



# All Saints *focus*

27<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Palm Sunday

**Simple - Gentle - Connected**

## Reflection from Lizzy

The week ahead is Holy Week, a week where we journey with Jesus towards the cross. We begin with Palm Sunday, cheering Jesus on as he arrives in Jerusalem and then get glimpses throughout the week into Jesus' interactions with individuals, small groups and the authorities. It's such a familiar story and yet one that strikes me differently every year. I wonder how you are feeling as we approach this season this year. It is a season where we focus on sacrifice, suffering, and the love of God. I wonder how those themes feel for you a year after the first lockdown began. This week, may we walk slowly with Jesus, pausing and reflecting with him and taking the time to meet him again. May we experience the wonder of our suffering God present in our own suffering. May we encounter more deeply the beauty of the love of Christ, shown most perfectly on the cross. *Lizzy*



## Services

10am. Remember to bring your palm cross to the service; Allison leads and Colin preaches. Peter Palm the puppet reports and Adi shares his "This Time Tomorrow".

The link for the service is [https://youtu.be/IIIQ5nto\\_IQ](https://youtu.be/IIIQ5nto_IQ)

6pm The link for evening prayer this week is: <https://youtu.be/LbYH5a9V3-M>

Have you spotted our new church logo?

We had a wonderful response to our competition and are delighted to announce that the PCC chose Abby Clarke's design. Congratulations Abby!



## Update on Services

The PCC have decided to welcome congregations back into the church building from Sunday 18th April. The pattern of services in the building will then be as follows:

18th April: 8am 1662 Holy Communion

25th April: 6pm Celtic Prayer

2nd May: 8am 1662 Holy Communion

9th May: 6pm Holy Communion

The 10am service will remain online only, and we intend to livestream the services where there is a congregation present as well.

Please be aware that we will continue to have social distancing measures in place for congregations in the building including requiring you to wear a face covering over your nose and mouth, share your track and trace information on arrival, and keep your distance from other members of the congregation.

## APCM

Our annual meeting is on Sunday 18th April with reports during the 10am service and the meeting itself held on Zoom at 11am. Please put the date in your diary and look out for more information.

Our lovely church family member, Mostafa, has recently been moved from the Coventry Hill Hotel into a house. It is clean and has the basic things he needs but to make it more comfortable and to make it more like home it would be great if he could have the following:

A chair to relax in, a chest of drawers, a mirror, a tv (he won't watch tv but it will be good for DVD's) and a cabinet or stand for it to sit on, a nice and modern floor or table lamp

Mostafa has a really bad back (damaged during his journey to this country) and can't use the very soft bed in the room. If anyone has a firm mattress he could put on the floor then that would be great!

A spare laptop would really help with his English studies, rather than doing lessons on his phone, when he starts.

If you have any of these items then please contact Kasra on 07549 985801 or Becky on 07847 896802



Caleb's ambulance

## Lego Lent Challenge

Well done to everyone who has been taking part...

From the photo's some of you have sent in, it looks like you are having fun taking part and hopefully learning a little about parts of the Easter story you may not have thought about before. Keep going during Holy Week, you awesome Lego Builders there are six more challenges to complete...

If anyone wants to take part but is not on facebook please get in touch with Lesley: [allesleychildrenswork@outlook.com](mailto:allesleychildrenswork@outlook.com) Mobile: 07832962894



#day 2- Lewis working on his grand entrance #2 →

← #day 8 - Bella's container that can hold water



This weekend is your last chance to engage with the #connect with nature #beetrail in the Church yard as it will be taken down on Monday.

This will be replaced with a new trail for everyone, whatever your age to engage with... Highlighting key events in Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to the Easter Day each poster has a wondering question and a simple idea to consider as you wander through the church yard on your daily walk...

From **Good Friday and over the Easter week** there will be a second Muddy Church trail to follow with activities for families to get involved in including an I spy Easter Egg activity...

And on **Good Friday morning from 10 to 12** Lizzy and I will be in the churchyard with Easter garden bags and a few other Easter goodies to give away to families.

## Holy Week Information

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7:30pm** there will be a service of prayer and reflection on facebook and youtube.

The links are:

Monday: <https://youtu.be/DpBczeXEC2E>

Tuesday: <https://youtu.be/c1zuLoMP6NY>

Wednesday: <https://youtu.be/wmNss7vmxps>

**Maundy Thursday** we have a Zoom service (the link is on Saturday's email or contact Alison) where we will be sharing bread and wine together. It would be really helpful if you are planning to join this service to have with you:

- bread
- wine (or alternative)
- a candle
- a small bowl of water
- a towel

**Good Friday** we have a service of reflection and meditation from 12-3pm. The link is: <https://youtu.be/1Z9DiRVhZu4>

**Holy Saturday** Please do come and make use of the space in the church between 9am and 12pm for private prayer. There will be a station to light candles either in memory of a loved one or as an act of prayer if that is something you would find helpful. There will be a service to remember our loved ones at 3pm and the link will be available for this next week.

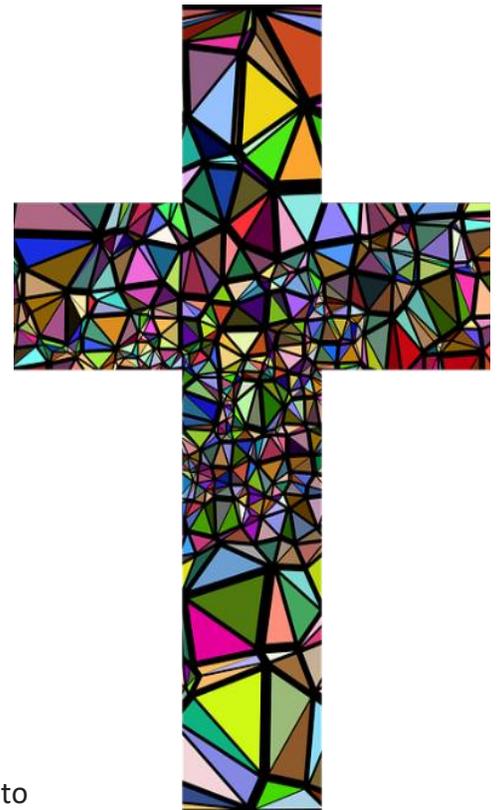
**Easter Sunday** 6am dawn Holy Communion (booking essential by Sunday 29th March) and family service online at 10am (the link will be available next week).

## Easter Sunday Dawn Holy Communion

The deadline for booking to come along to the Easter Sunday Dawn Holy Communion service is Sunday 29th March. You will need to book by this date to be able to attend, as we need to know who will be coming to put the appropriate social distancing measures in place. To book please contact Alison.

## Reflective Space in the Churchyard this Lent

Now until Easter Sunday there will be a space in the churchyard for us to reflect on the last year, particularly on those things we have missed, the people we have lost and to be honest with God about our struggles. We will be building a cairn with stones you can write on if you would like as part of your reflection. Do come along and make some time to meet with God.



## Everyday Faith: Workshops

The diocesan Serving Christ team have a series of workshops for you on the theme of everyday faith, where there will be space to explore how we can live out our faith and impact the world around us because of it. For more information and to book please follow this link: <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/info-for-parishes/equip/everyday-faith/>

## Prayer

Lizzy leads night prayer on a Tuesday night at 9.15pm live on facebook and then uploads to our youtube channel.

Our next Monday Prayer meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm on zoom.

### Can you help with our live streamed services?

We are looking to start a rota of people to work the laptop, sound desk and live streaming equipment for our services in church and wondered if you can help. Would you be willing to learn a new skill or offer your current skills to support our worship in this way? If you can, please contact Di.

### Electoral Roll

Our updated Electoral Roll is now on our website under "important documents".

### Rota for Church Services

Calling stewards, readers & intercessors for 8am & 6pm services!

I'm currently working on rotas for these tasks for services from 11<sup>th</sup> April to end of July.

It would be great to have more people joining the rota so if you'd like to contribute in this way regularly or just occasionally, please phone me asap on 02476 679592.

Thanks, Judith

### Foodbank & Coventry Hill Hotel

On Friday mornings (10-11.30am) there will be a box outside the church porch to receive Foodbank donations & toiletries ONLY (no clothing or other items please) for our neighbours in the hotel.

### Sunday 11th April

This week we will be joining in the diocesan service for the week after Easter. Please note there will be no Zoom coffee on this date

### Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> March

Monday: 7.30pm Holy Week Service (YouTube & Facebook)  
Tuesday: 7.30pm Holy Week Service (YouTube & Facebook)  
9.15pm Night Prayer live on Facebook  
Wednesday: 7.30pm Boulder Gang on zoom  
7.30pm Holy Week Service (YouTube & Facebook)  
Thursday: 7.30pm Zoom Agape Service  
Friday: 10-11.30am Foodbank Collection  
Churchyard Trail  
12-3.00pm Good Friday Service (YouTube & Facebook)  
Saturday: 9-12 noon Private Prayer in Church  
10.00am Mainly Music on zoom  
3.00pm Service for Bereaved (YouTube & Facebook)  
Sunday: 10.00am Service (YouTube & Facebook)  
11.00am Zoom Coffee

### Seeking the Kingdom discipleship sessions

After Easter we head into a season where we focus particularly on discipleship as we live as followers of the resurrected Christ. Between Easter and Ascension day (the beginning of Thy Kingdom Come) we will be offering sessions on a Wednesday night to spend time seeking and exploring the Kingdom of God together. Please see the attached image for more information.

### From the Pastoral Team

Do you know someone who would like to receive a card of support and encouragement from church? Please email/call Alison with their details.

### Keeping Connected

Did you know that we have a church WhatsApp Group and a private Facebook group. It's a great place to encourage one another and to ask for prayer. If you could like to be added to either or both, please contact Alison.



Useful information

Find us on: [www.facebook.com/allsaintsallesley](http://www.facebook.com/allsaintsallesley) [www.allesley-church.org.uk](http://www.allesley-church.org.uk) YouTube: All Saints Allesley

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