

Thoughts and Prayers for the Week

Sunday 10th April 2022



Palm Sunday

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith
to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.



Readings for the Week:

Isaiah 50: 4-99

Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 19: 28-40

Luke 22: 14 to Luke 23: 56

Palm Sunday Meditation

A Day of rejoicing! Certainly, the people who followed Jesus on the road to Jerusalem thought so. "Hosanna, Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord" they shouted joyfully. But as we echo this praise, we cannot push away the thought of what awaited Jesus at the end of that road. We often wonder what turned "Hosanna" into "Crucify". Was it disappointment, ignorance or fear? We must not judge. We do not know how we would have acted if we had been there in the middle of that howling mob on Good Friday.

Even Peter, big bold Peter, who had been with Jesus for three years and loved him, even he gave way to fear "I never knew the man" he said.

We must not judge. I have been in the middle of an angry crowd who I did not agree with. I didn't join in BUT I didn't speak up either. We must not judge.

I would like to share with you a reading that I think puts into words much better than I can that our King conquers by love and not by force.

The reading is a prayer by an Irish Priest and Poet Pádraig Ó Tauma.

As the soldiers arrive in the garden of Gethsemane Peter jumps to defend Jesus; but Jesus said to him "put away your sword for all who take the sword will perish by the sword".

~June Cutting~



***Jesus of the sheathed sword,
In your name, many swords have been used
And many people have perished.
Speak to us; teach us, again and again,
That violence begets violence
Teach us. Again and again.
Over and over.
Because we keep forgetting,
and we need to keep remembering
Over and over.
Amen.***

~Pádraig Ó Tauma~

Let us continue to support and strengthen each other

- ◇ Daily, by saying The Lord’s Prayer together, morning and evening
- ◇ Lighting a candle at home 10.00am on Sunday if we are unable to come to church

Our Services:

10th Apr 2022 Palm Sunday	10:00am Procession with Palms from the Mill Centre to Church for Group Eucharist	From Hempnall Mill Centre to Hempnall Church
	6:00 pm Passiontide Evening Service	Via Zoom
11th Apr 2022 Monday of Holy Week	6:00pm Evening Service	Via Zoom
12th Apr 2022 Tuesday of Holy Week	6:00pm Evening Service	Via Zoom
13th Apr 2022 Wednesday of Holy Week	6:00pm Evening Service	Via Zoom
14th Apr 2022 Maundy Thursday	6:00pm Eucharist of Maundy Thursday followed by The Watch	Bedingham Church
15th Apr 2022 Good Friday	For all the family Remembering the Cross of Jesus, with an Easter Egg Hunt afterwards	
	10:00am Topcroft Church	
	10:40am Fritton Church	
	11:20am Hempnall Church	
	2:00pm The Way of the Cross	Via Zoom
	6:00pm At the Foot of the Cross	Bedingham Church
17th Apr 2022 Easter Day	6.30 am Lighting the Easter Candle	Topcroft Church
	9:30am Eucharist	Woodton Church
	9.30am Family Service and The Easter Story	Hempnall Church
	11:00 am Eucharist	Fritton Church
	11:00 am Family Service and The Easter Story	Topcroft Church
	11:00 am Family Service and The Easter Story	Hardwick Church

This week we pray for:

- ◇ In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- ◇ The persecuted Church
- ◇ The oppressed peoples of the world
- ◇ All who are lonely
- ◇ All who are near to death
- ◇ All who are facing loss
- ◇ In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

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Hempnall: Lesley and family,
Phillip, Sophie

Bedingham/Woodton:
Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Chris

Topcroft: Gerald, Jane

LONG TERM CARE:

Bedingham /Woodton:
Dennis, Shirley, Jacob
Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl



RECENTLY DIED:

Jo Fleming, Quinton Ford,
John Styles, Jonathan MacRae