

## Notices

### Easter Services at the Church of the Good Shepherd

#### 25th March Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion  
10am All Age Communion

**Monday, Tuesday,**  
7:30pm Silent 'Communion'

#### Wednesday

7:30 Lent Group

#### 28th March Maundy Thursday

7pm Family Meal – a bring and share meal focusing on the story of Passover and the Last Supper

#### 29th March Good Friday

10am Family Worship – a chance for us all to think about why this day is Good  
2pm The Final Hour – a reflective service focusing on the last hour of Jesus' life

#### 31st March Easter Sunday

8:30am – First Light Service – welcoming the resurrection light with fire and candles  
9am – Breakfast Church – enjoy food, faith and friendship as we celebrate Easter  
10:30am Holy Communion for Easter Day

### This Week

18th –25th March

#### Monday

09:00 Food Bank  
10:00 Toddler Time  
2pm Games Afternoon

#### Tuesday

#### Wednesday

2pm Film Afternoon  
7:30 pm Lent Group

#### Thursday

7:30 PCC meeting

#### Friday

#### Saturday

10-12 Open House

#### Palm Sunday

10:00 Holy Communion & Children's Church  
4:30pm Tea Time Church



**Don't Forget!**  
Clocks go forward on  
Easter Sunday

### Lent Discussion Group

Looking at 'Tarry Awhile—  
Wisdom from Black  
Spirituality for People of  
Faith'

Continues Wednesday at  
7:30pm



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2024

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## 5th Sunday of Lent — 17th March

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

### Today's Hymns

132	O for a heart to praise my God
702	Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
145	It is a thing most wonderful
494	I the Lord of sea and sky

### The Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

**Amen**

### Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen**



NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 Holy Communion

Tea Time Church



### Please Note

This service is being streamed using Zoom and the front of nave and all the chancel are visible on screen

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Please remember those who are ill or in special need:

Alan & Margaret Soames, Gillian Aitkenhead, Ann & Barry Corbishley, Linda Vallance, Sean Cloke, Bruce Gates, Tony Hurl, Clare Kent, Anne Halladay, Alan Dryland, Stan Richford, Roger Collins

**RIP:**

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## Psalm 51.1-13

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.

I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.

Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

## SECOND READING Hebrews 5.5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## GOSPEL READING John 12.20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love

their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

