

**““I tell you,” he replied,
“if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”
Luke 19:40**

Can you remember experiencing a time when you heard a piece of news or information and you just couldn't keep quiet about it?

The words of Jesus above happened in Luke's account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, which we celebrate this Palm Sunday. They were in response to the Pharisees who were yet again grumbling and wanted Jesus to keep his disciples quiet.

The disciples had spent time with Jesus, seen him perform miracles and teach in a way they had never seen. The Jewish people had been waiting for a promised Messiah. Matthew's account of this story reminds us that the prophets promised that the Messiah would come riding on the young of a donkey (Zechariah 9:9). Here is Jesus, riding on a young donkey. The disciples are seeing this fulfilled. Jesus is the promised King.

Their recognition of Jesus resulted in praise. Jesus' disciples couldn't keep quiet and Jesus wasn't going to stop them. Even if he did, the very earth would cry out. Jesus is about to do something big! God's action in the world is something to be recognised and praised.

It is easy to forget that Jesus is King of our world and focus on what He doesn't seem to be resolving (wars, famines, poverty), rather than what he has already done. He gave his life to save us and be our King.

So let us be people of praise that cannot be quiet about who Jesus is, what he has done and how much he means to us in our daily lives.

Claire Coleman

Great British Spring Clean

You may be aware that over these weeks around Ramsgate there are various litter picks. It would be great if a number of people from our church could join with the one in and around Boundary Road Park this **Saturday 9th April from 10:00am.**

This Sunday's Services on livestream:

[Palm Sunday 10th April](#)

Click the above link to access the livestream for this week's service. You can also use the link to watch the service at a later time. Apologies that the sound quality at the start of last week's service was not great. We are working to ensure that the livestream runs more smoothly.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 9th

Daily Prayer (St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

The Great Ramsgate Spring Clean, Boundary Road Park, 10am

Sunday 10th

Palm Sunday (St. Luke's Church), Luke 19:28-40 - 11:00am-12:00pm

Monday 11th

Daily Prayer (St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Tuesday 12th

Daily Prayer (St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Thursday 14th

Daily Prayer (at St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Cafe4All (St. Luke's Church), Coffee and Chat for all - 10:00-11:30am.

Maundy Thursday Communion (St George's Church) - 6:30pm-7:30pm

Friday 15th

The Easter Story (St Luke's Church) - 10:30-11:15am

Good Friday Meditation (St. George's Church) - 12:00-3:00pm

Saturday 16th

Daily Prayer (St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Sunday 17th

Easter Day Service (St. Luke's Church), Luke 24:1-12 - 11:00am-12:00pm

Youth Initiative Led Service (St. Luke's Church) - 6:30pm-7:30pm

Prayer Requests

Be assured I will do my best to check that people are happy for the requests to be shared before including them. Please pray for...

- Family and friends of Mark (Kate Page's daughter's partner) who drowned in the sea trying to rescue his dog.
- Hazel Kenney recovering from a Gall Stone operation on Tuesday.
- Joy Smithers who went into hospital on Wednesday evening.
- David Perkins with a broken ankle.
- Michelle (Terry De Vere's wife) just starting chemotherapy.
- David Gill whose cancer has now spread to his throat.
- Mitch Styles that he will receive the help he needs.
- Ken Tipler that the pain from his bone cancer can be kept under control.

Please also continue to pray for: Flo Baldock, Jean Hann, Shirley Crabb, Joy Smithers, Nathan Court, Pauline Emptage, Collette Judge, Barb (Gloria's daughter's friend), Rita Ryan.

Electoral Roll and Annual Meeting

Our **Annual Meeting** this year will be on **Sunday 22nd May** after our main service. This is an important meeting where we can look back on 2021 to give thanks for all God has done and look forward to what God may be doing amongst us in the coming months and years. It is also the meeting at which members of our Parochial Church Council and Church Wardens are elected.

In order to vote at the meeting, you need to be on our church electoral roll. If you have been attending the church for six months or more, are baptised and 16 years or over then we would encourage you to join **the electoral roll** if you are not on it already. Please pick up a form from the welcome desk at the back of church and return to James Patterson as soon as possible and by Sunday 1st May at the latest.

We will also be producing an Annual Report for 2020 before the meeting. For those who need to write reports for this, please email them to James Patterson (office@stlukesramsgate.org) also by Sunday 1st May.

Easter Services (14th to 17th April)

This year we will be sharing some of our Easter Services with St. George's. The Maundy Thursday Communion (6:30pm) and Good Friday Meditation (12:00-3:00pm) will be at St. George's church, whilst the Easter Story on Good Friday (10:30-11:15am) and Easter Sunday Youth Initiative Service (6:30pm) will be at St. Luke's. Each church will have their own Easter Sunday morning services at the normal Sunday service times. [Please see the website for more information.](#)

Easter Sunday Youth Initiative Service

On Easter Sunday, the 17th April, at 6pm in St Luke's church, Youth Initiative (YI) will be leading a service that will help us celebrate Easter as we think on the theme - How much are you worth?

Youth Initiative is the name of the group that meet weekly in term time and are aged 11-18 (with some additions). They are working hard at putting this Easter Sunday service together. There will be activities, worship, discussions and time for reflection based on the them of 'How much are you worth?' The service should be around 45 minutes and we will end our time together with light refreshments. All ages are welcome.

Basic Safeguarding Training

For those involved in work with our children or young people, there is an expectation that you undergo regular safeguarding training. This can be done online, but there is an opportunity to do it in person coming up at St. Mark's church in Ramsgate at 10am on Saturday 23rd April. If you would like to book a place then please contact Jess on 01843 692478 or office@stlaurenceparish-ramsgate.org.uk.

Plans for the Platinum Jubilee

We are planning to have a joint service at St. George's church on June 5th at 11am to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is part of a weekend of celebrations across the country. After the service we are hoping to hold a 'tea party' in the church grounds of St. George's.

If you would be interested in joining a team of people to help plan for this event. Then please see Paul as soon as possible.

Book to see the vicar:

If you would like to arrange to see Paul the vicar about anything, then please use this following link to book an appointment: <https://calendly.com/worledge/meet-with-paul>

Links to Share:

Last Sunday's Sermon:

[Zacchaeus's Second Chance \(Luke 19:1-10\)](#)

We love to hate rich people that seem to have behaved badly, but how does Jesus feel about them. In this climactic encounter in Luke's gospel Jesus meets Zacchaeus, a rich chief tax-collector, probably the most hated man in Jericho. How did Jesus respond to him?

Venture Holidays

A reminder that Venture Holidays are a fantastic way for young people to spend a fun week in the summer meeting with other Christians from around the country and learning more about Jesus. Find out more in [this promotional video](#).

A Cleaner, Greener hope for people in Haiti

Tear Fund is one of the Christian international charitable organisations that seeks to help the poorest in the world to improve their lives. One way to do that is to clean up their environment.

[Read more...](#)

Finally, let's remember to keep praising Jesus as our Saviour and King!

Yours in Christ,

Paul Worledge
(Vicar, St. Luke's Ramsgate)