



"Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out." John 12.31

This morning's music

3 A man there lived in Galilee
422 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
556 O Jesus, I have promised
369 Jesu, lover of my soul
834 Will you come and follow me
Organ duet from Robert and Roger: Fugue from Duet for Organ by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

This morning's readings and prayers

Jeremiah 31.31-34 (Reader: Opal Walsh);
Ps 51; **Hebrews 5.5-10** (Reader: Pam Race);
John 12.20-33 (Gospeller: Lewis Oliver).
Intercessor: Helen Reid

Prayer in the silence after communion

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for 5th Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel acclamation *Reader:* Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. **Response: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

This morning's Eucharistic Prayer: ?

Post Communion for Passion Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50.4-9a (Reader Craig Ward); **Philippians 2. 5-11** (Reader Esther Masih); shared reading of **The Passion according to St Mark**. Intercessor: Judy Fletcher

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the service

New weekly gift envelopes at the back of church

Today 12.15 for 12.30 in the Hall: Sunday Table
6.15pm – 7.30pm at Emmanuel Church, Didsbury: **A Passion for the Planet? Caring for God's earth at the heart of mission.** A special service celebrating and committing to caring for creation, led by Bishop Mark of Bolton.

Next week and further ahead

Monday 19 March 10.00am Morning Prayer in the Hall *Both of these also on*
10.30am – 2.00pm Hive Cafe at St Paul's *Tuesday and Wednesday*
Tuesday 20 March 7.30pm Evening Prayer followed at 8.00pm Book Group meeting to discuss *Belgravia* by Julian Fellows
Wednesday 21 March 7.45pm in the Hall: Lent group, using Paula Gooder's book "Let me go there"
Thursday 22 March 10.00am Holy Communion
Friday 23 March 1.15pm in church: Lent group based on the film "The King's Speech"
Saturday 24 March 2.00pm – 5.00pm at Ladybarn Community Centre: Spring Fleamarket
Sunday 25 March 2.30pm in church: Singalong and Star Wars event. Admission is free, donations requested and refreshments will be available.
Sunday 22 April Annual Parish Meetings in the Hall after the Parish Communion when churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, PCC members, sidespeople are elected. Please think and pray about who should fill these important positions.



Easter Day Chocolate Raffle: Tickets £1 from Lewis. All proceeds to church funds



Don't be late for church next Sunday! Put your clocks forward one hour on Saturday evening as Summer Time begins.

The Open Afternoon & St Nick's Fair Trade coffee morning Traidcraft stalls took £65; thanks to all concerned

Summary of March PCC

At our PCC meeting in March we:

- Reviewed our end of year accounts ready to send to our independent examiner
- Received a report on the fabric of our buildings
- Received an update on fundraising for hall refurbishment - a funding bid has been submitted to Biffa
- Reviewed our open meeting and open afternoon about Developing Our Church Building
- Resolved to register as a member church of **Inclusive Church**

What is Inclusive Church?

A network of churches around the country who are committed to fostering a generous welcome to all whatever their identity and life experiences, and to working to challenge attitudes and activity which makes people feel excluded, less valuable or which diminish their dignity and well-being.

Most of the churches in our deanery have now also resolved to become member churches. Read here

<https://www.inclusive-church.org/news/churchs-journey-towards-inclusion>

the Reverend Nick Bundock of St James and Emmanuel Didsbury sharing his church's journey to being an Inclusive Church, born out of tragic circumstances.

The Inclusive Church Statement of Belief reads

We believe in inclusive Church – church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. We believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

We will be sharing with the wider congregation what this might mean for our worship, mission and ministry. We are keen to listen to each other, collect ideas and hear about what we can do better. We will be submitting our application to register this month and will regularly update our congregation and wider church community.

Mark Hewardine
Priest-in-Charge



The Inclusive Church logo will be appearing on our website