



Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Palm Sunday

**Our Mission Statement.**

We aim to be a church which reflects God's love in and with the community, is open to the Holy Spirit working through us and our community, is faithful to the Gospel, helps people to grow in faith and in prayer and is there for everyone at all stages of life.

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.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Response to the Psalm:

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

<p><b>Readings for today</b>  Liturgy of the Palms:  Matthew 21: 1 – 11  Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 19 – end.  Liturgy of the Passion:  Isaiah: 50: 4 – 9a  Psalm 31: 9 – 18  Philippians 2: 5 – 11  Matthew 26: 14 – end of 27.</p>	<p><b>Readings for Easter Sunday</b>  Acts 10: 34 – 43  Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24  Colossians 3: 1 – 4  John 20: 1 - 18</p>
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## Diocesan activities for Holy Week

For Holy Week there is an invitation to all, across the county and greater Lincolnshire, to take part in both local and diocesan worship. The bishops hope that the diocesan worship and resources will complement and add to local worship.

- Each day of Holy Week you are invited to watch a brief daily video message from members of the bishops' staff that can be used as a source of reflection and prayer. The reflections will be based on the gospel of the day and be on this website and also on social media.
- There is encouragement from the bishops to make palm crosses out of paper or card and to place them in windows from Palm Sunday, or use larger branches at a door, to indicate their house has entered the story of Holy Week
- There will be a simple service on Tuesday for the renewal of ministerial commitment for all God's people which will be on Facebook live at 11am and accessible to all via the internet. Simply search for Lincoln - Bishops' Office.
- There will be a Eucharist online at 5pm on Easter Sunday evening with Bishop David. This will use the diocesan website with the invitation to light a candle in a window each evening from Easter Day as a sign of new life.

**For more information and the link to the website:**

<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/news/diocesan-activities-for-holy-week>

## PRAYER THIS WEEK

Saint's Day	Prayer in the parish	Prayer in the diocese
Palm Sunday	<p><b>Readers, sidespersons, chalice assistants and intercessors</b></p> <p>Residents of: Waddingworth Grove, Welbourne Gardens, Welland Road, Welton Gardens</p>	<p>We pray that in our worship today we may welcome Jesus among us, and crown and exalt him as our King, walking with him as he takes the road to the cross.</p> <p><i>The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean</i>  <i>The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song – Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean &amp; Bishop of the Seychelles</i></p>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Mothers' Union; our website Sue Fleshbourne and the members of our branch; Danny Holt</b></p> <p>Residents of: Wellingore Road, Wickenby Crescent, Willingham Avenue, Winster Close</p>	<p><b>Barrowby and Great Gonerby.</b> In vacancy.</p> <p><i>Meru (Kenya): The Rt Revd Charles Mwendwa;</i>  <i>West Malaysia (South East Asia): The Most Revd Ng Moon Hing;</i>  <i>Idaho (USA): The Rt Revd Brian Thom</i></p>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Shops and businesses on the estate</b></p> <p>Residents of: Woodburn Close, Woodburn View, Woodhall Drive</p>	<p><b>Grantham St Wulfrum.</b> The Revd Stuart Craddock.</p> <p><i>Mexico (Mexico): The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter;</i>  <i>West Tennessee (USA): The Rt Revd Don Johnson;</i>  <i>Ideato (Nigeria): The Most Revd Caleb Maduoma</i></p>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>The library, Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre, and the Ravendale Drive sports field</b></p> <p><b>Library staff, centre managers and users, sports field users and managers</b></p> <p>Members of our congregation who live outside the parish</p>	<p><b>Grantham, Harrowby w. Londonthorpe.</b> The Revd Sam Parsons.</p> <p>"Please pray for us as we prepare and look forward to our new monthly Family Services at the Church of the Ascension, Harrowby, and our new 4pm Sunday services at St John the Baptist, Londonthorpe."</p> <p><i>Michigan (USA): The Rt Revd Bonnie Perry;</i>  <i>West Texas (USA): The Rt Revd David Reed</i></p>
Maundy Thursday	<p><b>Local councillors and MPs</b></p> <p>Karl McCartney MP            Cllr Christopher Edward Reid (Lincoln City and Lincolnshire County Council)            Cllr Yvonne Bodger (Lincoln City)            Cllr Naomi Tweddle (Lincoln City)</p>	<p><b>Grantham, Manthorpe.</b> The Revd Stuart Craddock.</p> <p><i>Milwaukee (USA): The Rt Revd Steven Miller;</i>  <i>West Virginia (USA): The Rt Revd Willam Michie Klusmeyer;</i>  <i>Western Izon (Nigeria): The Rt Revd Edafe Emamezi</i></p>
Good Friday	<p><b>Our parish and people</b></p> <p>Residents of:            Allandale Close, Allandale View, Amble Close, Apley Close, Ashlar Close</p>	<p><b>The Harlaxton Group: Harlaxton, Denton, Wyville w. Hungerton, Woolsthorpe.</b></p> <p>The Revd Stephen Harrop.</p> <p><i>Minna (Nigeria): The Rt Revd Daniel Abu Yisa;</i>  <i>Western Kansas (USA): The Rt Revd Michael Milliken</i></p>

Holy Saturday	<b>Lay Reader, Jackie Howell</b> Residents of: Asterby Close, Aubourn Avenue, Aylesby Avenue, Bain Street	<b>The Trinity, South Grantham.</b> The Revd David Shenton. <i>Minnesota (USA): The Rt Revd Brian Prior;</i> <i>Western Kowloon (Hong Kong): The Rt Revd Andrew Chan;</i> <i>Idoani (Nigeria): The Rt Revd Ezekiel Dahunsi</i>
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The Diocesan Prayer Calendar can be downloaded from the website:  
<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/sharing-in-prayer>

<b>Give thanks for:</b>	People who are following the government advice on social distancing.
<b>Special prayers this week for:</b>	All those who are in isolation, anxious about food and medication and volunteers who are trying to support them.
<b>People in need:</b>	Clive Seabury, Dave Notman,
<b>Rest in peace:</b>	Julia Bankhead

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Any items for this weekly sheet should be received by Revd Rachel  
*no later than Wednesday evening.*  
If you would like to receive this weekly sheet by email, please e-mail  
[revd-rachel@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:revd-rachel@stjohnthebaptistparishchurch.org.uk) or speak to a churchwarden

*It is going to be really hard celebrating Easter this year when we can't be together. There are all sorts of resources available online, on television and radio to help get us through this strange, anxious time in our community. Rest assured that even though we are apart, we are together in God's love and that although we cannot worship with each other, we are praying for each other.*