

Dear Friends,

As we begin this Holy Week together, like the Passover crowd in Jerusalem we may experience lots of noise and activity which could pull our attention away from Jesus. But we hope that together we can follow in Jesus footsteps over these coming days, and celebrate together on Sunday as Easter people in a Good Friday world.

It was a joy to join with many of you yesterday for our Palm Sunday worship, superbly led by Ruth. This Easter Sunday we will celebrate Communion, so please have some bread and wine/grape juice/grapes ready.

Here's how we're marking Holy Week (all on the Preston Plucknett Youtube channel <https://tinyurl.com/wgkrpcq> unless stated)

Monday - Thursday: daily reflections, available each day from 7am

*Thursday *7pm Maunday Thursday reflection

Good Friday 3pm Vigil at the Cross

Easter Sunday 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer), 10.30am Family Communion. The communion liturgy is in the 'Worship at Home' booklet, downloadable from here http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/?page_id=1939

As well as the daily prayer podcasts <https://anchor.fm/pjs/> following the Daily Bread bible notes.

There's also a new Holy Week section of the church website (http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/?page_id=2105)

Holy Week immerses us in the reality of sin, pain and death, and the reality of God's saving power, resurrection and hope. We need to be real about the first reality in order to grasp the fullness of the second. We'd encourage you to read through the Holy Week narrative in one of the gospels in your own time this week, and to take time to reflect, and to praise God for his amazing salvation.

Please also pray that we can be clear and powerful witnesses to Jesus during this special time, many people are seeing our material on Youtube, Facebook etc., and one church member has been asked to do a podcast and reflection for all 500 staff in her organisation! I (David) continue to pray daily that we will see 20 people come to Christ this year.

'Let us keep looking to Jesus. Our faith comes from Him and He is the One Who makes it perfect. He did not give up when He had to suffer shame and die on a cross. He knew of the joy that would be His later. Now He is sitting at the right side of God.' (Hebrews 12:2)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

PS if you are aware of people in the church who aren't yet getting these, or people who would be interested in getting them (whether or not they are church members) please pass their emails on to David (St James) or Caroline (St Peters)

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