



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 13th April 2025

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
10:15am	PARISH COMMUNION Anthem: Palm Sunday Antiphon (Morgan) Hymns: 128, 432, 112, 129 Postlude: Entrée in G minor (Theodore Dubois)
12:00pm	BURIAL OF ASHES Grace Easton RIP
6:00pm	EVENING PRAYER

PALM SUNDAY

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.

First Reading – Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope.

Gospel Reading – Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Please pray for all preparing for baptism and marriage, those who are sick or in hospital, and those who have died, and all who mourn.

Church Diary

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Monday 9:15am – Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday 8:00pm – Holy Communion
Good Friday 12:00pm – Three-hour Service

Sunday 20th April 2025 – EASTER DAY

8:00am – Holy Communion

10:15am – Parish Communion

No Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 | John 20:1-18

Parish news and notices

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL – Every six years a brand new roll is created and that takes place this year. Everybody needs to fill in a new Electoral Roll form, available electronically or on paper. Please return to the Parish Office by email or post by Tuesday, 22nd April.

100 CLUB – the April draw of the 100 Club took place on Sunday, 6th April. The results were as follows:

1st Prize: No. 38

2nd Prize: No. 78

3rd Prize: No. 80

Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will take place in St. Mary's Community Hall on Sunday, 4th May after the 10:15am service. Good luck!

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Quiz last Saturday – it was a very enjoyable evening and raised £1,037 for church funds.

Get your dancing shoes on for our **SILENT DISCO on Saturday 3rd May 2025 at 7:30pm** (doors open at 7:00pm) in **Long Ditton Village Hall**. Tickets £15 available from Ann Leeson or from the website. The cut-off date is Saturday, 19th April.

Our next **BOOKBOX is on Wednesday 21st May at 8pm** – Dr. Richard Milburn MBE will speak about how to bring an end to the \$20Bn per year illegal wildlife trade, which threatens thousands of species with extinction. Based on his new book 'Killing the Trade', Richard will speak about what drives the illegal wildlife trade and how we can bring it to an end, sharing examples from over a decade of work in the sector, including helping to protect gorillas in the Democratic Republic of Congo and elephants in Zambia. The book will be available to order from Regency Bookshop.

NEW FENCE! Thanks to the generosity and support of the National Lottery Community Fund, Your Fund Surrey sponsored by Nick Darby, and church and community fundraising we are pleased to announce that work on renewing the fence in the play area of the Community Hall started on 9th April. The play area will not be able to be used during this work, which we hope will be finished soon after the Easter holidays.