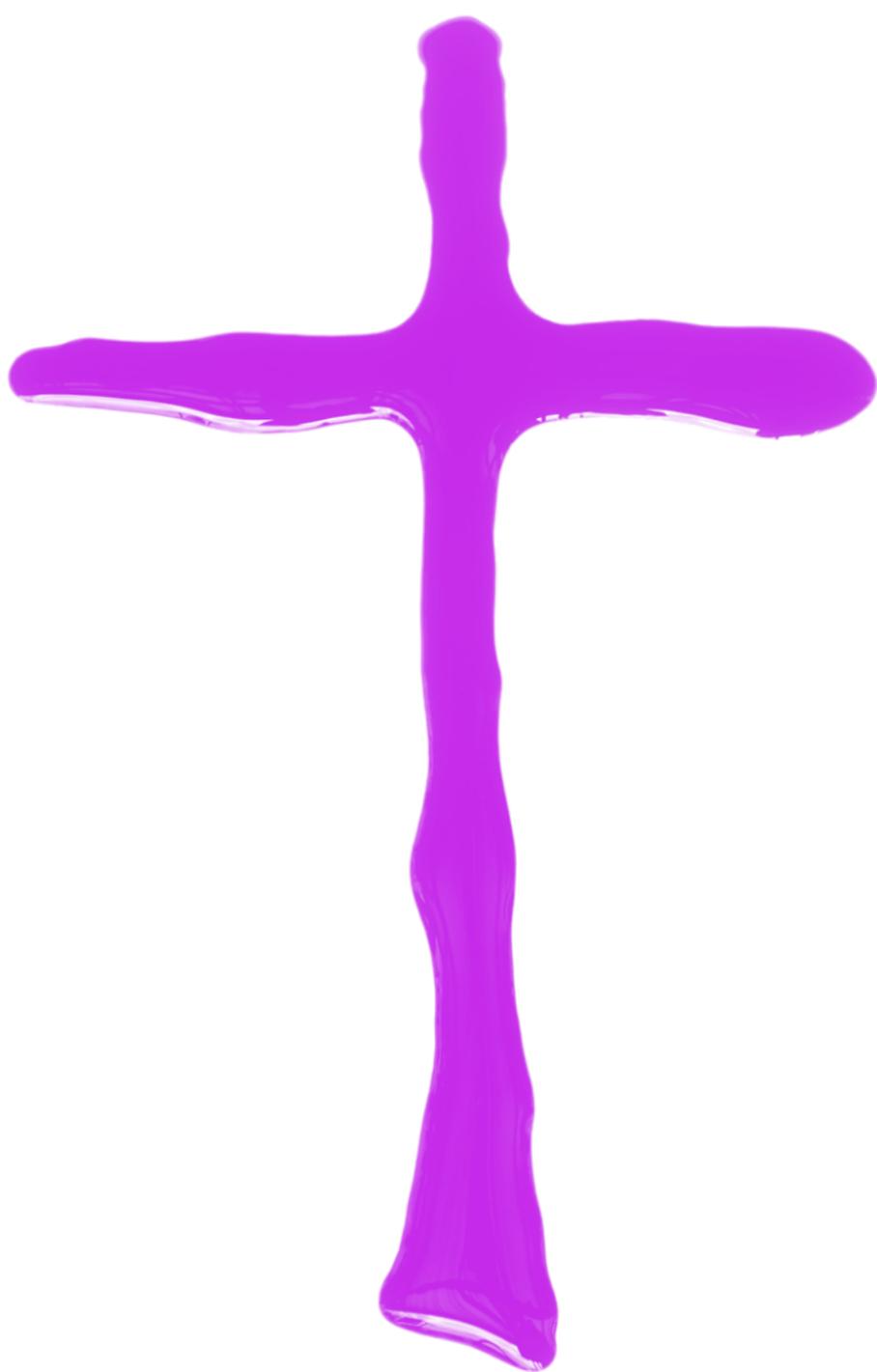


# Lent 5

*Sunday 18 March 2018*



## This Sunday

**8am**

President:

**Said Eucharist (BCP)**

Rev. Dr. Robert Tobin

**10.30am**

President:

Lay Deacon:

Preacher:

Readers:

Setting:

OoS:

Readings:

**Sung Eucharist**

Rev. Dr. Robert Tobin

Bruce Knight

Susanne Mitchell

Charlie Dyer

Aina Benjamin

NEH 541

Lent

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Hebrews 5.5-10

John 12.20-33

**6.30pm**

Officiant:

Psalm(s):

Readings:

**Evening Prayer (BCP)**

*Eve of Joseph of Nazareth*

Rev. Dr. Robert Tobin

132

Hosea 11.1-9

Luke 2.41-end

## Collect, Hymns and Readings

### **Introit:**

*Take Up Thy Cross (NEH 76)*

### **Collect:**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your  
Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on  
the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.

**Amen**

### **First Reading:**

*Jeremiah 31.31-34*

*A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading:**

*Hebrews 5.5-10*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son,

today I have begotten you';

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.'

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual:**

*Glory Be To Jesus (NEH 83)*

## **Gospel Reading:**

*John 12.20-33*

The Lord be with you.

*All*    **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to John

*All*    **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it

for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup>‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

<sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

<sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

<sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Offertory:**

*Rock Of Ages (NEH 445)*

### **Communion Anthem:**

*Take This Moment, Time And Space (Bell)*

### **Communion Hymn:**

*Drop, Drop Slow Tears (NEH 82)*

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our  
brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Dismissal:**

*The Royal Banners Go Forward*  
(NEH 79, t. 128(ii) )

### **PHONE CHARGERS NEEDED**

As part of the local resilience plan, we need mobile phone chargers - any brand. If you have any spares lying around at home that you no longer need Pauline would be very pleased to have them.

### **EASTER LILIES**

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory a loved one, please write their name on the list on the notice board. The cost is £3.50 and is payable to Daphne Clarke.

### **INTERNATIONAL LUNCH**

*Saturday April 28, 12-2pm*

Come and enjoy tastes from around the World, for £5.

If you would like to contribute to lunch please tell me what you will be bringing.

*Diane*

## LENT COURSE

As part of your observance of this important season of Lent, please join us for a five-part Lent course taking place at St Mary's each week. The course will be held twice each Wednesday: following the Midweek Eucharist from approximately 1.30-2.30pm (with a soup lunch), and again in the evening from 7.45-9pm.

The next sessions are on Wednesday 21 March.

## SAVE THE DATE: THE DEVIL'S PASSION

*Monday March 26*

We are fortunate that on Monday of Holy Week (Monday, 26 March) at 7.30pm, the one-man play *The Devil's Passion* will be staged here at St Mary's.

Written and performed by Justin Butcher, the play offers a radically fresh perspective on the Passion of Christ — that of Satan himself. Please make sure the date is in your diary.

Tickets can be booked online at: <https://thedevilspassionstmarybalham.bpt.me>

Or by phone at Brown Paper Tickets on 0800 411 8881.

All proceeds from the performance will go to the charity Amos Trust to support the Al Ahli Hospital in the centre of Gaza City, Palestine.

Please note that if you prefer not buy tickets online or over the phone for the next few weeks you will be able to purchase them at the back of church after the Sunday service.

# Holy Week And Easter

## Sunday 25 March

### *Palm Sunday*

- 8am Said Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Liturgy of Palm Sunday  
*With procession starting at Bedford Hill Place*

## Monday 26 March

- 7.30pm The Devil's Passion  
*(details on page 7 of pewsheet)*

## Tuesday 27 March

- 8pm Eucharist with Anointing

## Wednesday 28 March

- 8pm Dayenu; *Remembering the Passover*

## Thursday 29 March

### *Maundy Thursday*

- 8pm Liturgy of Maundy Thursday  
*followed by Night Watch until midnight*

## Friday 30 March

### *Good Friday*

- 10am Family Service  
*(Stations of the Cross)*  
10.30am Walk of Witness  
*(starting at Salvation Army)*  
11.30am Church open for quiet prayer  
2pm Liturgy of Good Friday

## Saturday 31 March

### *Easter Eve*

- 8pm Easter Vigil with Baptism

## Sunday 1 April

### *Easter Day*

- 8am Said Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Festal Eucharist for Easter Day

## Community News

### **GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF SILENT WITNESS**

There has been a Good Friday procession through Balham (and Tooting) for over forty years. This year's will be a shorter circular route (see poster in Narthex) but begins as customary at the Salvation Army community church at 10.30am on March 30th. The police no longer have the resources to support such a procession so it is essential that we have a good number of volunteer marshals. Hi-viz jackets are provided and a briefing session is given prior to the Procession. We also need strongish volunteers to push the trolley with the PA system on please. Speak to Rose Harley, Moira Hodgson or Susanne Mitchell if you can help.

### **CARBON FOOTPRINT**

Transition Town Tooting is running another set of 'Carbon Conversations'. Starting on Thursday April 19th then five more Thursdays, these two hour sessions (7-9pm) are an opportunity to meet in a group and think through aspects of your own carbon footprint. The sessions are hosted by trained facilitator Ben Cuddon. A voluntary contribution of £14 for the whole course is invited to cover the cost of the handbook "In Time for Tomorrow". Contact [ben-cuddon@gmail.com](mailto:ben-cuddon@gmail.com) for details of the venue, to join, or with any other questions. There is also a poster in the narthex.

## Box On The High Road

For the next few weeks we are supporting Opening Doors London.

This is a leading London based charity providing support and information services to older LGBT people across London. Full details are available in flyers in the porch or at the back of the church.

# Coming Up

## **Sunday 18 March** *Lent 5*

8am Said Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

## **Monday 19 March**

8am Morning Prayer

## **Tuesday 20 March**

8am Morning Prayer

## **Wednesday 21 March**

8am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mary's Little Lambs

12.30pm Said Eucharist

1.30pm Lent Course 4

7.45pm Lent Course 4

## **Thursday 22 March**

8am Morning Prayer

## **Friday 23 March**

8am Morning Prayer

---

## **Sunday 25 March** *Palm Sunday*

## **Sunday 29 April**

12pm APCM

# Our Prayers This Week

## **Our world:**

- For those killed in the Florida University bridge collapse

## **Our church:**

- For those involved in the production of 'The Devil's Passion',, and all those who will come to see it

## Contact Details

### **Parish Priest:**

The Revd. Dr. Robert Tobin

T: 0208 673 1188

E: vicar@stmarybalham.org.uk

### **Assistant Priests:**

The Revd. Eileen Serbutt

T: 0208 767 8383

E: eileen.serbutt@btinternet.com

The Revd. Canon Bill Norman

### **Reader:**

Susanne Mitchell

T: 0208 675 5057

E: smitchtree@btinternet.com

### **SPA:**

Daphne Clarke

### **Churchwardens:**

Pauline Lacey

T: 0207 801 9281

Keith Holmes

T: 0208 677 8947

E: churchwardens@stmarybalham.org.uk

### **Director of Music:**

Paul Swinden

### **Administrator:**

T: 0208 675 3278

E: administrator@stmarybalham.org.uk

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10-12

### **Lettings Officer:**

Anzo Francis

E: administrator@stmarybalham.org.uk

### **Website:**

[www.stmarybalham.org.uk](http://www.stmarybalham.org.uk)

Twitter: @balhamvicar

### **Pew sheet:**

For pew sheet notices, to receive an electronic copy of the pew sheet or to be removed from the mailing list, please email: christopher.serbutt@btinternet.com