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## Palm Sunday

Some of the most beautiful paintings and frescoes from the life of Christ are those depicting Jesus's "Triumphal entry" into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. One of the most famous was by Giotto on the walls of the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi – sadly damaged by an earthquake a few decades ago.

The drama clearly evokes the return of a Roman Caesar after some victorious battle, entering through some grand arch into Rome, while the crowds roar and wave branches. "Hosanna to the Son of David!" is the equivalent of, "Hail, Caesar, Emperor of Rome!"

But it's not a golden chariot, but a colt, the foal of an ass, on which he rides. And his face, in all the paintings, is not glowing with contentment, but touched with a deep sadness.

This, for Jesus of course, is the start of the path to Calvary, so there's no spring in his step. And indeed, this palm-waving is the very adulation that the Tempter promised him in the desert – the glamour of success – so Jesus is still on his guard against taking the easy way.

So why do it? Why play their game?

He doesn't want praise and applause, he knows how fickle crowds can be: so why deliberately choose to enter on a donkey and accept the acknowledgement of the crowd? Why consciously mimic exactly the kind of Messiah that they are expecting, but which he shown time and again that he definitely is not?

Two things. Firstly, I think that Jesus is always correcting the distorted view of the Messiah that the people of Israel have extracted from scripture and prophecy. They have a "Ten Top Signs of the Messiah" list – and arriving on an ass is definitely on it. (We shouldn't see an ass as a sign of ridicule, by the way. Horses were exclusively for the military, the ass was just normal transport). Everything is completed in Jesus; every prophecy fulfilled – but never in the way that's expected. This *is* a triumphal entry, but the victory is yet to be achieved, and the triumph will be in a manner that not even the angels could have foreseen.

Secondly, the events of this week are of cosmic significance, and the clamour of the actual crowd fades into the background as we – and people of faith in every age before and after us – see the Servant King arriving in the city that bears his name. The moment is full of wondrous love. The look of sadness on Jesus face is not just for those crying hosanna, but for the lost-ness of the world in every age. It is a solemn moment where the very stones are ready to cry out to acknowledge the one who shaped them.

Nothing is really dependent now on whether or not his words have been heard and taken to heart. Nothing is dependent on the Jewish authorities recognising the Messiah. Everything hangs now on the simple obedience of a son to his father's will. The victory of Easter can only be accomplished at the end of the costly, painful journey that starts here. Holy Week has begun.



## 2023 Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is a church's register of electors, it is a list of those qualified to vote at the Annual Parish Church Meeting where elections for the PCC and the Deanery Synod take place. Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the relevant parish or be regular worshippers in church whose roll they wish to join. You can check if your name is already on the Electoral Roll. Copy of the New Roll was created in 2019 and will be in place UNTIL 2024 and revised on an annual basis. (Copy will be available at the back of church). If your name was entered on the Electoral Roll in 2019, then you DO NOT need to fill out another application form,

Concerning the Revision of the Church Electoral Roll 2022, notices will be on the Notice Boards of St Andrew's & St Nicholas for 14 days from 12th Feb 2023. Revision of the Roll commences on Sun 26th February and application forms (available at the back of church) to be on the Electoral Roll must be returned to me by Sunday 12th March. Please note that this return date is final and non-negotiable because the Roll has to be completed not less than 15 days before the Annual Parish Meeting which is Tues 28th March 2023.. I cannot accept any forms after the return date until the end of the Annual Parish Meeting so, if you wish to vote in any of the elections or to stand for church office or election to the Parochial Church Council, I need to receive your form by 12th March 2023.

***Ros Harford***

Electoral Roll Officer



## Some thoughts on our recycling scheme

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The recycling scheme has been going for about 6 months and I felt a quick update was in order.. It has been a triumph!! So many batteries, cartridges even old biros have been pouring in. The oil is taking more time but I knew it would. I am also aware that it is possible to recycle batteries on Blue Bin recycling collection day, but we will continue to offer our bin too. Please keep up your wonderful efforts.

### **While I have your attention, I thought I would share a few eco-thoughts:**

It's true: washing your clothes at 20 or 30 gets them very clean and fresh and saves £££ over the year; Draughty doors, that need draught excluders? Knit your own.

Are all your doors shut? When the clocks go back in October, I shut all the doors, particularly upstairs, to keep the heat in the rooms and make the hall and landing easier to keep up to temperature. Saves £££ in a year

Old veg in the fridge? Make soup by chopping any combination you fancy, or new options if you are feeling in a dare-devil mood, then simmer slowly in stock till cooked, add tin of tomatoes, beans, lentils, leave chunky or blend for a creamier version, sprinkle cheese on top and you have a delicious, cheap nutritious meal. Most old vegetables have a much longer life than Tesco etc wants us to believe. Lets have your suggestions for recipes using up those leeks and half a parsnip...you know what I mean. Cheese freezes surprisingly well. Buy a big block and cut up into useful size slices, freeze and use as required. ££ in a year.

As a long time user of hearing aids, I discovered recently that hearing loss counts as a disability and is grounds for having a Disabled Person's Railcard. It is about £20 cheaper than an Old Person's Railcard over 3 years. You will need a copy of your current prescription and it takes minutes to apply on line

More tips and hints in a few months. If you have ideas that you would like to share, please email me at [marytpennell@gmail.com](mailto:marytpennell@gmail.com)

***Mary Pennell***

## Special Anniversary Celebrations

After the morning service on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023, we celebrated **the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Margaret & Kenneth Gubbins** with a glass of wine and a lovely cake made by Dorryta Hayward. Margaret writes:

*After our marriage on 8th February in the big freeze of 1963 Kenneth and I sailed for Pakistan. He was employed by World Bank to collect data to enable projects to improve Agriculture in the Sind province. We lived in Sukur which means 'Hot as Hell', as it was only 40 miles from the Pak desert. 2 years later we returned to UK where Kenneth worked for the Min of Agriculture. In 1976 he gained a Master's in Economics and worked for the Overseas Administration which led to him visiting 19 African countries, before we went to Malawi for 3 yrs. Kenneth took early retirement at 55yrs so that we could train Priests in a healing prayer ministry. Each year we spent 4 or 5 months in Malawi before finishing 7yrs later.*

*Finally back in England I became an Associate Chaplain at a Retreat centre and Kenneth was on the Board of Trustees. We retired 12yrs ago and came to Chippenham and the rest you all know. Lots of love from Kenneth and I xx*

We also celebrated the **55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Barry and Dorryta Hayward** with drinks at St. Andrew's on Sundy 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

They were married at St. Andrew's Chippenham on 24th February 1968 by Canon Philip Snow - just before Lent began. In those days, there were strict rules on no weddings in Lent!!

Many congratulations to both couples. It was wonderful for the whole Church family to celebrate and share in your joy and love.

***Ros Harford***



## Letters from Rod

*The third and final part of the series reproducing some of Rod's letters during the Covid-19 Pandemic. This was one of the very last as thankfully the vaccines worked and restrictions were begun to be lifted. Now that we can look back from the "other side" of the pandemic, we can be truly thankful for Rod leadership during this time. **Remy Osman, Editor***

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

*[One day after the third and final National Lockdown announced]*

Dear Friends,

Hardly the start of the new year that any of us had been hoping for! I think we'd all had enough of this by the summer, and each additional restriction since have been more and more of a struggle. And now we're hit from all sides with schools closed and the anxiety of a new variant that is sending the infection rates soaring.

But there are, at least, more reasons to be hopeful this time. Most importantly, the end of these restrictions is a reality, not wishful thinking, because of the vaccine. Secondly, support bubbles can continue: and I would urge all of you living alone to find someone to share with in such a bubble if you haven't done so yet. This will be at least a 6 week lockdown, and human company is very precious. We have people in the congregation willing to help if you don't have an obvious candidate.

Thirdly, places of worship are able to remain open for which we are very thankful. This is partly in recognition that churches, mosques and synagogues, behaving responsibly, have not been the source of any major spreading of the disease; but also recognising that, for people of faith, to be able to worship is as important as having food on the table.

I do entirely understand and respect those of you who have decided to worship at home until you have been immunised, and clearly, if you were told to shield last time, you should do so again and not attend church until 3 weeks after you've had the vaccine.



But the fact that the church is open is symbolically a recognition of our being together in worship even if you aren't able to attend. There is also the option to pay a visit to the church during the week if you make it part of your daily exercise. You will probably have the building to yourself and so be very safe.

For those of you who would like to continue coming to worship, we will adhere strictly to the new procedures we adopted last week for Tier 3. I've copied those changes again at the end of this message in case you didn't receive them.

If you chose to come, the encouraging thought is that because we are all required to stay at home, none of us pose a severe threat to each other when we do gather on a Sunday. Compared to going to a supermarket where hundreds of people from around the area will have been there in the course of a day, the 50 or so very responsible people you would be sharing worship with represent a good option.

We will continue to provide liturgy, readings and prayers each week for those not at church, (as we have since Passion Sunday last year!) and telephone contact from a member of the congregation for all who live alone and are isolated. If you haven't had anyone contact you, and would like that support, do please let me know and I will arrange someone to offer it for you.

I still remember the question someone asked back in the March lockdown, "Am I the only one who isn't coping?" and the answer is, no, you're not. If you need help or support through this hard journey, please, please do ask – there is no shame in it. In fact the opposite is true – it's not right to suffer in silence. "We are here to help each other walk the mile and share the load."

God bless and much love,

Rod x

## Where our Communion Wine Comes From

The Communion Wine used at St. Andrew's comes from the **Stellar Winery in South Africa**. This is more than just an organic wine producer. Ever since they were founded in 2000, they've been refining their ideas on how to create a healthy business that is environmentally, socially and ethically responsible.

Their aim is to make a significant difference to the part of South Africa in which they live and work. That means impacting positively on the lives of the people who work around Stellar so that they in turn impact positively on their families and the communities in which they live.

Direct engagement with surrounding communities is another option. Their involvement with schools at Trawal has significantly raised the standards. This is how Stellar do business and their eco-fair hand promise encapsulates this philosophy. The eco-fair logo promises that the wine you are buying has been made from organically grown grapes, is ethically produced and is fairly traded.

Another part of Stellar Winery is the Stellar Foundation which was set up as an independent non-profit organisation to manage social and economic development projects on the farms that produce organic grapes and in the towns near the winery. The projects range from gardening projects to primary healthcare and covers everything in between-uplifting the community through Initiating change and growth



## Mothers' Union Update

St. Andrews Mothers' Union were pleased to welcome our vicar, Rod Key, to speak to us before he retires at the end of April. He spoke about his ministry, saying that he did not come from a clergy family but as a teenager in a youth group started to experience moments that had an impact on his thinking and his future. He spoke of his time in Cheltenham, a church not in the affluent part that is seen by the tourists, and then moved on to Gloucester, a multi cultural area. Rod then felt he wanted to move to a country area and this was Norfolk for 10 years where he was responsible for a number of rural churches. Several people have played an important part in his life including Michael, his Spiritual Director (who sadly died last year) and John Yates, a past Bishop of Gloucester. On coming to St. Andrews he has felt togetherness, something which throughout his ministry he has always strived to achieve.

Looking forward to the spring, our speaker in March will be Stephen Starr who will talk about his life as a gardener and his many years at Bowood. And then a number of members will be preparing the posies for Mothering Sunday. A busy time as we look to Easter.

***Denise Addison***

Branch Leader





# TYTHERTON VILLAGE HALL

## Future Events

### "Travels Round South America"

An illustrated talk by Chris and Sheila Laurence

In King Alfred Hall, Market Place Chippenham

Saturday 1st April at 7.00pm



Supper break

Tickets £10 per person

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## Fair Trade News

This year has begun with some very sad news on the fair trade circuit: namely that Traidcraft plc, fair trade pioneer and a major force for good in the ethical retail sector for over 40 years, has gone into administration. Traidcraft's board of directors cited the main causes as the significant and cumulative challenges presented by the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, rising energy prices, increased transport costs, and low consumer confidence compounded by Royal Mail strikes which negatively impacted on critical December sales.

While I am personally devastated by this development, I would like to assure you that there will still be a fair trade stall at St Andrew's and we will, of course, continue to be a Fairtrade church (answerable to the Fairtrade foundation.) To this end I will be sourcing products - both food and craft items - from a range of organisations dedicated to fair trade, among them Namaste, Zaytoun, JTS, Fair-to-Trade and Shared Earth. I will also continue to send regular donations to Transform Trade (previously Traidcraft Exchange, the long-time charity arm of Traidcraft plc) to assist them in their support for small-scale artisans and farmers and their tireless campaigns for trade justice.

There is deep sadness in the Traidcraft fair traders' network across the UK but there is also utter determination to continue in the fight for trade justice and for a fairer world for marginalised producer groups in the global South.

See you at the fair trade stall!

God bless,

***Debbie Warren***

## Letter from Uncle Eustace: *On the perils of moving from city to country*

*My dear Nephew Darren,*

Those parishioners of yours who won millions on the Lottery and moved into this parish have created quite a stir. It was perhaps a little unwise of them to tell everyone the reason why they had become so wealthy. While most of our parishioners also do the Lottery, few would ever admit it in public. (Since your friends arrived, the entire PCC is buying ever more lottery tickets, but from the shop in the NEXT village, to try and keep it secret.)

However, your family still has much to learn about our country ways. Buying the old Dower House was impressive; and spending a small fortune restocking the gardens was certainly commendable. But someone should have told them about installing cattle grids. It must have been quite a shock for them to wake up one morning and find the thirty sheep from the neighbouring field had wandered in for breakfast.

Their brand-new purple Ferrari has certainly brightened up the country lanes around here. The noise it makes as it roars up behind you quite quickens the pulse. Mrs Beamish had been suffering with low blood pressure for months; she says she is quite cured now. The Colonel, who is all for the community supporting the church, then asked if the newcomers would drive the bishop around on the day he came to do his tour of the parish. The Colonel thought that an open-topped purple Ferrari would make a great bishop-mobile; and the newcomers were so kind to agree. What a shame that they decided to accomplish the several miles of parish lanes in record time: the bishop barely even saw the several farmers that they nearly ran down. His new nickname in this parish is: The Purple Peril.

The newcomers have installed security lighting, which is understandable. But now I wonder how much sleep they are getting, as the rabbits, foxes, and badgers who live in their grounds keep it flood-lit for much of the night. Meanwhile, the Colonel is grumbling about the effect of light pollution on his young pheasants in the woods nearby.

But these little inconveniences apart, I am sure they will soon feel at home. I feel confident that by the third generation, they'll be properly settled in.

*Your loving uncle, Eustace*  
(The Rectory, St. James the Least)



# Parish Noticeboard

## Services at St. Nicholas' Church, Tytherton Lucas

5th March	<i>Evensong with communion</i>	3.30pm
19th March	<i>Communion</i>	3.30pm
2nd April	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	6.30pm

***Sheila Laurence***

01249 740687

## **100 Club Draw for last month**

£100: 40    £40: 71    £25: 24

***Margaret Harrison***

*A successful quarter peal was rung...*

**Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association**  
**St Andrew's Chippenham, Wiltshire**

Sunday, 12 February 2023 in 46m

## **1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Morley Bray          | 2 Ben van Alstede     |
| 3 Jane Ridgwell        | 4 Lin Drummond-Harris |
| 5 Andrew K Woolley (C) | 6 Sara Bye            |

For evening service.

*Completes Ltr level 4 for Ben, and rung as a birthday compliment to his mother, Helen van Alstede.*



## EVENTS AT ST ANDREW'S

**Saturday 18 March      7.30pm**

*North Wilts Symphony Orchestra*  
(details on page 14)

**Saturday 25 March      7.30pm**

*Wessex Concert Orchestra*

**Sunday 23 April          7.30pm**

*Wiltshire Young Musicians*

**Friday 26 – Monday 29 April**

*Chippenham Folk Festival*

**Saturday 22 April          7.30pm**

*Concert in Aid of Wellboring*

**Sunday 23 April          7.30pm**

*Wiltshire Young Musicians*

**Friday 26 – Monday 29 April**

*Chippenham Folk Festival*

**Saturday 27 May          All Day**

*All Day Coffee Shop (in King Alfred Hall)*

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## When You Pray . . . .

Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars.

Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings.

Now, think.

What delight God gives to humankind  
with all these things .

All nature is at the disposal of humankind.

We are to work with it.

For without we cannot survive.



**Abbess Hildegard of  
Bingen**  
(1098-1179)



# Church Services

St. Andrew's Parish Church, Chippenham with St. Nicolas' Tytherton Lucas

## St Andrew's Church Chippenham

### **9am Eucharist**

Alternating between traditional and contemporary language, this is a said service.

### **10.30am Eucharist**

The main Parish Eucharist with singing and congregational hymns. Led by our robed choir on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and some 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and the singing group on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### **Evensong**

*6:30pm Second Sunday of the Month*

## St Nicholas' Tytherton Lucas

**Evening Service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.**

*3.30pm during the winter months October to March*

*6.30pm during the summer months April to September.*

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