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NEWSLETTER

Holy Week & Easter Worship

Holy Week 2018 at St. Andrew's, Puerto Pollenca

Palm Sunday (25th March) - 10am Sung Eucharist with Palm Procession & Passion Reading

Palm Sunday Jazz 6pm – ‘The Eight Sayings’, ~ A Reflective Service based on the Eight Sayings of Jesus from St John’s Passion – and using the Jazz Suite ‘The Eight Words’ by Priest & Musician Tim Boniface

Monday in Holy Week - 7.30pm Final Lent Group

Wednesday In Holy Week - 10.30am Stations of the Cross (with hymns) [No Coffee Morning]

Maundy Thursday (29th March) - 7.30pm Sung Eucharist, Foot Washing Ceremony and Watch until 10pm

Good Friday (30th March) - 2pm The Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve (31st March) - 7.30pm Easter Vigil (bring a bell for the Gloria!)

Easter Sunday (1st April) - 10am Sung Eucharist

Holy Week 2018 at Ss.Philip & James, Palma

Palm Sunday (25th March) - 11am Sung Eucharist with Palm Procession & Passion Reading

Monday in Holy Week - 7pm Eucharist with Stations of the Cross (1 to 6)

Wednesday In Holy Week - 7pm Eucharist with Station of the Cross (7 to 12)

Maundy Thursday (29th March) - 7pm Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper

Good Friday (30th March) - 1.30pm - Church in silence.
2pm The Meditations on the Seven Last Words from the Cross

Easter Sunday (1st April) - 11am Sung Eucharist with Service of Light and Renewal of Baptism

Vows.

Easter At Cala D'Or

Easter Sunday (1st April) - 6pm Sung Eucharist

An Easter Poem



An Easter Triolet

by Malcolm Guite

We won't give up on love, it is a given
 And given things can always live again.
 The stone is rolled away, the rocks are riven
 We won't give up on love, it is a given
 The grave is made the very gate of heaven
 We sowed in tears, but here's the golden grain:
 We won't give up on love, it is a given
 And Love's the given thing that lives again.

Annual General Meetings 2018



People queue to get into the Chaplaincy Annual Meeting!!



Church Members Vote to double clergy pay (honest)!

Its that time of year again! Our Annual General Meetings are upon us.

For St.Andrew's, Puerto Pollenca - Sunday 8th April following the 10am Sung Eucharist

For Ss.Philip&James, Palma - Sunday, 22nd April following the 11am Sung Eucharist

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the entire Chaplaincy - 22nd April following the Palma AGM.

There are the dates for you. There are three meetings this years. Each church has its own annual meeting and then the entire Chaplaincy as one team holds its annual meeting immediately after the Palma Church version.

Nominations will soon be open for membership of the two Church Councils.

We will also be elected an Archdeaconry Synod representative for a two year term of office.

Each church will elect its Church Wardens for the next year.

We will also hear, or read, reports on aspects of church life.

There will be an address from one of the clergy on the state of the Chaplaincy at present and the sorts of challenges that we will be facing in the next year.

To vote you need to be on the Electoral Role and to do this pick up a form from your ER Officer, the clergy or in any of the churches.

Coming up soon



Forthcoming events at St Andrew's, Puerto Pollensa

Monday 19th March, 7.30pm - 5€
Fun Evening – with Beetle Drive, Mini-Quiz & Bingo

Wednesday Coffee Mornings will have a break during Holy Week and Easter Week – re-opening on Wednesday 11th April - 11am-2pm
Coffee & homemade Cakes, Soup & more – *why not come and join us!*

Monday 9 April, 7.30pm – 5€
Quiz Evening – 7€ Come with your own team (max 6), play on your own or join with others - always a good and enjoyable evening.

Flowers in Church – Donations are always welcome to help with this. Why not make a special occasion or the birthday of a loved one or friend etc. A card can be placed near the display to mark the special day. Please have a word with Ann or Monica or email anglicanpollenc@gmail.com – thank you!

Forthcoming events at Ss.Philip & James, Palma

'Murdered to Death' - Friday, 20th, Saturday, 21st, Friday, 27th April at Coleman Hall, Palma Anglican Church. A play by the Drama Club. Tickets €10.

Palms on Palm Sunday ???



Double meaning of palms

The grocer who sells me olives and cheeses is Italian and a lapsed Catholic, so he knows all about Palm Sunday and Easter and so forth. But he said to me rather sadly that he doesn't really enjoy going to mass any more, because the stories are always the same, year after year.

That seems extraordinary to me, because although the stories are the same, you hear them differently each time. It is well known that the Empress Helena went to the Holy Land in about 326 to find the holy places she had read about in the Gospels. Less well known is the trip made about 60 years later, by a Frenchwoman called Egeria. She wrote about everything she saw, and her interest was really liturgical. She watched how the Christians there worshipped, and one of the things she describes was how they always had a procession of palms to the Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday.

The story of the first Palm Sunday, as Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem for the last extraordinary week of his earthly life, is told in the Gospels. In John's account, the whole thing is a joyful triumph, after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead — a kind of mini Easter day. In Luke's Gospel, the palms don't get mentioned at all. Instead, Luke tells us that the people threw down their cloaks at Jesus's feet. They loved him while they thought he was powerful, but they abandoned him as soon as they realised that he wasn't after that kind of power.

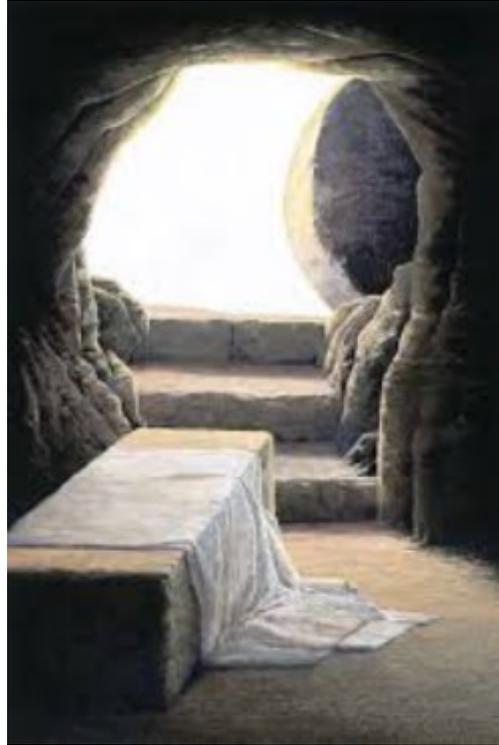
However you hear it, either as a festival of resurrection, or the bittersweet act of a dying king, the palms are at the heart of it — symbols of death and life, completely intertwined. Palm branches were waved for joy as a symbol of heaven, but also they are also used as symbol of violent death endured for God. (Martyred saints are often depicted holding a palm branch.)

What does this mean for us? Well, that we should not let the fear of death frighten us off following Jesus. It was hard for the crowd in Jerusalem, battered and taxed by the occupying Roman army. But we stand on the other side of Palm Sunday from them. We have seen the triumph that came at the end of Christ's journey, even on the other side of death. Life and death are, indeed, intertwined, but the strongest thread is always life.

Terence Handley MacMath

Thanks for reading,

more Chaplaincy news mid April!



Have a happy and blessed Easter

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