

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

The church building
remains closed in March
and until Pentecost.



- **Good Friday 10 am service** will be led by Roger Byard. The service can be found on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aL1Sa4k52pE>
- **Palm Sunday on-line service at 10:30am** will be led by Rev Robin Selmes . The service can be found on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00yqyYrx6OE>
- **Newington social catch-up before the service at 9am** online using Zoom at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4628098433>
(meeting ID 462 809 8433) ... or join by telephone: 020 3481 5237; when requested enter meeting ID 462 809 8433 followed by #; press # again when asked for a participant ID
- **Easter Sunday service** will be led by Rev Gill Le-Boutillier Scott.
- **Be aware of the time change between Saturday and Palm Sunday**
- **Bearsted ZOOM service** this Sunday 28th March, 4 pm on this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88607078979?pwd=RGE3VFB3L1o2Ti9hU2RidnHaUZLZz09>
If you are phoning in please use one of the following numbers 0203 481 5237; or 0203 901 7895; or 0203 051 2874 and enter: Meeting ID: 886 0707 8979 and Passcode: 860307.
- **Easter Sunday service with Holy Communion at Sittingbourne Methodist Church, 10:30am.**
Booking is in place at: Paul Skip at paul@greenapplegraphics.co.uk or phone the minister 07504840781
- **Our Daily Bread Bible reading notes.** The last chance to obtain a copy for March-May. If you want one contact Alan T. 01795 478215 or alanrthorn@hotmail.com) Allan also gave me this lovely encouragement to pass on:

Don't just `give up` something for Lent - take up something as well!

- **We are still looking for some help with these positions:** gardening, assistant to Letting officer, Cleaning the church premises. If you have some ideas contact the minister please.

“Breaking Day” passion play by **Riding Lights Theatre**
 . –Still spaces in our sponsored ticket, just call Paul S.
 your ‘seat’ please email
enapplegraphics.co.uk once you have booked a link
 sent to you



Company
 To book
paul@gre
 will be

Click this link to see a short clip of the play
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPJ4BIDgTkc>

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Holy week and Easter display at the church building. Bernard is working on the design and montage of the Easter symbolic decoration at the front of our church. The dDisplay will be up on Maundy Thursday evening. The sign and crown of thorns will be removed mysteriously and on Easter Sunday the cross will be empty with a short message “He is not here, he is alive”.

Make your own palm cross:

I wonder how many of you have made a Palm Cross? Or thought of doing so? Clare Stevens of St Mary's Newington has made a short video, which will help you do just that! You can find the video on our YouTube channel by clicking on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ub8F8ndprXM>

Why not have a go at making one? Do have some fun doing so, and perhaps suggesting to family members, neighbours, friends, colleagues, children at school and in fact anyone!....that they have a go!

Do enjoy!

Every blessing

Julian



Other activities you can join in during the week via Zoom

- **Bible study** we will have our final Lent session next Tuesday. The theme is about Holy Communion. After Easter we will start new series from 13th April moving towards Pentecost and we will be searching scriptures about the Holy Spirit.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83665077649?pwd=SzQyQjZnTGRxeFNEOUUxMENla1d3Zz09#success>
- **Prayer and Share** 9:30 am led by Elena Markova (every first and third Friday of the month)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87438656633?pwd=QUNhNWVjZHBQTUF5am1YMy9xTjhZZz09>

The Reflection for Palm Sunday by Tony Brown is on a separate sheet.

People and places for prayer

- John G. is back from hospital, recovering slowly
- Many happy returns and birthday wishes to Ernie Slarks this week.
- Val Trice still in care home.
- Beryl and Peter W.
- Michael and Ro and their new home.
- We remember our friends who have died and their loved ones: Audrey, Margaret S.

A Palm Sunday poetry sent by Alan T.

Asking for trouble?
Excitement grew to fever pitch,
The army drafted to the town,
Authority must be maintained
And the troublemakers be put down.

The city's full to bursting point,
Informers mingle with the crowd,
Peace must be kept at any price,
No demonstrations are allowed.

Now church and state for once agree,
Arrest all suspects without charge!
The individual doesn't count
When vested interests are so large.

He could have stayed in Galilee.
He could have walked unnoticed by.
Instead he rode, the King of Kings!
Hosanna! Demonstrator, die!

Ruth Connolly

*(Flowing Streams, An Anthology of Anthologies, compiled
by Donald Hilton)*

*Please send news, prayer requests and any other contributions for inclusion in the weekly newsletter
to robert.zachar@gmail.com*

Bank details for Offerings:

Newington Methodist Church, HSBC Sittingbourne. Sort Code 40 – 42 – 04, Account 70614696.
If you prefer to send a cheque contact our church treasurer Chris Ch.