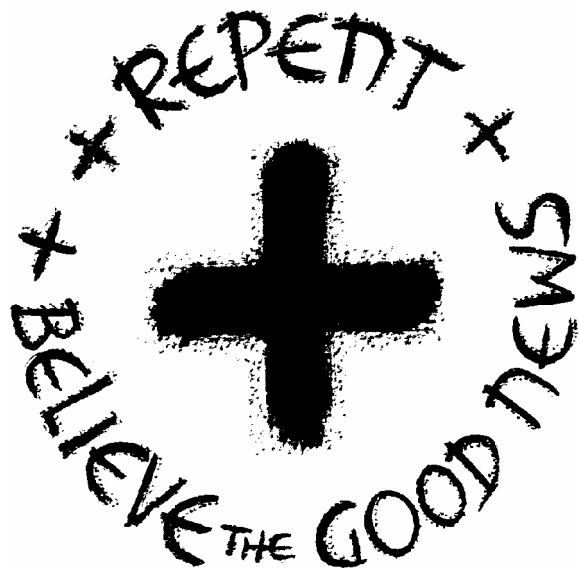


LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

2010

PLEASE NOTE ESPECIALLY THE KEY EVENTS AS SHOWN IN BOXES



THE LITURGY OF ASH WEDNESDAY : 17th February

11:00 am Eucharist
8:00 pm Sung Mass
with Imposition of Ashes at each service

A BOOK TO READ THIS LENT ...

Fr Andrew Rumsey, the Vicar of Gypsy Hill, is Elizabeth's son. He has been invited to write the 2010 Mowbray Lent Book. 'Strangely Warmed – Reflections on God, Life and Bric a Brac'. The Bishop of Durham, Tom Wright, has written: "Andrew Rumsey's meditations break the mould of Lent books. His eye for the ridiculous, his ear for the telling, resonating phrase, and his deep but refreshingly different spirituality merge effortlessly. Think Spike Milligan doing *Thought for the Day*. You will laugh out loud one minute and want to pray out loud the next. Many Christians suffer from an irony deficiency. Rumsey might be just the cure." See more details in the narthex and to order a copy sign the list without delay.

FRIDAY LENT LUNCHES

Encouraging us all to keep Lent as a time of discipline and self-denial a simple home made 'bread and soup' Lent lunch will be served in the hall after coffee on Fridays from 11:30am to 1:30pm – in aid of The Bishop of Guildford's Lent Call (see details at bottom of page). People who work locally are especially invited to join us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Sunday evenings at 6pm throughout Lent there will be Evensong & Stations of the Cross. The latter is a simple and beautiful devotion which leads us into the mystery of Christ's saving death in a very personal way. Graham Leech will be leading this each week – please do join him.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Since the beginning of the Christian movement many have prepared for Easter by making a personal confession of their sins to a priest as the representative of God who understands each one of us so intimately and lovingly. Fr Andrew will be available after the Friday 11am Eucharist on March 26th or after the 8pm Eucharist during Holy Week.

BISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S LENT CALL:

- Please do use the prayer on the bookmark every day;
- read the leaflet carefully;
- join in with the form of Daily Prayer – it will be prayed at 12 midday in church after the Angelus whenever possible;
- ... and don't forget to bring the envelopes along to the Maundy Thursday Liturgy!

Ecumenical Lent Course with All Saints' & the URC

THE LORD'S PRAYER

praying it, meaning it, living it

5 weekly sessions focussing on:

Our Father; Thy Will Be Done; Our Daily Bread;

As We Forgive; In Heaven

Monday mornings

10 am – 12 noon

Guildford United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road

Tuesday evenings

after the 7:30 pm Eucharist

St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street

Thursday evenings

8:00 – 9:30 pm

All Saints' Vicarage, 18 Vicarage Gate, Onslow Village

PALM SUNDAY : 28th MARCH : HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Please note that there will be no 8:30am Eucharist today, or on Easter Day.

THE LITURGY OF PALM SUNDAY

10am with Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem, The Passion Reading & Eucharist.

6:00 pm

'LIFT HIGH THE CROSS'

A meditation in words and music on The Passion

Joint evening service with All Saints' and the URC at St Nicolas'

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

8:00pm

A quiet and simple Eucharist for each of these first three evenings of the week – with an address by Bishop Christopher Herbert.

DIOCESAN CHRISM EUCHARIST : MAUNDY THURSDAY

11am IN GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

with the blessing of oils & renewal of ordination commitment

'Chrism' comes from 'to anoint' and at the Mass of Chrism each Holy Week the Bishop consecrates oil to use for anointing in each parish of the diocese – for the healing of the sick, in baptism, confirmation and etc. All the clergy of the diocese gather in solidarity with their bishop and renew their commitment to ministry. It's good if as many church members as possible can participate to support their priest and to pray, in anticipation, for all who will be anointed with oil during the year ahead.

REGIONAL CHRISM MASS WITH BISHOP KEITH :

SATURDAY 27th MARCH

12 noon IN PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY : 1st APRIL

8pm Reception of Oils, Washing of Feet, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Stripping of the Sanctuary & Watch

Please sign on the chart for the Watch – which will be until midnight, and then on throughout the night as we usually do – **provided** the chart has been completed by Palm Sunday.

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30 am

Friary/bottom of North Street.

Ecumenical Walk of Witness up the High Street

12 midday

Good Friday Children's Service – with hot cross buns afterwards.

THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY : 1:30 pm

Liturgy of the Word, Proclamation of the Cross, Prayers of Intercession and Holy Communion

Morning Prayer 7:30am on Good Friday, 9am on Holy Saturday; Evening Prayer at 5pm both days.

THE EASTER LITURGY

Holy Saturday – Easter Eve 8:30pm

The Service of Light, Vigil & First Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Morning 10am

Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Parish Mass

The Easter Liturgy is in two parts, beginning on the Saturday evening and continuing the next morning. All committed members of St Nicolas' are asked to be present for both. It is simply our most important gathering of the whole year, celebrating the very centre of our Christian faith. With the Renewal of Baptism Vows transferred to the morning the Saturday evening liturgy will not be so long. Holy Communion should be received at both.

Morning Prayer 9am on Easter Day: Evensong and Benediction at 6pm.