



***St Andrew's Church Woodside
29th March 2026
Family Service
The Triumphal Entry***



Collect for Palm Sunday

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah; grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross which is the path of glory.

Message from Richard

Our Gospel reading is Matthew 21 vv 1 - 11

"Will he be here?", "Have you seen him on the road?" These are the sort of questions I'm sure, would have been asked that first Palm Sunday. They would, of course, been referring to Jesus. By now Jesus was hugely popular. To the Jews, this was a day of triumph. To Jesus this was a day of terrible tragedy. This was a time of nationalistic fervour. The Jews had waited a long time, a thousand years, for this day. They lived for the day when they would have their own land back for themselves again. Right now the Romans were their conquerors but in their eyes they had found the right leader to overthrow them. What a king to have! A man who could heal, work miracles, raise the dead to life. A man who loved the common people. Jesus was their man! No wonder they got excited! No wonder they waved palm branches, shouted hosanna and lay their cloaks on the ground as he rode by. But as Jesus approached the city, he wept over it. Literally he burst into tears. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often have I longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."

The crowd failed to see something of great importance, the animal he was riding. A king would come riding on a war horse when he was intent on war. But if that king came riding on an ass, then he was coming in peace. Jesus came to bring peace. The people had got it completely wrong. The Prince of Peace wanted to bring peace. Today, he wants to bring peace by a triumphal entry into our hearts. That peace which gives us complete assurance of our eternal future as we allow him entry into our lives.

Prayer Ministry

Andrew will be at the front after the service for those wishing private prayer.
Prayers offered will include all those named in this News Sheet.

*We are here as God's family to draw closer to God,
to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.*

March		
Sunday 29th	10:00	Palm Sunday: Family Service
Monday 30th	2:00 7:00	Ecumenical Lent Bible Study at Aley Green Methodist Church Holy Week prayers in the Family Room
Tuesday 31st	12 - 2 7:00	Soup 'n' Sandwich at the Rising Sun Holy Week prayers in the Family Room
April		
Wednesday 1st	7:00	Holy Week prayers in the Family Room
Thursday 2nd	9:30 7:00	Bible Study on Zoom Maundy Thursday Agape
Friday 3rd	9:00 10:30	Good Friday Morning Prayer Followed by Walk of Witness starting from Aley Green
Sunday 5th	10:30	Easter Sunday: Informal Communion
Thursday 9th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sunday 12th	10:30	Morning Praise
Tuesday 14th	12 - 2 11:00	Soup 'n' Sandwich at the Rising Sun Service at the Care Home next door to St A's

NB: The Electoral Roll is being revised!

Not already on the roll or moved house in the last year?
Then you need to complete an Enrolment Application form.
Forms are available in church for people wishing to join.

**Good Friday
Churches Together in Caddington
Walk of Witness**
*Slip End - Aley Green
St Thomas RC - Caddington Green,
Caddington Baptists - All Saints*

Access St Andrew's Sunday Services on Zoom!

Enter the number 878 5926 2657 passcode 664663 or by linking to

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdad291VDk2anA5aGtmndnFCN3kzQT09)

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The link will remain open after Sunday services so those on Zoom can chat!

Thursday Bible Studies may be accessed on Zoom too!

Enter the number 589 233 412 passcode 090636 or link to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?pwd=d1lLL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQT09>

Practical help for the Community



Azalea thanks us for food, toiletries, cash, gift aided donations, etc.

They regularly collect our items, gratefully received, particularly the warm gloves and mittens we have given them at this chilly time!

We drop off food to the Foodbank monthly.

They express gratitude for our deliveries and our financial & Gift Aided donations: needs are greater than ever. Next drop off: 31st March.

So, before you leave home for church, 'Grab a Tin & bring i'tin!'

NB: If you wish to contribute, pick up a copy of the Food Bank 'Advent Calendar' from the back of church, which lists seasonal items to donate throughout the year.

Recycle it!

**Please drop your Medication Blister Packs
at the back of church for Sue Lyons to take for recycling.**

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