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This edition for April 2015 is being distributed on Palm Sunday which speaks of joy and celebration, and of worshipping Jesus as the King of kings, and yet leading us into the events of Holy Week, remembering its sorrow and suffering, and finally death on a cross.

Today, Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey, the cheering crowds waving and strewing palms along the route he travelled. During this week there are other events which culminate with Maundy or Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day.

On Holy Thursday we remember Jesus' Last Supper at which he commanded his disciples to **'do this in remembrance of me'**; this is what we celebrate Sunday by Sunday in our services of Holy Communion. On Holy Thursday night we also remember Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane prior to his arrest. On Good Friday we travel with Jesus on his journey to the Cross on which he died. Holy Saturday brings the time of quiet reflection as we recall the events that have taken place. Then Easter Day dawns with rejoicing in Jesus' resurrection: **'Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'** It is the day on which evil, sorrow and suffering were finally defeated; a day that makes every day and every moment a new beginning. Without Easter there would be no Gospel, no message, no Church, no faith. We could speak of the birth of Jesus, his life, his ministry and his death, but without the empty tomb and the risen Christ all this would be a tale of tragedy rather than triumph – a mirror of the world's impermanence rather than a window into the eternal purpose of God.

May we celebrate Easter Day with renewed vigour by thinking again of some of those whose lives were transformed by that first Easter and through reflecting on their experiences, meet the risen Christ afresh and open our lives to his renewing power.

Everyone is welcome to join us at any of the services in our four churches as detailed in this leaflet. It would be really good to see you on Palm Sunday, during Holy Week and especially on Easter Day.

If you would like to read about Palm Sunday and the events leading up to and including Easter Day you can find them in the Bible: Matthew chapter 21 verse 1 to chapter 28 verse 10; Mark chapter 11 verse 1 to chapter 16 verse 8; Luke chapter 19 verse 28 to chapter 24 verse 49; John chapter 12 verse 12 to chapter 20 verse 23.

We wish you a Happy Easter – may you know the joy of the risen Christ in your life.

With every blessing
Gill and Nigel

Full details of Sundays and other services inside.

You are welcome to join us at our services:

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

6.10 a.m. Gather for Dawn Service at 6.20 a.m. at Richard and Liz Burgess' farm, 560 Oil Mills Road PE26 2TS (on the left out of Pondersbridge on the road to Ramsey Mereside). The Dawn Service will be followed by bacon rolls and a hot drink after which there will be a service of Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 8th Ernest John Bates, 9th William Jackson, 11th Phyllis Saberton, Lawrence Siggee

St Andrew's: 6th Donald Alan Popplewell, 7th Fredrick Edward T Stratton, 8th Florence Emily Sutton, Pamela Irene Richards (Pikett), 9th James Isaac Woodcock, Nelson George (Bob) Allen, 10th Constance May Green, 11th George Stephen Eley

St Mary's: 6th Patricia Smyth, 8th Norman Watson, 9th Paul Williams

St Thomas': 8th John Samuel Savage

Sunday 12th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Please note that all of the services today will be SAID; there will be no hymns

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - **Said** Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - **Said** Morning Service: please note change of service

11.00 a.m. St Mary's - **Said** Holy Communion

NO 11.00 a.m. service at St Thomas'

Readings: Acts 4: 32-35
1 John 1:1 to 2:2
John 20: 19 - 31

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 12th Russell Coomber, 13th Herbert Chapman, 14th Harold Northern, Ernest Redhead, 17th Hilda White

St Andrew's: 14th Gwendoline Elsie Millard

St Mary's: 15th Joan Margaret Rowell, 16th Sybil Esther Bull, 17th Peter Albert High

Sunday 19th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 3: 12-19
1 John 3: 1-7
Luke 24: 36-48

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 21st Laura Fletcher, 23rd Fred Sansom, 24th Doris French

St Andrew's: 21st John Arthur Shaw, Myra Amy Anker,
22nd Olive Mary Woodcock, Ronald Keith Gutteridge,
24th Rose Ada Hipwell, Alice Mary Oldfield

St Mary's: 20th Thomas Denton, 23rd Fredrick Sansom, 24th Elsie May Coxell,
25th Frederick George Smith

Sunday 26th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- No service: Art Festival in church
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Evening Service followed by APCM

Readings: Acts 4: 5-12
1 John 3: 16-24
John 10: 11-18

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 26th Arthur John Gale, 29th Joyce Elizabeth Ping

St Andrew's: 27th Evan Edwards, Maimie Elizabeth Turner,
Florence Elaine Marriott, 28th Elsie May Locke,
29th Margaret Noelle Sutton, Iris Jean Hancock, Mavis Turner,
May 2nd Nancy Doreen Woodcock

St Mary's: 28th Phyllis Mary Brown, 29th Peter Joy Wills,
Bertram Louis Stafford

Events around the Team in April:

- 1st 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
- 1st 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
- 2nd 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Mary's
- 2nd 10.30 a.m. Eucharist for the renewal of Ordination Vows and the Blessing of the Oils – Ely Cathedral
- 2nd 7.30 p.m. Eucharist at Holy Trinity with full liturgy, followed by private prayer with Jesus in the garden until 9.30 p.m. – ending with Night Prayer

3rd 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
 3rd 9.50 a.m. Procession of Witness from Queen Street,
 then 10 a.m. Service at Buttercross
 3rd 2 p.m. Solemn Liturgy at St Mary's
 4th 8 a.m. Morning Prayer St Mary's
 4th 8 p.m. Easter Vigil and Lighting of Paschal Candles in St Thomas'
 7th 2 p.m. Easter Praise Service at Keneydon House
 8th 11 a.m. Easter Praise Service at The Gables
 8th 2.30 p.m. Easter Praise Service at Aliwal Manor
 8th 2.30 p.m. Easter Praise Service at The Hermitage
 9th 11 a.m. Easter Praise Service at The Elms
 11th 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon Friends of Holy Trinity Book Sale in church
 12th 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Games' afternoon in St Thomas' church – all welcome
 14th 7 p.m. Friends of St Mary's meeting at 45, Mill Road
 18th 7 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's Quiz Night in the hall
 21st 7.30 p.m. Churches Together committee meeting at St Jude's
 22nd From 5 p.m. Friends of St Mary's Art Festival setting up in St Mary's church
 23rd 7.30 p.m. Licensing of the Revd Andrew Smith as Team Rector of March at
 March St Peter's
 23rd 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open Evening for Friends of St Mary's Art Festival in St
 Mary's church
**23rd There will not be a Pilgrim Prayer Group meeting at 8 The Grove – the next
 meeting will be on May 28th**
 24th 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friends of St Mary's Art Festival in St Mary's church
 25th 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friends of St Mary's Art Festival in St Mary's church
 26th 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friends of St Mary's Art Festival in St Mary's church
 27th Friends of St Mary's Art Festival 'clearing up' in church
 27th 7.00 p.m. APCM followed by PCC Meeting at Holy Trinity church
 28th 7.00 p.m. APCM followed by PCC Meeting at St Andrew's church
 29th 7.00 p.m. APCM followed by PCC Meeting at St Mary's church

Regular Weekday Services:

Monday: 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
Tuesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Wednesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Thursday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Friday: 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,
 12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's

This pattern is different during Holy Week 1st until 4th April - Services are detailed above.

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Team Website - As you may have noticed the website has been updated and part of this is a new gallery of photographs for each church. If you have any **quality digital** images of any of the churches, especially inside please could you email to me with a brief description, for consideration. Thank you. From Mark.
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