Prayer List

Those in Residential and Nursing Home Care: Doreen Purnell, Mim Smith and Mrs Pike.

Those at home or being cared for in hospital or at home

From Hullavington we pray for Alan Johnstone, Jebbie Hewitt, Eileen Fry, Jan Lane and Lis & David Cheshire.

From Luckington we pray for Lynne Simpkins and Kate Vittle

From Sherston we pray for Shane Housden, Leanne, Pam Forster & Ena.

From Stanton St Quintin we pray for Ruth Plowright and Gwen Hale.

We also pray for Indie with heart issues, Bridgette, Jennifer, Paige, Colby and his family.

Those who have died

We pray Ann Burn, Ollie and all the families as they mourn.

Baptism and Weddings

We pray for those who are preparing for marriage over the next few months that they will be filled with love and joy. Also, those who are preparing for baptism, their family and friends, parents, God parents.

We pray for all those recently baptised and confirmed.

Please pray for our four schools in the Gauzebrook group

Please contact someone from the Ministry team if you would like to be placed on the prayer list.

News

This week's Sunday Services, 29th Palm Sunday

10.00am **Palm Sunday** Holy Communion, Sherston

Holy Week

9.00 pm Monday, 30th March**, Compline**, Hullavington

7.00 pm Thursday 2nd April Maundy **Thursday** Service, Stanton St Quintin

10.00 am Friday 3rd April **Good Friday Family Service**, Stanton St Quintin

2.00 pm Friday 3rd April **Hour at the Cross**, Sherston

3.30 pm Friday 3rd April **Good Friday Service**, Luckington

Next week's Sunday Services, 5th April Easter Day

9.30 am **Holy Communion**, Sherston

9.30 am **Holy Communion**, Stanton St Quintin

11.00 am **Holy Communion**, Luckington

11.00 am **Holy Communion**, Hullavington

11.00 am **Family Service,** Foxley

The Gauzebrook Group of Churches

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29th March

Welcome to this this week's Gazette As we enter into Holy Week, I hope you will join us on Palm Sunday at Sherston for our group Palm Sunday service.

Palm Sunday, a climactic moment in the life of Jesus. For three years he had been closely watched, followed, upheld as the Messiah by some, derided by some as a madman. But now on Palm Sunday Jesus is ready – ready to enter the Holy City to claim "kingdom of God is at hand." Jesus arrives, not in secret but openly, knowing what the consequences will be. Jesus arriving on a donkey. The donkey a sign of peace. Crowds waving palm branches, symbols of victory and respect.

Are you ready for ***This Palm Sunday***? You too can be a part of the ecstatic crowd welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem with the waving of palms and with exuberant song, welcoming him and travelling with him on his journey. No ordinary journey, but one that signifies the transition from public ministry to his Passion, death and resurrection.

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

From Sounding the Seasons, by Malcolm Guite, Canterbury Press 2012"

Helen Davies LLM

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Readings 29th March

Isaiah 50.4–9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Philippians 2.5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 27.11–54

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah? 'For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the

head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.
As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'
Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' n the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.
From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him. 'Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Collect
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.

Please say the daily prayer below as we recruit our new Rector.
Loving father God, you are just and compassionate.
We come before you with open minds and humble hearts,
ready to listen and to reflect.
We seek your guidance, your wisdom and discernment,
that we might be inspired with your vision for us.
We ask for this for the benefit of the parishes of Gauzebrook,
where we seek to share your love and serve you.
We know we need leadership to help us to see your kingdom continue to grow,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
We ask this as your children, working together with grace and humility. Amen.

What's on this week?

Monday	**7.30pm – 9pm**	**Bible Study in SSQ at the home of Ruth Williamson**
	2.00-3.30pm	**Bible Study at the home of Marjorie Morgan, 3 Bouverie Park SSQ**
	7.30pm -9pm	**The Alpha Course, Court House, Hullavington**
Tuesday	**2.00pm-3.30pm**	**Luckington Bible Study at The Old Ship, Luckington. To join please contact:**
Thursday	**10am – 12noon**	**Helen.m.daviesllm@gmail.com**
	2pm – 4pm	**Holy Cross Café @ Sherston**
		Coffee Shop @ Stanton St Quintin
Friday	**10am – 12noon**	**Coffee Shop @ Hullavington**
	10am – 11am	**Little Lights @ Hullavington, an informal pre-school service in Hullavington church.**