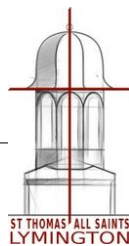


Easter at St.Thomas



March

Sunday 27th

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Choral Communion
11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service with Robins Choir

Mothering Sunday

April

Sunday 3rd

Passion Sunday

Normal Sunday Services (8am, 9.15am, 11am)

Thursday 7th

9.30am Lymington Infant School Easter Service

Palm Sunday

Sunday 10th

8.00am Holy Communion with Palm Crosses
9.15am Choral Communion with Palm Crosses
11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service

Holy Week

Led by Rev'd Canon Peter Salisbury 'Transitions'

Monday 11th

11.00am Holy Week Communion: Theme "Endings"

Tuesday 12th

11.00am Holy Week Communion: Theme "Wilderness"

Wednesday 13th

11.00am Holy Week Communion: Theme "New beginnings"

Thursday 14th

Maundy Thursday

11.00am Maundy Thursday Eucharist at Winchester Cathedral
7.00pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Friday 15th

Good Friday

10.30am Churches Together Service at the URC
12 - 3pm Three hour service

Saturday 16th

9.00am Prayers for the work of the Parish
10.00am Messy Church Easter Brunch and activities



Sunday 17th

Easter Sunday

5.30am Dawn Communion journey along the sea wall from Lymington Bandstand
10.30am Easter Communion
4.00pm Easter Choral Evensong



Transitions

Every time things change around us we undergo a transition. This transition involves letting go of old habits and attitudes, re-evaluating our situation and setting out on a new course.

Our lives can be seen as a series of these transitions, so it's no surprise that we find transitions throughout the pages of the bible.

Think of Adam and Eve leaving paradise, Abram and Sarai, Miriam, Moses, Esther and Ruth, Jesus in the wilderness. Think too of the major themes of the bible which we've been exploring this Lent: from Origins to Exodus, Exile, and our hope for the future, all these involve people facing changes and the transitions which come with them.

Alongside the bible I shall also be referring to a very good book on the subject. It's called "Transitions, making sense of life's changes", by William Bridges, first published over 40 years ago in 1979. He describes three stages involved in any transition: Ending, Wilderness, Beginning. He uses examples from cultures around the world, including Christianity to underline that this process is a human universal.

This Holy Week I shall be looking at some key stories from the bible and using them to illustrate this transition process which we all face from time to time.

I hope that by the end of Holy Week we shall all have a better understanding of the bible and also be better prepared for transitions in our own lives.

Peter

