

## WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome you if you are a visitor or newcomer to the church. If you'd like to, please make yourself known to the sidesperson or a churchwarden. We use a variety of liturgy. There is a T loop in the church for the benefit of people with hearing aids.

There are toys, a WC and changing facilities, which you can use at any time, in the vestry opposite the entrance.

## READINGS

Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,<sup>[a]</sup>  
we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them<sup>[a]</sup> with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> “Why

was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii<sup>[b]</sup> and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it<sup>[c]</sup> so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

## ELECTORAL ROLL

Are you ready for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 24 April? If you are a parishioner or church member, make sure you are on the electoral roll. Forms are available on the website, in church or from Geoff Hale:

[treasurer@stnicholasmarston.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stnicholasmarston.org.uk). If you wish to nominate a new member of the PCC, or be nominated yourself, speak to one of the churchwardens.

## GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Several of you asked if we could install a card reader since we are no longer taking up a collection during the service. You may have seen that our trial was a disaster; we have returned the faulty unit and obtained a simpler one just for use when the church is attended. Please try it out! You can also put cash in the wall safe - it has been repaired so that it should not get jammed. Donations of up to £20 automatically attract 25% gift aid whether or not you pay tax. And a simple way to give regularly is by standing order – the treasurer would be delighted to give you details!

## UKRAINE APPEAL

Hearing about the burglary at St Nicholas Orthodox church, the PCC agreed to donate £500 from our funds. They have decided to put it all towards their collection for Ukrainian families and tell us that the response has been heart-warming.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: Skye Denno 202988

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Please note Tuesday is the Vicar's day off

Parish Office: 580354

Email: [administrator@stnicholasmarston.org.uk](mailto:administrator@stnicholasmarston.org.uk)

Please note Alison's working hours:

- Monday 09:30 to 13:00
- Tuesday 10:00 to 13:00
- Thursday 09:30 to 13:00

## NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Mon 4<sup>th</sup> April

9am Morning Prayer

### Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas  
followed by coffee and cake

9.30am Toddler Group in Church Hall

9pm Compline at St Thomas and live on Facebook

### Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April

Morning: Year 5 from St Nicholas School will be in church with Gill & Geoff Hale to hear the story of 'The Road to Easter'.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### PALM SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All Age Holy Communion

(live streamed onto YouTube)

2.30pm Afternoon Prayer Walk

(see below)

## PALM SUNDAY

2.30pm Afternoon Prayer Walk



STARTING at St Nicholas Church, Elsfeld Rd (OX3 0PR) 2:30pm

Prayer & meeting points outside the churches:

3:15pm at Northway Church, 12 Sutton Rd, (OX3 9RB)

3:35pm at St Anthony of Padua, 115 Headley Way, (OX3 7SS)

4pm at Marston URC, 352 Marston Rd, (OX3 0JB)

4:20pm at St Michael's, Marston Rd, (OX3 0JA)

Finishing with Hot cross buns, Tea & Coffee at St Michael's. Walk all the way with *Monty* the Donkey or join anywhere along the route!



## MAUNDY THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April AT ELSFIELD

### Benefice of Marston & Elsfeld

Fish n' Chip Supper & Informal Communion (optional foot washing) at St Thomas Church, Elsfeld



Holy Thursday



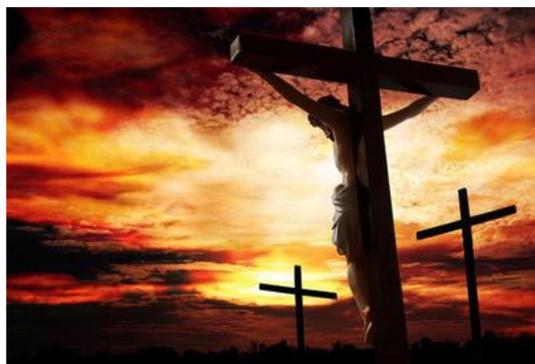
Book Fish N' Chips with James Plunkett

01865 358170 by 11th April

(£6:50 per person approx.) **Start 6:30pm**

## GOOD FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> April

10am Good Friday Liturgy at St Nicholas, live streamed onto YouTube



11.30am CTiMN  
Procession with Cross

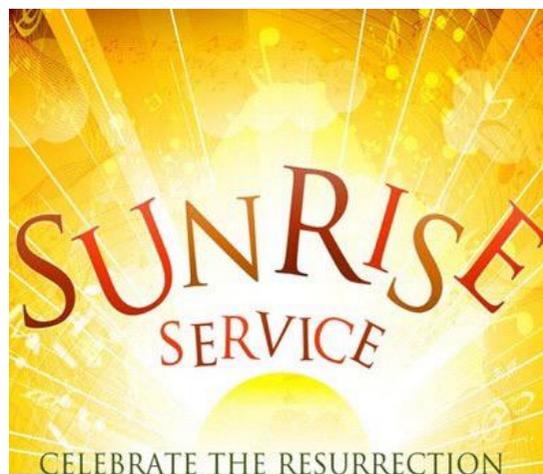


## EASTER DAY 17<sup>th</sup> April

6am Sunrise Service

Followed by breakfast in the Church Hall

10 am Easter Day Celebration Service



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

### TODAY'S SERVICES

9am: Taize Communion in church and live streamed onto YouTube

Led by Revd Skye Denno

Psalm 126\*

Gospel: John 12.1-8\*

\* See readings below

10.30am Green Church in the Memorial Garden

Led by the Green Church Team

6pm Evensong

Led by Joel Denno

### SAVE THE DATES

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at the Eco Hub is the next Eco Market.

Please let Revd Skye know if you can help with this.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at St Nicholas Cello Concert

