



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Palm Sunday**

**In Memory:** Michael Dow, Edith Mortimore, Penelope Kittow, David Day and Rita Day.

**Points for Prayer.** We hold in prayer the ongoing conflict in Ukraine praying for peace. We particularly pray for those families who are facing separation due to the conflict.

**Lent Course 2022: 'Surprised by Generosity'** This weeks theme is 'Always Easter'. This is our last session Come and see what it is all about 5pm Sunday evening St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen.

**Over 200 Offers of Homes for Ukraine** Thank you to everyone who has filled in the online expression of interest form offering accommodation to refugees from Ukraine. Around 220 people have filled it out so far. The Diocese of Exeter is working with the charity Citizens UK <https://www.citizensuk.org/> to act as a key sponsor in Devon to co-ordinate providing homes for Ukrainian refugees and help ensure ongoing community support. Citizens UK is linked to the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. Work is now underway with aid agencies in Poland to identify Ukrainians who would like to travel to the UK. The Diocese of Exeter will then be working to match up refugees with householders in Devon.

**Exeter Diocese has set up a donations page to pay for the transport costs for Ukrainian refugees to travel to Devon.** You can find out more and donate by clicking the link below. Or search for Exeter Diocese Ukraine Appeal at [givealittle.co.uk](http://givealittle.co.uk) <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/2d2a1971-a8af-4500-a701-57eff0308c24>

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. Children's Easter Garden Walk and Build.** Meet by the main gate at St Mary the Virgin, Denbury. All welcome.

**Cream Teas in Denbury on Easter Monday 18th April,** 3 to 5pm at Church Cottage, Denbury.

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Readings	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Acts 10:34-43
Psalm	31:9-16	118:1-2, 14-24
2nd Reading	Philippians 2:5-11	1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel	Luke 22: 14-End	John 20:1-18
<b>Readings for the week ahead:</b>		
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	John 12:1-11	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	John 12:20-36	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> John 18:1-End of 19
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	John 13:21-32	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> John 19:38-End

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## Today's Sunday Services

10.00 am	Procession, Dramatised Reading of the Passion and Holy Communion – Mission Community Service	- Starting at Village Hall, Broadhempston
4.00 pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
5.00 pm	Lent Course 'Surprised by Generosity'	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

## Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.15 am	- Online Via Zoom (for the zoom password email <a href="mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com">rev.andrewdown@gmail.com</a> )
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (A time of silent prayer and meditation)

## Reflection

All our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week from approximately 9am to 5pm each day.

## Mid-Week – Holy Week

Church Office Closed for Annual Leave Mon to Thurs – Back on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	7 pm	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tuesday	7 pm	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	10.30am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	7 pm	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

## Maundy Thursday

5.30 pm	Holy Communion followed by Watch	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
7.30 pm	Holy Communion followed by Watch	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

## Good Friday

10.30 am	Joint Service and Walk of Witness	-Starting at Ipplepen Methodist Church
2 pm	Reflecting around the Cross	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

## Holy Saturday

10 am	Easter Garden Walk	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
8 pm	Easter Vigil	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

## Next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Easter Day

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
10.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
10.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen



## Surprised by Generosity Reflection for Palm Sunday

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Palm Sunday is a significant moment in our church calendar where we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Verses 30, and 31 of Luke 19 say: "Go into the next village, where you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. If anyone asks why you are doing that, just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" This verse also speaks to us of the generosity of the colt owners. On the back of a colt Jesus entered Jerusalem. When the owner heard the words 'The Lord needs it', which the disciples were summoned to say when asked why it was untied, there was no need for a further conversation. These words were enough to put the owner's minds to rest.

If you have ever wondered if God uses his people to bring about his Kingdom; than this is your passage to turn to. God uses people like you and me to share of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Your gift, your talents, your time, and your resources can be used for his purposes. You are invited to share that what you have been given to those around you and to count it a privilege, like the Macedonian church when asked to contribute to the church in Jerusalem, to share in this way.

When one of the former US presidents came back from one of his visits to his local church, his adviser asked him his thoughts on the sermon. He replied: 'I thought the sermon was carefully thought through, eloquently delivered.' On which the adviser answered: 'You thought it was a great sermon?' 'No,' he replied, 'I thought he failed because he did not ask of us something great.'. Today's passage asks us to respond too, perhaps with a first 'yes' to the invitation to love and serve Christ, or perhaps a 'yes' to a renewed sense of purpose and destiny as we offer of ourselves to the King of all Kings. I expect the Jewish people didn't anticipate this type of entry into Jerusalem and would, perhaps, have hoped for a Messiah who came, ready to fight, on a horse. Yet, Jesus' entry was one that was humble and peaceful, like it was promised in Zechariah 9:9. He invites us to step into his footprints, to deny ourselves, take up his cross and follow him (Luke 9:23).

We can only imagine what it would have been like to hold these branches, to shout 'Hosanna' and, to anticipate the Kingdom that he came to establish amid a suffering

society. A few days after this historic moment Jesus walks the 'Via Dolorosa' a way of suffering that is described in the verses of Philippians 2:7 'he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.' Where do you picture yourself as Jesus continues to walk this road to Golgotha? Are you amongst the crowd, the children, women, or disciples? Take a moment now to remember these days, these events, that made such an extraordinary impact on your life and the lives of Christians across the Globe.

As we prepare for Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday today is moment to remember the road Jesus walked to the cross. Matt Redman in his song 'Once again' describes it as follows;

'Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;  
you became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,  
and I'm in that place once again,  
I'm in that place once again.

And once again I look upon the cross where you died.  
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you,  
once again I pour out my life.

Now you are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.  
But for now I marvel at this saving grace,  
and I'm full of praise once again,  
I'm full of praise once again.  
And once again...'

This 'once again' is a call to all of us, to pause, to be still and marvel at His saving grace. His astonishing love for us, brought us amazing grace. It is a grace that won't let go, against conditions, it is a grace that will see us through the storms of our lives and will bring us to life everlasting.

Today it is my prayer for you and me that we will be surprised by the vastness of his love for us. When you remember the entry he made into Jerusalem, the generosity and obedience of the colt-owners, the request to respond and to worship the King of all Kings, who came to live with and amongst us and gave his life as a ransom for many, may your hearts be filled with thanksgiving for all He has done for you and for me.