

Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday 17 March 2024



This morning Helen and Josh lead us in Morning Prayer

This morning's hymns

- 516 My God, how wonderful you are327 I cannot tell572 O my Saviour, lifted from the earth *Tune 166*
- 317 How deep the Father's love for us duringTime of Reflection
- 556 O Jesus, I have promised

This morning's readings and prayers Jeremiah 31:31-34 (reader: Esther Masih); Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:5-10 (reader: Leslie Fletcher); John 12:20-33 (Gospeller:Opal Walsh); Intercessor: Helen Reid

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 evening

6.30pm in the Hall: **Still**: our monthly service of contemplation and silent prayer beginning with a short reflection to help us to use the silence and stillness, a period of shared silence, concluding with a Blessing. Stay for a tea or coffee. All welcome!

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

Liturgy of Palms: Mark II:I-II (reader: TBA); Psalm 31; Isaiah 50:4-9a (reader: Chris Ashfield); Mark I4, I5 (Readers: TBA); Intercessor: Mark Hewerdine

Thanks to all	who helped move the huge mound of chippings – possibly as much as two tonnes – off the pavement on Parrs Wood Road into the church grounds. More on this below
Tuesday 19 March	10.00am in the Hall: Holy Communion; 11.00am – 12.30pm Chatty Tuesday – all welcome 7.30pm Evening Prayer 8.00pm by Book Club discussing Elizabeth Gaskell's <i>Cranford</i>
Wednesday 13 March	3.00pm in the Community Hall: Final meeting of Lent Group.
Wednesday 27 March	 10.00am – 2.00pm We welcome student volunteers from Manchester University to help look after our grounds. Help needed with meeting and greeting the students, keeping them supplied with drinks and snacks, Talk to Helen or Judy if you can help. One task for the volunteers is spreading the chippings around the paths in the Community Orchard and Wildlife Garden. Another task is repainting the "human sun clock" in the Wildlife Garden – donations of leftover paint would be very welcome.
Sunday 14 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. If you aren't already on St Chad's Electoral Roll but would like to be, please see Leslie Fletcher.
Holy Week and Easter services	
Sunday 24 March	10.00am: Parish Communion for Palm Sunday with Blessing of Palms
Wednesday 27 March	7.30pm in church: "Homeless Jesus": an evening of poetry, creative writing, music and visual art inspired by the Homeless Jesus sculpture in St Anne's Square. All welcome
Thursday 28 March	7.00pm: Holy Communion with hymns for MaundyThursday followed by vigil until 9.00pm
Friday 29 March	 I 1.00am: Service at the Cross for Good Friday I 2.15pm: Service outside the Co-op
Sunday 31 March	10.00am: Parish Communion for Easter Day with Easter Ceremonies 6.30pm: Evensong