

Reflection for Palm Sunday *Revd Sarah*

As part of my 'other' work, I am often asked to teach Religious Education (RE). This last half term has been focussed on Easter, especially the question, "Why do Christians say that Good Friday is good?"

This has prompted discussion about what Christians believe about Jesus, how they understand the events leading up to Easter and what they believe about the impact of the resurrection.

It has produced some profound reflections, for instance when I asked how it might feel to be in the crowd as Jesus was crucified, one child said that she might feel scared at the thought that God was being killed in front of her.

Our task this week was to produce a diagram to show the emotions which may have been experienced during Holy Week. The children recognised that the events of Palm Sunday were likely to be exciting for many, before the growing tensions leading to Good Friday, followed by the shock, disbelief and then rejoicing at the resurrection.

As we enter Holy Week, I am reminded of the importance of observing each of these days in some way: rather than springing directly from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. What might this look like for you this year?



WARM SPACE ST THOMAS PARISH HALL



THURSDAY 3-5PM

Free refreshments in a warm space

NEXT SUNDAY 31.03.2024 Easter Day

10.30am in the Church

READINGS: OT Acts 10: 34-43
NT 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
GOSPEL Mark 16: 1-8



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St Thomas, Exeter

24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

10.30am in Hall

Today

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Hymn Numbers

435 Ride on, ride on in majesty

335 Meekness and majesty

549 When I survey the wondrous cross

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

10am Mass and talk in the Church

7pm Lectio Divina by Zoom

Tuesday 26th March

7.30pm House Group. Lent Course at Helen's house. 'Come and See'. John 1: 29-42

Maundy Thursday 28th March

10.30-12 noon Knit & Natter, 19 Maple Rd.

Details from Jenny 01392 498725

10.30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

7pm Holy Eucharist of the Last Supper.

Watch of the Passion

Good Friday 29th March

10.30am Stations of the Cross

2pm Good Friday Liturgy (Hot Cross Buns in the Hall).

Easter Eve Saturday 30th March

6pm Easter Rites. Followed by a bring and share parish supper.

