

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

'The stones will cry out' Luke 19:28-44 Preacher: Richard Coombs

11am at Cheltenham Minster

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6.30pm at St Matthew's

Palm Sunday Matthew 21:1-17 Preacher: Patrick Wheaton

Good Friday 19th April

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

'Amazing love, what sacrifice' Preacher: Richard Coombs
Come and explore the events of that amazing day through a
meditation on Luke's Gospel account.
Suitable for all ages. Followed by Hot Cross Buns!

2pm at Cheltenham Minster

'An hour at the cross'
All are welcome for this reflective act of worship.

Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

'Who are you looking for?' John 20:10-18 Preacher: Richard Coombs

11am at Cheltenham Minster

'Who are you looking for?' John 20:10-18 Preacher: Clare Dyson

6.30pm at St Matthew's

Easter Day Matthew 28:1-15 Preacher: Patrick Wheaton

This Week

Everyone is invited to join us for Daily Prayers in the Minster at **12.30pm**.
Usual Minster opening times: **11-3pm** on weekdays and **11-6pm** on Friday
with Minster Books from **2pm** and on **Saturdays** from **10-2pm**.

However, there will be no bookstall this coming weekend
although the opening times will stay the same.

Monday 15th April	10.00	NO Bright Lights Toddler Group
Tuesday 16th April	12.30	Staff Bible study and meeting - St. Matthew's
Wednesday 17th April	10.15	U3A Art - St Matthew's
	12.30	Midweek Communion - The Minster
	19.30	Rusty Musicians - St Matthew's
Thursday 18th April	10:30	CAMEO - St Matthew's
	18.00	Maundy Thursday Communion - The Minster
	19.30	Maundy Thursday Meal - St Matthew's
	19.30	NO Bellringing practice - The Minster
Friday 19th April	Church Office closed	
	10.00	Good Friday Service - St Matthew's
	14.00	Hour at the Cross - The Minster
	19:45	Music group practice - St. Matthew's including Orchestra - see notice below All singers and musicians welcome

Easter Orchestra We are hoping to have a small orchestra or big band
for 10.00 Easter Day 21st April. All comers welcome and no
auditions! If you play an instrument or would like to sing in the group then
please contact Ian Perry 07774 726665, ian@irperry.co.uk

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 to
the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

From Richard

Last week, at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting I outlined a new vision for the church, four commitments and three priorities for the coming year.

Our new vision is to be **'Passionate about Jesus Christ'**

We want to be passionate about Jesus' love for us and to share our passion with others.

Our four commitments flow from this vision:

Discipleship – Growing in God's love in Jesus

We want to be secure in the Jesus' love, to be growing in our understanding of it and for it to be shaping our lives.

Prayer and Worship – Responding to God's love in Jesus

We want to listen to God's loving word and to respond to him in Spirit - inspired prayer and praise which changes our lives.

Mission – Sharing God's love in Jesus

We want to share Jesus' love with others who haven't yet experienced it.

We want to be a church which does mission.

Community – Experiencing God's love in Jesus

Because we have been loved unconditionally by God, we will love each other unconditionally and share that love with others.

For the next twelve months we have set ourselves three priorities:

- **Grow 20s – 30s and young families**
- **Make the church more outward looking**
- **Replace St Matthew's Kitchen**

I will share more details about these priorities in the coming months.

For now, let's give ourselves in prayer to our new vision and ask God how he wants us to be 'Passionate about Jesus Christ'.

Good Friday

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Upcoming Events

Thurs 18th April Maundy Thursday Communion Service The Minster 6pm
Church Family Meal with informal Communion St. Matt's 7.30pm

Fri 19th April 'Amazing love, what sacrifice' Good Friday service
with activities for children St. Matt's 10.00am

'An Hour at the Cross' The Minster 2.00pm

Thurs 23rd May Parents' Cheese and Wine Evening St. Matt's 8 –9.30pm

The PCC Following our AGM last Sunday, the PCC is now as follows:

Wardens: Clare Salisbury and Bill Harvey

PCC members: Margaret Failes, Stephen Ayland, Michael Bishop, Diane Bruckland, Rupert Cox, Holly Cupper, Sonia Griffiths, Elizabeth Horder, Graham Nicholls, Peter Ormerod, Ian Perry, Andy Ponting, Godfrey Tarling, David Warren, Dan Wright. Treasurer: Adrian Bowcher (to be co-opted)

PCC also includes three Deanery Synod members (elected 2017 for 3 years):

Chris Chadwick, Ken Syme, David Evans.

The Wardens can be contacted at: clare.salisbury@stmstm.org.uk
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Creche television which allows folk to follow the service from the side room is beyond repair. If anyone has a spare they could donate we would be most grateful. The TV needs to be between 26" and 32" (inclusive). If you are able to help, please email Andrew Jack andrew.jack@tenastic.com with the model no. and then he can check it will fit the connections and mountings. Many thanks.

Cake-makers needed! As part of the Christian Arts Festival, St. Matt's is hosting a talk and discussion about *Lord of The Rings* on 30th April, at 7.30pm. The event is **free** and would be a great thing to invite non-Christian friends to, as it is given by Tom Price of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. There are flyers in church - do take one and pass it on! We would love to offer refreshments for guests that evening - if you can provide any, please contact Gareth Griffith (garethgriffith@hotmail.com). Thank you!

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Deadline for inclusion in the following week's Notice Sheet is 9am on Tuesday