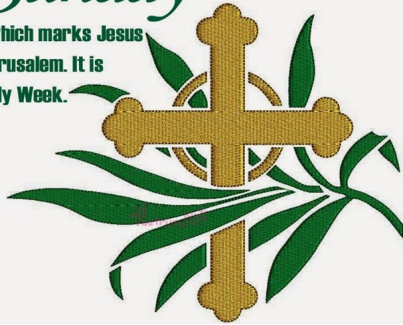


Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is also the beginning of Holy Week.



Portsmouth



The St. Swithin's Palm Procession takes a detour. (Cartoon by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham)

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

I'm tellin' you boys.. Jesus was a super nice guy. He knows how to treat a DONKEY!



Still two days after Palm Sunday Darryl the Palm Sunday donkey was bragging to the boys.



This week's reading - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11

Next week's readings - Acts 10:34-43 1
Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18

Palm Sunday: 25 March

Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:10-11*

Collect

God of the journey,
you travel with us along paths both rough and smooth;
as we celebrate your Son's triumphant entry into Jerusalem
travel with us into Holy Week,
that through your Holy Spirit we may witness to
the depth of your passion
and by ready to rise into the fullness of Easter Day.
Through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please Pray for: Margaret C, Ray Harris and family, Brian S, Phyl and Susan, May H, Matthew, Julia

VICAR: Rev Murray Olson – Office 871-5568 Monday to Friday

PRIEST: Rev Vacion Rae 021 0575 566

PRIEST: Rev Keith Storey – Home 871 5425

PRIEST: Rev Steph Owen – Home phone 871 3400

DEACON: Rev Norris Hall – Home phone 021 0227 1428

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Weekly Church Group Meetings

Monday

9:30am Knit and Natter
10am Prayer Group
10-2pm Pirongia Craft Group
5pm Outreach Meal

Tuesday

9:30am Pirongia Walking Group
9-10am Gardening Group (2nd Tue)
10am Community Cuppa morning tea followed by bible study
AAW every second Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

9:30am Mainly Music *
7pm Pirongia Bible Study (2nd Wed, Jenny Taylor 8259812)

Thursday

9:30am Selwyn Centre

Friday

9:30am Mainly Music *
10am House Group
5:30pm Youth Group *

Sunday

9:30 Pirongia Sunday School

(Meetings with an * are term time only)

25th March: 6th Sunday in Lent or Palm Sunday – Georgina Graham, Missionary to the Solomon Island/ Teacher/Counsellor.

Every Tuesday – 10:30 am. Lenten Bible Studies – The Five Habits of Highly Missional People – Excellent topic during Lent – please come along and join us

Maundy Thursday Service at St Saviour's at 7:30pm. There will be a shared meal so please bring a plate. Murray will be preaching.

Waipa Christian School is fundraising for internal walls to be put up in their classroom. They are selling Disaster Plasters. A box of 50 Band-Aids are \$5 each. Please see Amy P in the office or Levi at the AGM

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY: 25 March

8am: Old St. John's, Te Awamutu

9.30am: St. Saviour's Pirongia

10am: St. John's, Te Awamutu

HOLY WEEK (In Old St, John's)

Monday 26 March: Eucharist at 5.30pm

Tuesday 27 March: Eucharist at 5.30pm

Wednesday 28 March: Eucharist at 5.30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Thursday 29 March

10.30am: Old St. John's, Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar

7.30pm: St. Saviours, Pirongia, Celebration of the Last Supper and the Stripping of the Altar.

GOOD FRIDAY: 30 March

10am. Walk of Witness from St. John's Church to St. Patrick's Church. This is a combined service with the Roman Catholics.

2pm Stations of the Cross at Old St. John's.

2pm. Good Friday Service at St. Saviour's Pirongia

EASTER DAY: 1 April **HALLELUIAH! JESUS IS RISEN**

8am: Old St. John's, Te Awamutu

9am St. Paul's Hairini

9.30am St. Saviour's Pirongia

10am: St. John's, Te Awamutu

