

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES THE GREAT BLENDON

Please join us for private prayer, meditation and worship on Palm Sunday

Jesus is the Light of the World, a light no darkness can ever put out.

Today's readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11 Mark 15

Planned Giving envelope for this week is number 18

For the knitters: 1st size baby cardigans and Moses size blankets are needed by a charity with a branch in Bromley. Details at <https://baby-basics.org.uk/> If you need baby wool, Mandy has quite a lot of spare!



ReVive

Please keep praying for Maria Clara, a 10 year old girl from Revive. She is likely to be diagnosed with Lupus and she will need much care in the future.

Prayer list: Linda, Mavis, John, Rupert, Emma, Brenda M, Ann H, Ann C, Hugo, George & Marie B, Ian, Mandy, Stephen R.

We pray for Denise following the sad news of the death of her mum, Pam Thompson.

We pray for the bereaved family and friends of:

Pam Thompson.

From the Book of Remembrance we give thanks for the lives of:

Thomas Jarman, Andy Logan, John Jarman, Thomas Lascelles, Robin Tattam.

Please pray for our church members and their families:

this week we remember Angela, Karin, and all those who live and work in Warne Place.

Mission Partner: This week we pray for the staff at CRiBS working hard to maintain their work with the children online.

Forthcoming CRiBS events:

CRiBS Easter Message Event Monday 29th March at 7pm- an opportunity to watch the Easter Film "Timeless" produced for schools, and a little update on CRiBS--link through CRiBS website.

Friday 23rd April - Zoom Quiz Night. Gather your teams of up to 8 together! Tickets £5 per person available online from www.cribsonline.org or email: info@cribsonline.org

WHO Covid-19 solidarity response fund

As a gesture of thanksgiving for the vaccine and the NHS, please consider giving to the World Health Organisation's Covid-19 response fund which seeks to help countries prevent, detect, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially where needs are greatest.

You can donate online via this link: [COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund](#)

or if you are a CAF account holder you can use this link: [CAF](#)

You can send a cheque to the [Red Cross](#) who are also supporting this appeal, but you must **specify** it is for the **Global Coronavirus Appeal**.

Address: British Red Cross 44 Moorfields, London EC2Y 9AL.

The contact number of **British Red Cross** is 0844 871 11 11.

Thank you for your generosity.

Loving God,

Your Son Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as a different kind of king. You call your followers to be different too. So, we pray for the Church, that Christians may bear the fruit of your Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Take firm root in our lives, that we may lovingly serve and welcome all, with no exceptions and no small print. May we live together in your love and shine as lights in darkness to reveal your glory in the world.

Blessed are you, Holy God, for in Jesus Christ you came to rule in our lives, not as a king, but as a humble servant, riding on a donkey.

Enter into our hearts this day with your glory, that we may greet you with shouts of praise; through Christ, our Sovereign and Saviour. Amen

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips but may follow him in the way of the cross. Amen

Dear God,

Help us to be a people who regularly and faithfully come to you. We cry out to you for the creation we've damaged, and the injustice of those in poverty facing the consequences. Spark in us a passion to pray and act for a better future.

Amen.

Incomparable God, you have made yourself available to us in all your power and all your love. Therefore, we go out to the adventure of living in good heart and with high hope, because you are going with us. Thank you Lord.

Grant us O Lord our God, always to find in you a very present help in trouble. When we are in the darkness of doubt or confusion, shed your light upon our way. When we are burdened with the affairs of our daily life, lift us to the calm of your presence. When we are battling with temptation and the flesh is weak, by the light of your Spirit make us strong to overcome. We ask these things through him in whom we are more than conquerors, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. We ask you, Jesus, to forgive us for the times when our actions damaged your creation and its inhabitants, including indigenous communities. Give us greater awareness to understand the realities and struggles faced by indigenous peoples around the world. May our actions allow us to participate in your reconciling work. Amen.

Sovereign God, ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life. Help us to listen always to his voice so that we may proclaim his kingdom of justice, peace, and endless love; through Christ, who reigns forever.

God of power and might, thank you for the gift of Love and for all the people whose love shines in my life. Continue to fill my heart with your love and let me share that love with the world today and always. Amen.

Lord, how can we ever thank you enough? You endured more pain, more shame, more sorrow, more grief than we can possibly fathom. Help us remember why you gave your life: because of love and because of mercy. Because we desperately need them both. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for each new day of life. Help us to be a light of hope to those in need, to be an example of your love and mercy, and to tell others of your great grace and glory.

Loving God you invite us to spend time with you personally and alone. During this 'extra' time we find we have, help us to draw closer to you, to sit at your feet not rushing away, spending time in your presence and sensing your wonderful peace. Whether time seems to have slowed down or quickened during lockdown, help us to put you first at the start of each day and rest in your presence at the end of each day. May the ticking of a clock be our constant reminder to bring all our worries and joys to you.