



Notices

for the week commencing
18th March 2018

Good morning/evening, everyone!

Today is **Passion Sunday** and begins with *Preparation in Worship* at 10.20am led by **the Choir**, followed by our morning service, *The Nail: Reflections for Passion Sunday*, at 10.30am which will also be led by **the Choir** (see overleaf). Our evening service at 6.30pm will be conducted by our own Minister, **Rev Andrew Reed**.

We extend a warm welcome to you all, especially to those visiting us, to members of the Choir and to Andrew. After the morning service we invite you to stay for freshly-brewed Fairtrade coffee or tea – all proceeds go to the work of mission in Britain and overseas.

If you have come in need of prayer or any other need, please do be sure to speak to the Preacher or to one of the Stewards before you leave.

Scripture for services today

Morning:	Luke 22: 47 – 62 Matthew 27: 3 – 10	Luke 23: 32 – 38 Mark 15: 33 – 41	John 19: 1 – 16
Evening:	Exodus 7: 8 – 24	Romans 5: 12 – 21	Luke 22: 1 – 13

Diary for the week

Mon 19 Mar

Tue 20 Mar

Wed 21 Mar 8pm – **Choir practice** and preparation for Easter

Thu 22 Mar 11am – **Thursday Coffee** and tea and biscuits available for self-service before...
12noon – **Thursday Easter Lunch** (see overleaf)

Fri 23 Mar 10am to 12noon – **Minnows** is our carer and toddler group (see overleaf)

Sat 24 Mar 10.30am to 12noon – **Morning coffee** served in the Church lobby – take a break, sip Fairtrade coffee or tea, enjoy Christian fellowship, and shop at the...
10.30am to 12noon – **Traidcraft** stall (see overleaf)

Next Sunday, 25 March, is **Palm Sunday** and begins with *Preparation in Worship* at 10.20am led by **Joan Gardam**, followed by our morning service at 10.30am which will be conducted by **Sheila Hassan**. Our evening service at 6.30pm will be conducted by our own Minister, **Rev Andrew Reed**.

Duties **next Sunday** according to the published rotas will be:

Morning music

Graham

Morning AV

Matt

Evening music

Roz

If you are new to our church we are pleased to welcome you, and invite you to complete a Welcome Card and either put it into the collection plate or hand it to a Steward.

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the NAIL: Reflections for Passion Sunday – Sunday 18 March This Sunday morning, 18th March, the Choir will lead our annual service of Passiontide Reflection. Based on the book *the NAIL* by Stephen Cottrell, former Bishop of Reading, we will reflect on the events of Holy Week from the point of view of some of those who were there – Peter, Judas, Pilate and more. *Roz Sendorek*

Watoto Children's Choir – Tuesday 20 March The Watoto Children's Choir is in Staines again! On Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm they will present *Signs and Wonders*, a vibrant worship experience by a family of orphans from Uganda, at Staines Congregational Church, Stainash Crescent TW18 1AY. Free tickets are available online from Eventbrite – to book yours go to www.watoto.com/choir and click on "see the choir". For more details, please call 07809 228258. *John Miller*

Thursday Easter Lunch – Thursday 22 March Entry to the Thursday Lunch Easter special at 12noon on Thursday 22nd March is by ticket, available only in advance. There are just a few tickets left, so please see me today if you would like to buy one (£6.50 each). *Pauline Shilston*

Minnows – Friday 23 March Minnows meets again at 10am on Friday 23rd March, the last one before our Easter break. We will be back on Friday 20th April. *Julie Underwood*

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 23 March All are welcome at a service for Women's World Day of Prayer, based on a theme developed by the women of Suriname in South America, at 10.30am on Friday 23rd March at Ashford Methodist Church followed by tea/coffee and cake. [Note – this event, originally planned for 2nd March, was postponed owing to the Arctic weather that day, and has now been rescheduled]. *Graham Wells*

Traidcraft – Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 March This month's Fairtrade stall will be next weekend on Saturday morning, 24th March, and Sunday, 25th March, after the morning service. There are several popular items on special offer just now, so be sure to check it out before you leave. *Linda Marshall*

Manna Thank you so much for your continued support – we do appreciate each and every donation and could not operate without your regular contributions. Our current shortages include:

<i>Instant potato (single sachets)</i>	<i>Tomato ketchup (small)</i>	<i>Cup-a-soup</i>
<i>Jars of cook-in sauce</i>	<i>Chocolate spread</i>	<i>Tinned potatoes (small)</i>
<i>Easter treats (chocolate eggs, cakes)</i>	<i>Shaving foam</i>	<i>Toilet paper</i>



Contributions may be left in the box in the lobby – thank you. *Alexis Woods, Manna Food Bank*

Brian Gladwell – Wednesday 28 March The funeral service for the late Brian Gladwell will take place at Staines Methodist Church on Wednesday 28th March at 10.30am, followed by interment at Englefield Green Cemetery. Brian was known to those who used to attend coffee mornings held by his late wife, June, Dave Price's mother. Please remember Dave, his wife Shirley, and his sister Angela and her partner Jake, in your prayers.

Wednesday Fellowship – Wednesday 28 March The Wednesday Fellowship will not be meeting on the 21st March but will gather again on Wednesday 28th March. *Joan Gardam*

Maundy Thursday service – Thursday 29 March On Thursday 29th March at 8pm our own Minister, Rev Andrew Reed, will conduct a service for Maundy Thursday including the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Good Friday Walk of Witness – Friday 30 March As usual, this year's Good Friday Walk of Witness on Friday 30 March will start from our church, gathering at 10.45am for an 11am start. If you can, please bring a contribution to the 50 hot cross buns each church is asked to provide, to be given out to passers-by as we walk. The buns should not be buttered, but must be individually wrapped. *Linda Marshall*

Flowers Today the flowers are a gift from **Ted and Barbara Styles**
Next week the flowers will be provided by **Marsha Pech**

Acknowledgement Corner

This week we say **thank you** to those who are inspired to support **Minnows**, our Carer and Toddler group, offering the hospitality of our church to benefit families with pre-schoolers in the wider community