

A message from the Diocese
Remembering our friend Bishop Alan

The diocese will remember Bishop Alan at a memorial service at All Saints Church, High Wycombe on Saturday 13 April at 11.30am.

All are welcome to attend. So that we can make arrangements, please register for a seat, via our [Eventbrite webpage](#). You do not need to bring a ticket on the day. The service will also be livestreamed to a nearby venue in High Wycombe as well as via the diocesan website.


We have all taken much comfort in the many tributes made by those who knew Bishop Alan and were touched by his ministry. This service will be an opportunity for us all to give thanks for Bishop Alan, for his life and faith.

[Read Bishop Alan's Church Times obituary](#), available to read for free during March.

Alan's rich and committed ministry was rooted in a strong family life; he leaves his wife, Lucy, and their five grown-up children. There is a particular poignancy about his death, as he had just started a sabbatical in order to think about retirement.

The Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson died on 17 February, aged 68.


Has anyone found **FAITH** yet? perhaps you will do so when you next come into church.....



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If you have a notice that you would like to be included in next week's pewsheets please send it to the pewsheets address (above) before 7pm on Friday. Please note - space is often limited so it may need to be edited down.

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Sunday 24th March

Notices for the week

Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches



PALM SUNDAY

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**
with **CHOIR**

led by Revd Phil Groves

Readings: Psalm 118:1&2, 19-24
Mark 11:1-11



*Almighty and eternal God,
in your tender love towards humanity you sent your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take on himself our flesh and to suffer death on the cross.
Grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen*

The week ahead

Tue 26th Mar 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at the Chapel
Sat 30th Mar 10:30am **CHOIR PRACTICE** in the Church

Easter Service details are shown separately

REMEMBER!!! We lose an hour of sleep next weekend when the clocks go forward

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Mark 11:1-11

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Palm Sunday is a strange festival. It's a celebration of Jesus as King, but even as we celebrate, we are aware of the next part of the story. The crowds at first cheered Jesus, then turned on him when he was not the military conqueror they expected.

We have the benefit of the bible telling us all this, so we can see it as the journey of Jesus to the cross. But the clues were all there at the time: the King arriving into Jerusalem was on a donkey, not a war horse. The welcoming crowd got a different kind of king from what they were expecting - infinitely more powerful, yet vastly more humble. The week took a different turn in just a matter of days - Jesus would be executed as a criminal, silent before his abusers, humiliated and tortured.

Lent is a good time to be asking, what is our own mental or emotional picture of God? If we are honest we can want God to be like a fairy-godmother who waves a magic wand and takes away all the pain and suffering we see in the world today.

Instead we see a God who **takes the pain on himself**, who walks the journey of Holy Week, and goes deeper into a darkness we cannot enter. God in Jesus lets his friends deny and betray him. God in Jesus suffers rejection and abuse, and the ultimate desolation of a lonely yet innocent death – and he did it all for us.

So, this Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves: what more could we expect from God than that?
(summarised and adapted from a reflection by Justin Welby)

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Maundy Thursday

There will be a Maundy Thursday Service again this year for the whole Benefice at St Nicholas Church in Kingsey. Thursday, 28 March at 7pm. All are welcome.

(comfort note – there are no toilet facilities in Kingsey church)

Easter Services

Good Friday 29th March

10:00am **Walk of Witness** from Stone School car park *led by David Pickup*
We carry a big wooden cross at the head of the procession as a reminder to passers-by of the significance of the day. We pause for prayer in several places along the way.

10:30am **All Age Easter Garden service** during which the children will make the Easter garden underneath the altar *led by Revd Phil Groves*

2:00pm **An hour by the cross** at SPP Dinton *led by David Pickup*

Easter Sunday 31st March

10:30am **Easter Sunday Family Communion** with the choir
led by Revd Phil Groves



NOTE: We no longer take a collection during services. The collection bowl is near the door as you leave and also a card payment machine if you prefer that. Thankyou.

Coffee Cup news

Our coffee cup collections until the end of April will be given to **Aylesbury Homeless Action Group**. AHAG is a local charity based in Rickfords Hill in Aylesbury. It provides support and advice to those who are homeless; at risk of becoming homeless; or who are inadequately housed.



AHAG runs a Drop In advice service in Aylesbury Library every Friday 9:30 – 12:30

You can read more about the work of AHAG at <https://www.ahag.org.uk/>

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