

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

**APRIL 2019**

As Lent draws to an end we move into Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter. The business of our parish, our APCM, is on April 7th. As ever, we need people to volunteer for key roles: the PCC, the sidespeople's teams - the forms are there, please sign up! The meeting reflects on our life as a parish over the year 2018-19 and gives us a chance to look ahead as well.

Once that is out of the way, we can turn our full attention to the key moments of the Christian year. From Palm Sunday we relive the way of the Cross, the Passion and the Resurrection. We go down into darkness and emerge into light.

For some of us, these are well-worn paths. Familiarity gives us space to stop and look, to rehear, to see things perhaps as if for the first time. We also need to remember that for some of our congregation this is their first Easter. Please pray for Said and Amur who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil.

## **It involves quite a lot of walking about:**

- On Palm Sunday we will not walk round the outside of the church, but all are invited to go outside to join the symbolic procession and entry into Jerusalem;

- On Wednesday of Holy Week, we can follow the pathway through the story as we move around the Stations of the Cross;
- On Maundy Thursday those who wish to have their feet washed are invited to come to the front of church to relive this symbolic moment;
- On Good Friday again we venerate and then kneel before the cross.
- Then, on Holy Saturday - Easter Eve - the lights begin with a fire outside the church, a primeval holy light leading us back into the church to reflect on the story of God's mighty deeds, culminating in the rejoicing at the Resurrection of Christ from the dead - leading into the joy of Easter Day.

## **SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS IN APRIL**

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### **Saturday April 6th Lent Quiet Day**

**Beginning with the Eucharist in the Upper Chapel at 10.00am**

The day will go until 3pm and finish with Evening Prayer.

Please feel free to come and go as you wish, bring some lunch.

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### **Sunday April 7th, Passiontide begins - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Richard Young

**Readings:** Isaiah 3:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**Hymns:** *Glory be to Jesus; Gospel Acclamation; And can it be; Lift high the cross*

**Other music:** *God so loved the world (arr Bullard)*

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The Annual Parish and Church Meeting will be held after the Eucharist on April 7th at 11.30am.

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**Sunday April 14th - Palm Sunday**

**President:** The Revd Richard Young

**Readings:** Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 5:2-11; Luke 22:14-23:end

**Hymns:** *Hosanna to the Son of David; All glory, laud and honour; Ride on, ride on in majesty; My song is love unknown; The royal banners forward go*

**Other music:** *Morning glory, starlit sky (Rose)*

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**Holy Week Services**

**Monday 7.30pm: Eucharist (in the Lady Chapel)**

**Tuesday 12noon: Stabat Mater - the Mysteries of the Passion**

**Wednesday 9.00am: The Stations of the Cross**

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**Thursday April 18th - Maundy Thursday 7.30pm**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Richard Young

**Readings:** Exodus 12:1-4,11-14; Psalm 116; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,31b-35

**Hymns:** *This is the night dear friends; Gospel Acclamation; According to thy gracious word; Of the glorious body telling*

**Other music:** *Ubi Caritas; The Lamentations of Jeremiah*

The service includes the Washing of Feet, and is followed by a Watch of Prayer until 10.30pm.

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### **Friday April 19th - Good Friday**

The church will be open for silent prayer from 12 noon.

#### **From 1pm to 2pm:**

Meditation on the Lord's Passion - words and music for Good Friday.

#### **The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion from 2pm**

- The Passion according to St John
- The Veneration of the Cross
- The General Intercessions

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### **Saturday April 20th - Easter Eve 8.30pm**

#### **The Easter Vigil**

- **The lighting of the Easter Candle**
- **The Liturgy of the Word**
- **The Liturgy of Baptism**
- **The First Eucharist of Easter**

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**Sunday April 21st - Easter Day**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Richard Young

**Readings:** Isaiah 65:17-end; Psalm 118; Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12

**Hymns:** *Jesus Christ is risen today; Gospel Acclamation; The day of resurrection; Thine be the glory*

**Other music:** *Surrexit Christus Alleluia; Now the green blade rises*

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**Sunday April 28th - The Second Sunday of Easter**

**President and Preacher:** The Revd Jane Walker

**Readings:** Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-end; John 20:19-end

**Hymns:** *Ye sons and daughters of the King; Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, hearts to heaven; This joyful Eastertide*

**Other music:** *The peace of God*

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On Lent 4, Mothering Sunday, we gave out small posies, made of flowers and aromatic sprigs and leaves. If you can keep them in a dry, cool place, they will retain their scent. Then please remove the string and bring them back into church on either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday... they will have a new role...