



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 13 April 2025 Rev John Kime at St Mark's. Palm Sunday.

Live stream link: <https://youtube.com/live/nbFiEwmUaFM?feature=share>



Palm Sunday Pilgrimage around the West Cheltenham churches, beginning at St Mark C of E Church at 10.20am. All welcome to join the walk which will proceed to St Mark's Methodist Church and then onward to the other churches of West Cheltenham.

At each church there will be a short Bible reading read by one of the pilgrims and a hymn or song. The pilgrims hope to reach Hester's Way Baptist Church around about 12noon. From there the pilgrims, and anyone else who can join them at that point, will process down Princess Elizabeth Way. The hope is to finish at St Aidan's garden where there will be the opportunity to have a picnic together. Bring your own lunch or enjoy sandwiches provided.

A Collect for the sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday):

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

From the Methodist Prayer handbook:

God of grace, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair and loving beyond all that is loving; grant us to be of one mind in our faith, of one hope in our calling, and of one heart in our loving; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dionysius of Alexandria (c. 200-c. 265)

Notices

Tuesday 15 April 10.00am-12noon Coffee morning in the church. All welcome.

Wednesday 16 April 9.00am Ecumenical Communion service at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church.

Wednesday 16 April 10.15am-12.15pm Messy Church



Messy Church at St Mark's Methodist Church. Adults, to book places for you and your children please email: messychurch@stmarksmethodist.org.uk or ring 01242 262657. Please let us know the ages of the children who will be coming and any dietary requirements for the free snacks.

Wednesday 16 April 4.00pm-6.00pm Hucclecote Methodist Church. Family Fun afternoon. Easter Quest.

Wednesday 16 April 7.30pm Lent study group led by Rev Rachel Leather at Bethesda Methodist Church.

Maundy Thursday 17 April 7.30pm Rev Rachel Leather at St Mark's Methodist Church in the main hall. Holy Communion.

Good Friday 18 April 3.00pm at Bethesda Methodist Church Rev Rachel Leather

Saturday 19 April 2.00pm Easter Flowers Helen would welcome any help with decorating the church for Easter Sunday morning. Also any donations towards the cost of flowers, and any fresh spring greenery, blossom, garden flowers and pots of flowering bulbs would be greatly appreciated. As always, there will be a wire cross outside the church on Easter Sunday morning. Please bring tiny bunches of flowers to decorate it on your way into church. Thank you.

Easter Sunday 20 April 2025 Sunrise service. Gather at **5.45am** at Chosen Hill.

Easter Sunday 20 April at St Mark's Methodist Church 8.00am Rev Steve Ward. Easter Holy Communion followed by breakfast.

Easter Sunday 20 April St Mark's Methodist Church 10.30am Trevor Wills (please note that this will **not** be a service of Holy Communion).

Friday 25 April 2.00pm Funeral of Wendy Foulkes at St Mark's Methodist Church.

Order of service for Sunday 13 April 2025

Lent liturgy

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1-2

262 All glory, laud, and honour

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Psalm 118:19-29

Brief word with the younger people regarding their pre-made palms

264 Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives;

10:51 West Cheltenham Churches - Palm Sunday Pilgrimage

Mark 11:15-19

Song - Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Luke 19:28-40

Sermon

265 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Offering & Intercessions.

40 Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessing

Our current shopping list

- Tinned Cold Meat (or fish)
- Pasta Sauce
- Washing up liquid, washing powder (powder or capsules please, not liquid)
- Soup - packets or tins
- Desserts - hot or cold, packets or cans
- Deodorants – Ladies' and Men's

Thank you for all your donations for the Foodbank. You can leave items in the boxes near our entrances at church. These are collected once a fortnight by volunteers from the foodbank at Elim.

Bethesda Backpackers walks.

<u>April</u>		<u>Leader</u>	<u>miles</u>
Wednesday 16 th	Sharpness canal	Elaine	4.4
Thursday 24 th	Nottingham Hill	A&B	3.25

Please let the leader know by 6.30pm the previous evening if you would like to join them.

Walk Leaders: Elaine Bailey 07974428125 Brian & Anne Robertson 352419/07452357427

London Marathon

Matthew Cotton is running the London Marathon on 27 April 2025 to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Macmillan discharged Matthew after his own cancer treatment last year, and to say a massive thank you to all those wonderful people, he has pledged to raise £2500 for them. His fundraising page can be found at: www.justgiving.com/page/RunToRecovery and he would be extremely grateful for any donations you can give. Thank you.

Save the dates!

Saturday 10 May 10.00am-12noon Plant and Cake Sale. When you are planting seeds, potting on and dividing plants perhaps you could keep some for us to sell?

Saturday 7 June We are planning a joint church away day with Bethesda on Saturday 7 June at Evesham Methodist Church. More details nearer the time.