

## COMING UP...

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

Volunteers required for the dramatized reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel. List at the back of church, please sign up if you are willing to read.

Good Friday and Easter Saturday readings are ready for you to sign up for.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April Maundy Thursday 7 pm

Please consider whether you would like to take part in the feet washing at the Maundy Thursday Service. Please let Penny know as soon as possible.

**MCSsy Easter**  
**FRIDAY 3rd April 2026 10-11.30am**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**IN THE**  
**CHURCH HALL**  
**DARBYS LANE**  
**OAKDALE**

Come and join us for:  
 Arts, crafts, cooking,  
 games, stories, songs  
 and lots of fun.

**Friday 3rd April 2025 10-11.30am**  
 All ages welcome. Children must be  
 accompanied by an adult. Tea, coffee and Hot  
 Cross Buns provided.  
 Booking Essential: message Sue  
[stgfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:stgfamilies@gmail.com)  
 or contact the Church Office  
 01202 660612 to book a place.

### Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> Beetle Drive

6pm to 9pm in the large hall.  
 Tickets Adults £5 and Children £2 on sale in the office or from Anne-Marie and Nigel.



### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 22 March – Lent 5

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel  
 10am All together Morning Worship and Zoom  
 APCM at 10.50am in Church

#### Monday 23 March

Please pray for our new Archbishop Sarah on her pilgrimage to Canterbury  
 Dingley Road and Dorchester Road  
 7pm Lent Course in the small hall  
 7.30 pm Bell Ringers practice

#### Tuesday 24 March

Please pray for an end to the war in the Middle East  
 Dorchester Gardens and Enfield Avenue  
 2-4pm Lent Course in the Choir Vestry

#### Wednesday 25 March

Please pray for Archbishop Sarah as she is installed today  
 Enfield Crescent and Enfield Road  
 10am Holy Communion in the Choir vestry  
 2pm Knit and Natter in the small hall

#### Thursday 26 March

Please pray for those planning their retirement  
 Fleets Lane and Foxholes Road

#### Friday 27 March

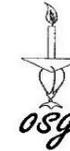
Please pray for a reduction in our use of plastics  
 Greenfield Road and Heath Avenue

#### Saturday 28 March

9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988pwd=VFpUVIpxXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09>  
 Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 266213  
 Please pray for all St George's services and our journey through Holy Week  
 Hennings Park Road and Hiley Road

#### Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel  
 10am All together Morning Worship in the hall



**THIS WEEK AT**  
**OAKDALE ST GEORGE**  
**Lent 5**  
**22nd March**

Dear Friends,

This Sunday our Epistle from Romans is all about holding opposites in tension. We are human but called to live holy lives; we are sinners, yet through Christ we are saints; we are dead to sin, but in Christ we have everlasting life; we live here on earth, yet we have set our sights on heaven.

As we approach the end of Lent may we have found ways to hold these things in balance as we aim to serve God here and now.

With every blessing,

*Penny*

**APCM in Church**  
**starting at 10.50am**

**Next Sunday – 29th March**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Readings: Matthew 21. 1-11**  
**Matthew 27. 11-54**

<b>Hearing loop available</b> in church. Turn your hearing aid to the T switch
Office Tel: 01202 660612 Tuesday-Thursday 10am-12noon. Church open for private prayer during office hours
email: <a href="mailto:admin@stgeorgesoakdale.com">admin@stgeorgesoakdale.com</a>
website: <a href="http://www.stgeorgesoakdale.com">www.stgeorgesoakdale.com</a>
Facebook search Oakdale St. George

## Collect

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. **Amen.**

## Readings

### Romans 8.6–11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### John 11.1–45

Please look this up at home, we are unable to fit this reading in as the Gospel is long

## Post Communion

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.

**Amen**

## Please pray for

**Worldwide:** The Anglican Church of Korea.



**Diocese:** Bishops Stephen, Karen and Andrew

**Local:** Darbys Lane and Darbys Close

**Immediate Prayer:** Jacob Mason, Alison, Frances, Judith, Nancy, Val and Willow.

**Continuous Prayer:** Carol Burridge, Tony Burse, Bethany Cook, Hazel Day, Barbara Fairbrother, Richard and Anita Glynn, Hilary Henson, Jim L, Beverley Mitchell, Chris Moody, Sue Rowledge, Carrie Spencer, Ginny Williams, Chris, Dorothy, Julie, Kezia

Also, we remember those who have died recently  
**RIP Joan Copp, Marilyn Purches** and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: **Cyril Tilley, David Baker**

## St George's Tower Cross

The new tower cross can now be floodlit for memorable occasions. Request cards are available in the office. The cost remains at £10.

<i>23 March In memory of Tony</i>	<i>26 March In celebration of Sue and Mick's 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i>
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## Easter Lily Cards



Cards are now available at the back of the church, together with a box for donations towards Easter Lilies for Church.

## Easter Cross

Help needed please!  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10am**  
To put the greenery on the cross ready for Easter Sunday.

Thank you



**The Big Sing** raised £488 for St Georges.

A Big Thank You to Tim Dowland and his fabulous choirs!

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## Understanding and Supporting Unpaid Carers in Your Community

Are you an unpaid carer seeking additional support?  
Buckland Road Baptist Church invites you to a presentation by Forward Carers, where we will be speaking about the aid available to any registered Unpaid Carers. We will be joined by BCP Carer Support, and Leonardo Carer Support on this open afternoon.

### What we're talking about:

Who is a Carer?  
Why it matters  
How can you help?  
How we can help you support your congregations and communities  
Other support available  
Carer Friendly Communities  
Our Role, Our Partners

**When:** March 24th, 1pm to 3pm  
**Where:** Buckland Road Baptist Church



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## SABBATICAL

Penny is taking a long overdue sabbatical and will be away after Easter until the second week in July. This means she will not be available during this time.

Please keep her in your prayers as she will be keeping us all in hers.