when they occur. Members of the congregation **will not** be invited up to give notices as has become our custom.

If you have a notice that needs to go in Open Door please email it through to the office and David Gray (and until Easter Sunday Elizabeth) as close to the beginning of the week as is possible so that Open Door can be type set to get everything in! Open Door currently goes to print on Friday each week but that is too late for Kirsty to insert last minute requests. (Arrangements will be published for when David is not available)

If you have a last minute notice then please print it out (or write it legibly) and hand it to whoever is leading worship on Sunday morning. Please do this before the worship begins and do not hand it to a deputy warden to get to them during the Service!

Many thanks

Elizabeth