

Welcome to our service

10th April—Palm Sunday

9.30am Prayer Meeting in Revive

10.30am Morning Worship with Kids' Groups. Lead: Jill, Preach: Richard
Luke 19:28-44 (pg. 1054 in pew Bibles)

7pm Prayer Meeting for Ukraine in Revive

Cloak Sunday?

Palm Sunday. Loved by generations of Sunday school children and smug local owners of donkeys who get to provide an extra for the village church service, not seen since the nativity service last December.

Only John's Gospel actually mentions the Palm branches cut from trees, used to carpet Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Matthew and Mark simply refer to branches, while Luke omits any reference to branches of any sort. If we relied on Luke's account alone we might be celebrating 'Cloak Sunday'.

The crowd entering Jerusalem for the Passover with Jesus was made up of pilgrims from 'up north' – Galileans heading to the capital for the festival. These were people happy to welcome and celebrate Jesus as the coming king as they walked towards Jerusalem.

Yet they were strangely silent a few days later when the local mob, working under the direction of the ruling elite, shouted "crucify!" Perhaps fear of the Jewish religious leaders and the Roman response to proclaiming a new king overcame their celebratory mood and silenced their Messianic claims. It's easy to join the throng, praising the long-awaited Messiah and even lay your cloak at His feet when the world is doing the same. When that public recognition and praise puts you at risk, that's a different story, so the Palm Sunday crowd were nowhere to be seen or heard on that first Good Friday.

Today, it is easy to welcome and celebrate Jesus behind church walls when the crowd shares our view. Genuine disciples, however, are the ones who continue to publicly celebrate Him even when the masses take a very different view. **Jason**

Notices

Covid Measures during services:

- **every pew on the left of the main aisle may be used** and wearing masks is not required during services. Please be sensitive to those who would still like to keep a degree of social distancing.
- **every other pew on the right side of the main aisle is still to be left unoccupied** (as marked) for social distancing purposes and masks are required.

We are meeting again this **Sunday evening in Revive** for an hour from 7pm to **pray for Ukraine**. Please come and join us to intercede for this terrible situation. Jason.

Good Friday Family Fun. We are running a joint Edge & St. James' Good Friday event at 4pm in the large hall. There will be crafts, fish finger sandwiches, an egg hunt and, of course, the real meaning of Easter. Tickets are £1 per person to help cover costs and need to be bought by Tuesday 12th April. If you'd like tickets give Amy or Vickie a shout (see newssheet back page). If you'd be willing to help out let us know too! It would be great to see families there!

At our next Annual Meeting Calvin will be stepping down as our only Churchwarden. We are in need of one or two people who are willing to step up and serve in this important role. Churchwardens are the senior lay people in a local church, playing a key role of the PCC and working alongside the vicar. Please speak to Calvin or Jason to find out more.

Electoral Roll update. if you are a member of St James and are not currently on the list please fill out an Electoral Roll form from table at the back of church. A list of the current roll is shown to the left of the church door. Please pass completed forms to Averil Tate. The electoral Roll is a list of all worshipping members of the church.



Celebrating Thy Kingdom Come/Pentecost/Queen's Jubilee

These three events all coincide over the weekend of 3rd-5th June this year. We would like to celebrate them together as a Church Family, where we can all share the unique and special celebrations. We hope to have prayer stations in Church, a Sunday Morning Family style service and follow it with a Jubilee style family picnic in the church grounds . Please reserve the date if you haven't made other plans, let us know if you intend to come and if you can help in any way. More details to follow.... For more information contact Margaret Hunt

Sundays Ahead

17th April – Easter Day

10.30am Family Communion. Lead: Simon, Preach: Jason. *Luke 24:1-35*

24th April

10.30am Morning Worship with Ka-boom! Lead: Margaret, Preach: Jill. *Luke 24:36-49*

Advance Notices

Good Friday

10am Morning Worship at St James' 11.30am Walk of Witness from Portholme Church

12noon Ecumenical Service outside Selby Abbey

4pm St James' & Edge Family Fun in the Standering Hall

27th April – 7.30pm Church Annual meeting in the church building'

If you wish to give to St James' Church on a regular basis, it is easy to do via: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>

The Week Ahead

Monday	9am	Staff Prayer Meeting in the Parish Office
	10-11.30am	Martha's House in Revive
Wednesday	9.30am	Table Tennis in the large Hall
	7.30pm	Churches Together Lent Course on zoom (see notice)
Friday	10am	Morning Worship. Lead: Jason, Preach: Margaret.
	11.30am	Churches Together service at Portholme Church
	12 noon	Ecumenical Service outside Selby Abbey
	4pm	St James' & Edge Family Fun in the Standering Hall
Saturday		Jason's Day Off

News sheet Production: Please send notices for the next issue to the parish office by 9.30am on **Thursday** morning. newsheet.stjames@gmail.com

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Please pray for:

John Ryan as he continues with treatment.

Averil Tate that her broken ankle continues to heal.

Church Army for the people they are working with that they may see and experience Jesus' love for them and accept Him as Lord and Saviour.

For the **Ecumenical outreach** in the town this week.

For the many people suffering from Covid.

For peace in Ukraine.