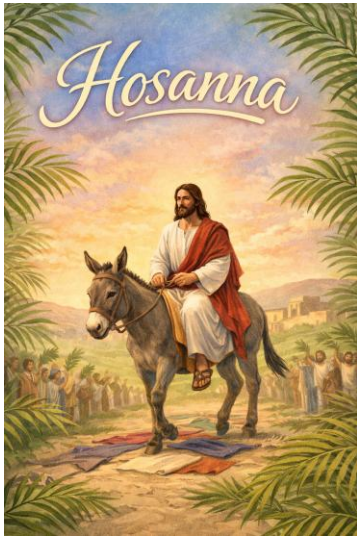


**Sunday 29th March 2026**  
**Palm Sunday**



Dear Church family

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the day that Jesus, without pomp or ceremony arrived in Jerusalem, welcomed as a humble king. It was in fulfilment of an old prophecy that reminds us that whatever we may think, God has a BIG PLAN, and our daily challenges are just fleeting compared to the eternity that he invites us to. As over 1000 people gathered at Guildford to give thanks for the life of Bishop Andrew another humble servant, it was encouraging to hear that he wanted the service to be a celebration of Jesus.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of holy week, a special week at the end of Lent with plenty of opportunities to slow down and reflect, reenacting the powerful easter story. Tuesday will be our last Fruitfulness on the front line lent course at 12noon and 7.30pm. Why not join us on Maundy Thursday evening for a simple agape meal and foot-washing (for those

who want) before an intimate communion service in the chancel (choir pews). Friday there is a walk of witness in Weybridge and later at St Mary's two hours at the cross, the first hour is led by our choir and the second hour is a quieter reflection led by Hugh. For the children and families there is a craft afternoon (Easter gardens and treats) in the hall followed by a short Easter recap at 3pm in the church. Easter Sunday is the celebration day after 40 days of Lent, Sunrise service at Walton Bridge, followed by 8am, 10am and 4pm services (Easter egg hunt after the 10 and 4) Invite your family and your neighbours - don't forget sign up for the Easter breakfast between the 8am and 10am. Come and join in the celebrations!

Thanks for your partnership in the gospel.

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**Day off Monday**

**29th March 2026**

**Palm Sunday**

**8am** Holy Communion

**10am** Morning Service

**11.00** Short communion

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**10.30am** Communion Wednesday 1st April.

**Prayers For our Church**

**This Week's Bible Readings:** Isaiah 7:18-25 and Luke 19:28-40.

**Church Focus:** YOUTH MINISTRIES: Friday Activation youth, Sunday Youth, Youth Serving at Activation Kids and leading 4pm services. EVANGELISM AND MISSION Pray for the Walton and Oatlands Mission post Easter, for Breakfast with Professor Richard Buggs an evolutionary biologist and molecular ecologist at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and Queen Mary University of London, Breakfast on the 25th April at the Oatlands Chaser £15 to hear 'Did Darwin Displace God?' Booking required.

**We remember our Mission Partners:** The Bible Society, The Leprosy Mission, Rentstart and the Foodbank. **World: Pray for:** Break through the barriers that set people apart and the suspicion that makes them walk alone. We especially remember Syria, the Middle East, Sudan, Ukraine, and so many other places. **We pray for the sick in our parish:** We ask that you have mercy on all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Restore them to the fullness of life, that they may serve you with joy and thankfulness. Freya Le Hunt, Doreen Clements, Graham Hunter-Brown, Brenda Bebb, Murray Bennett, Parang, Lorna L, Joan Ewing, Jennie Ewing, Catherine Fraser, Richard Ullah, Megan, Mike and Beth. Especially remembering all who suffer from mental ill-health and are victims of abuse and discrimination. **Those recently departed:** John Jones, Iain Chandler, Peter Fleming (Ros's brother), Bishop Andrew Watson, Wally Cooper and Lesley Chan. We give thanks for the love and life of those recently departed and pray for their family and friends during this time of loss: These prayers, those said aloud, and those said in the stillness of our hearts, we commend to you in our Lord Jesus' name. **From the Memorial Book at their year's mind:** Leslie Kemp, Michael Carter, James Barnett, Wilfred Holland, Shirley Humble, Douglas Login, Muriel Scagell, Shirley Steen and John Solbett. **Please pray for:** John Atchinson and Lauren Edwards as they prepare for their wedding here on 4th April.

**Save the Date Activation Kids & Activation Youth** return on the 17th April.

**Sun 29th Mar - Palm Sunday**

**Thurs 2nd April 7pm** Agape Supper in hall. Please sign-up at the back of the Church.

**8pm** HC service with traditional foot washing.

**Fri 3rd April - Good Friday** Walk of Witness' 10am from Christ the Prince of Peace.

1-3pm Service and Reflections at St Mary Oatlands. 2-3.15pm Easter Garden, Children's craft and short service.

**Sat 4th April - Men's Breakfast** 8am at the Vicarage.

**Sun 5th April Easter Sunday 8am, 10am\* and 4pm\* (\*with Egg hunt).**

**Easter Day** Please bring a flower or some foliage from your garden to decorate the Cross on Easter day.

**8.30-9.30am Easter Parish Breakfast**, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.



**Fri 17th April** Activation Kids 5pm and Activation Youth at Walton Youth & Community Centre, 1A Elm Grove, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 1LH - see Mark if you want a lift.

**Thurs 23rd April 4 week course** 12 noon or 7.30pm 321 course introducing Christianity with the BIG PICTURE.

**Sat 25th April 9.30am** Oatlands Chaser £15 Breakfast with Prof Buggs 'Did Darwin Displace God?' Booking required. A QR code will be available soon for direct booking.

**Thurs 7th May** The Church halls will be used as a Polling Station. **Sat 9th May** 12.30-4.30pm Oatlands Village Fayre. **Sun 10th May St Mary's APCM** - after the 10am service.

**Church Electoral Roll** Please, can we encourage you to join the Church Electoral Roll if you are not already on it. Please contact Darell Greenwood our Electoral Roll Officer.

**Sun 10-Sat 16th May** Christian Aid Week. **Sun 17th May Walton and Oatlands Mission Celebration** at St Mary, Walton 6.30pm. **Sat 6th June 3pm** 'In House Concert' at SMO. More details to follow.

**Sunday 7th June 'Bring and Share' lunch** after the morning service - Mark (and Lorna) will share their journey of faith ('Really helpful and engaging, explains a lot 'Harriet').

**Sun 5th July BBQ** after church. **Sat 11th July St Mary's Vision Morning** 9-1pm with David Senior from the Diocese. **Post Easter Mission in Walton and Oatlands** Prayer meeting 6.30pm 2nd Sunday at St Johns. Walton.

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**Where:** The Vicarage  
**When:** Thursday 25 & 30<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May  
**12noon-1pm or 7.30-9pm**

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