

ALL SAINTS', SEDGLEY

25TH MARCH 2018 – PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Communion - The Revd Guy Hewlett

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a

Philippians 2.5-11

Mark 15.1-end

10.30am - The Revd Guy Hewlett

Readers: Cicely Thomas and Martin Platts

Readings: As above

6.30pm – Compline – The Revd Guy Hewlett

Readings: Philippians 2.5-11 and Mark 15.1-end

Readers: John Grosvenor and Martin Moseley

PARISH PRAYERS – Tuesday at St Andrew's, Wednesday St Peter's and Thursday at All Saints'. These will all start at 9.15am. All are welcome.

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 15.1-end

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Parish Office – The parish office is open from Monday – Friday 10-12.00 noon. My phone number: 01902 540289 and my email address is admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk. Can items for the pew sheet be sent to me by Wednesday 12 noon please. Thank you. Gail.

(Please note that The Revd Guy Hewlett's usual day off will be a Monday and The Revd Catherine Mitchell's a Friday,)

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Monday 26th March, 7pm, St Andrews, The Revd Catherine Mitchell and Canon Jan

Tuesday 27th March, 7pm – St Peters – The Revd Guy Hewlett

**Wednesday 28th March, 10am, St Peters, The Revd Catherine Mitchell
7pm – All Saints – The Revd Guy Hewlett**

**Thursday 29th March, 7.30pm, St Peters, The Revd Catherine Mitchell
7.30pm – All Saints' – The Revd Guy Hewlett**

30th March – 10am – 12noon – All Saints' Children's Workshop

10am – Sedgley Churches Joint Service outside Red Lion

2.30pm – St Peters – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

2.30pm St Andrews – Canon Jan Humphries

7.30pm – All Saints – The Revd Guy Hewlett

31st March – All Saints' – 9pm – The Revd Guy Hewlett

1st April – All Saints' – 8am – The Revd Guy Hewlett

10.30am - The Revd Guy Hewlett

6.30pm – Canon Jan Humphries- Evensong

FUNERAL – the funeral of the late Maud Evelyn Hill will take place at St Andrews 1.30pm on the 27th March. Jean Doreen Evans on the 28th March at 11am, Gornal Wood Crematorium and Margaret Mary Kendrick on the 29th March at 12.15pm at St Andrews. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of their families.

NOTICES

MOTHERS' UNION OUTING - Our summer outing this year is to Stratford - upon - Avon on Tuesday 26th June. Anyone interested in coming please contact Liz Williams, 01902 672880.

200 Club - The March draw took place on the 17th March at our Annual Meal. The winners were: - Bob Hill, Dennis Jackson, Deborah Castle, Tracey Dunn and Jean Turner. It was lovely to see so many members and friends there, who braved the weather and we were sorry we had to curtail the evening. Jean, Jenny and Roger.

