

If you'd like to contribute towards the cost of **Easter flowers**, there is a plate in the foyer for contributions, and also a list in the porch to sign if you would like to pay for Easter Lillies.

Could you commit to half an hour or more of prayer on **Maundy Thursday evening** between the end of the Eucharist and midnight? There is a rota in the porch, which at the moment is looking rather empty...

**The special collection for Mara** last week raised £688—thank you for your generosity. If you missed it for some reason, the jar is still there today.

At last Sunday's **APCM** David Broadbent and Kathryn Fraser were elected as Churchwardens, and Christine Stephenson, Katie Savage, Philip Stephenson, Trish Greenwood, Keith Dobson, Richard Greenwood, Susan Smith and Lorna Painten were elected as members of the PCC. We offer our congratulations to them, and our grateful thanks to all those who stood down from office this year.

The first meeting of the **new PCC** will be on Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm in the Nayamatara Room, after a celebration of the Eucharist at 7pm. Agenda's will be circulated nearer the time.

**Last call today** for the pilgrimage to Heptonstall on Wednesday, the Children's Workshop on Maundy Thursday, and Breakfast on Easter Day...

**In Your Prayers:** Please remember in your prayers the soul of Kathleen Armitage, who has died in recent days, and those who live in Whitehall Street and Windsor Walk. The cycle of streets that we pray for is about to come to an end, so if you are aware of any streets in the parish that we don't pray for, please mention them to Arthur Talbot.

**Easter Communion:** if you are aware of anyone who because of illness would appreciate receiving communion at home this Easter, please mention them to Fr Peter. He would also be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to make their confession before Easter, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

If you're not able to be present on a Sunday, and have access to the internet, **this bulletin can now be downloaded each week** from the church website, which is at [www.lightcliffe.org.uk](http://www.lightcliffe.org.uk)

The latest edition of **Christ Church News**, from our neighbours at Hipperholme is available in the foyer.

We shall not be using all the **readings** printed in this week's bulletin, but they're there for you to take away and read at your leisure.

**Advance notice:** there will be no celebrations of the Eucharist in the week after Easter.

## The Parish Church of St Matthew, Lightcliffe

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### Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday

From wherever you have come, be it just round the corner or further afield, whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, **welcome to St Matthew's**. We're glad to welcome you to worship here, and pray that you will find something that helps you.

#### Our worship today

8am	The Eucharist
10am	Parish Eucharist Hymns: 11, 148, 290 [Kyrie], 492, 154, 32, 327 and 435
6.30pm	Evensong Hymns: 61, Psalm 142, 70, 66

Groups for **children**, and **young people** meet in the Nyamatara and St Aidan's rooms, and in the office during the 10am service: please feel welcome to join them.



**Planned Giving:** if you would like to know more about supporting St Matthew's financially, Peter Kirby [01274 698939] would be very happy to tell you more.

#### Holy week at St Matthew's

Monday	7.30pm	Eucharist
Tuesday	7am	Eucharist [BCP]
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	7.30pm	The Eucharist
	10am	Pilgrimage to Heptonstall
Maundy Thursday	9am	The Eucharist
	2pm	Children's Workshop
	7.30pm	Solemn Mass of the Last Supper, with watch till midnight
Good Friday	9am	Hot Cross Bun service
	9.45am	Walk of Witness
	7.30pm	Liturgy of the Day
Easter Day	6am	Vigil Mass
	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Solemn Evensong

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## **LITURGY OF PALMS**

### **GOSPEL**

**Mark 11.1-11**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

***Glory to you, O Lord***

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you, O Christ***

### **Palm Sunday - Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

## **LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

### **FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4-9a**

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens - awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

### **SECOND READING Philippians 2.5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

### **Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King to the glory of God the Father.