

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church



Palm Sunday **29th March 2015**

Dear Friends,

And so now we enter the most holy week of the Christian calendar. Jesus is welcomed as a potential King, a potential Messiah into Jerusalem. They spread palms at his feet and start to believe that he might indeed be their Saviour! And yet, within 5 days, the crowd are baying for his blood and he is brutally killed!

Jesus was always the most unlikely "King". Riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and speaking a message of peace, forgiveness, welcome, acceptance but also with a voice that spoke against hypocrisy and power and the normal trappings of what Kingship might be expected to bring with it.

What happened? What went wrong?

Come and journey with us during Holy Week as we have our evening session of meditation culminating in our service of "one hour in front of the cross" on Good Friday and then the wonderful celebrations of the ultimate victory for Easter Sunday.

It will be wonderful to have you with us for all or part of Holy Week.

With love and blessings
Charlie

The 1855 Appeal: "Building on Tradition"

We are raising money to repair and refurbish the Church and our Vicarage, details of which can be found in the yellow Brochure (available at the back of the Church) or on our Website. Yellow Pledge Cards are available.

Please do take this sheet home with you to read again or to refer to later

The Gospel according to Mark (Ch 15)

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!"

Donations: We are an entirely self-funded Church and dependent on your generosity and regular giving.

Do talk to Father Charlie or one of our leadership about how to most effectively give to the Church or The 1855 Appeal.

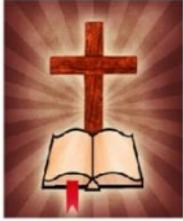
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Services for Holy Week



Spiritual Reflection

Monday at 6.30pm in the Centre

A peaceful time for reflection and meditation during Holy Week



Taizé Service

Tuesday at 7pm in the Church

A candlelit setting for Holy Week, with chants and prayers



Spiritual Reflection

Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Centre

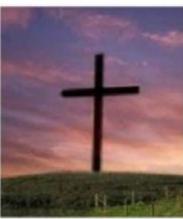
Further time for reflection and meditation for Holy Week



Holy Thursday

Thursday at 6.30pm in the Centre

An informal 'Last Supper' Eucharist, with time for contemplation



Good Friday

Friday at 11am in the Church

Our Holy Friday service - one hour in front of the Cross



Easter Sunday

Sunday Eucharist at 9am

Our Service of Easter Celebration - followed by drinks and canapés, with an 'Egg Hunt' in the Garden

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