

All Eastleigh Parish Church services, events and meetings can now be accessed via <https://www.eastleighparish.com/live-stream>. If you need technical help to access this, please speak to Geoff on 07445 290 554 or Mike on 07753 686 628.



## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: *Palm Sunday*

Not only is this Sunday “Palm Sunday” (the day we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey in fulfilment of many prophecies, including Zechariah 9:9) but it’s also our first ever whole-church vision Sunday.

Throughout Lent, we have been praying “*Dear Heavenly Father, what is your vision for Eastleigh Parish Church? Please give us ears to hear, hearts to care, and the willingness to respond to all that you show us. Amen.*” Sunday will provide us with an opportunity to begin trying to answer that question. Please do make every possible effort to join with us. If you really can’t be there but would like to contribute to the discussion, please call Ian on 07809 668 118 to share your thoughts.

Here is the outline programme for this very special day (all of which can be accessed via [www.EastleighParish.com](http://www.EastleighParish.com)):

<b>10:00am</b>	<i>Palm Sunday Celebration</i>
<b>10:30</b>	<i>Good News</i>
<b>10:35</b>	<i>Introduction to Vision Sunday</i>
<b>10:50</b>	<i>Discussion groups (full details will be explained on the day)</i>
<b>11:20</b>	<i>Feedback from discussion groups</i>
<b>12:00</b>	<i>Holy Communion</i>

If you’re not sure how to access this special whole-church event online, join us at 1pm on Saturday for a ZOOM trial. Just follow the links at [www.EastleighParish.com](http://www.EastleighParish.com) – and use the telephone helpline mentioned at the top of this page if you need help.

### *Good News!*

*It has been terrific to have been joined by St Peter’s Boyatt Wood at many of our services since the COVID-19 restrictions were put in place 2 weeks ago. You are very welcome indeed!*

## A Collect for Palm Sunday

*True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.*

### Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>As they all approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage. It was on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent out two disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Go to the village ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a donkey tied up. Her colt will be with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them. The owner will send them right away."

<sup>4</sup>This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet would come true. It says,

<sup>5</sup>"Say to the city of Zion,  
'See, your king comes to you.  
He is gentle and riding on a donkey.  
He is riding on a donkey's colt.'" ([Zechariah 9:9](#))

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did what Jesus told them to do. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt. They placed their coats on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>Some of the people went ahead of him, and some followed. They all shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"  
"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" ([Psalm 118:26](#))  
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. The people asked, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, "This is Jesus. He is the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."



### Maundy Thursday: Passover (Agapé) Meal 7pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

In previous years, Maundy Thursday has been the day in which we have held a special 'Agapé Meal' together. Obviously, we need to make a new plan for this year being as though we can't meet together in the same way.

You may remember that we often pray for Jo, a missionary who works in Israel and has been part of a ministry that has seen many people from a Jewish background come to faith in Jesus Christ. Jo is going to lead us through a meal just like the one Jesus had with his 12 disciples on the night he was betrayed. You can join in online in the normal way, but to make the most of this great opportunity, you'll have to do a bit of preparation!

Below is a list of what you'll need to have prepared in dishes/on plates in time for 7pm on Thursday. Please feel free to use a substitute / alternative to anything you don't have/can't eat.

- flat bread or crackers or plain biscuits or similar
- red drink, e.g. Ribena or wine or grape juice
- green herbs, e.g. parsley
- lettuce or spinach or something else green and leafy
- salt-water (dissolve a bit of salt in hot water and let it cool in a dish)
- haroset (this is a sweet mixture of grated apple, butter and honey, but you can use anything sweet, like jam or chocolate spread)
- maror (we call it horseradish sauce, but you can use anything similar like marmite or mustard)

- if possible, 1 x boiled egg (in its shell)
- a plate
- a candle and matches



**Lent 2020: Vision & Fasting**

If you've been keeping a prayer journal through Lent or have any notes from any of your Vision discussions at DG or Lent Group, please be sure to have them to hand for the group discussion & feedback time on Sunday morning.

You may remember that we'd set Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>/Sat 4<sup>th</sup> aside as a day for whole-church fasting. Please do join in with this if at all possible, being sure to set aside time to pray, and to keep a note of all the Lord lays on your heart. There's no Sat 8am prayers this time – so please bring your notes with you to Sunday's vision morning instead.

**Easter Sunday Services**

*Full details will be released ASAP. At the time of writing, we're still waiting for Winchester Diocese to let us know if there will be a special whole-diocese online service on offer.*

**(More) Housebound Social Events with EPC:**

**1. Quarantine Quiz**



Following the terrific success of QQ1, we're planning to run a 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarantine Quiz at 7pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. PLEASE spread the word where possible. If you use Facebook and want to help with any publicity, 'liking' a post is encouraging to us, but '*sharing*' a post means that MANY more people will get to see it. Look out for another new questioner this week!

**2. Quarantine Countdown: Last Week**



Ashton P did the most amazing job of pulling together the technical side of our first ever Countdown evening this week. With James & Abi in the Dictionary Corner / at the Numbers Board, and 2 great teams of Clare/Andy and Andres/Katie in the hot seats, a brilliant evening of fun was had by HUNDREDS of local people. Thank you everyone for all you're doing to be a blessing to Eastleigh at this time. If you'd like to appear in a future edition of Quarantine Countdown, just let Ian know.

**3. Quarantine Coffee: 10:00am Wednesdays**



We had a great time at our first coffee morning last week. If you'd like to join Ian & others for a very relaxed hour of chat, and maybe a parlour game or 2, we'll be hosting another online coffee morning from 10:00am (right after the midweek communion service) on Wednesday. The link you need to click will be here:

<https://www.eastleighparish.com/live-stream>

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### Cleaner/Caretaker(s) Required



Once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, we're going to need a cleaner/caretaker at both our All Saints' and St Francis' buildings. There's (roughly) 5 hours per week of work that needs doing, which includes cleaning, setting heating timers, restocking paper towel dispensers, general tidying-up, etc. It would be possible to split this into 2 posts; 1 for St Francis' & 1 for All Saints'. It's a paid post, but is unlikely to make you a millionaire overnight! For more details, please speak to Sue Fletcher on 07502 427 693.

### New Safeguarding Officer



Abi Taylor has recently been appointed by the PCC to act as our Safeguarding Officer. Please feel free to speak to her about any safeguarding-related queries on 07380 204 092 or via [safeguarding@eastleighparish.com](mailto:safeguarding@eastleighparish.com) Our Safeguarding policy is easily available via our website ([www.eastleighparish.com](http://www.eastleighparish.com)).

## EPC Events During Holy Week 2020 – All Online

Day	Time	Event
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Morning Prayer for Holy Week
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Night Prayer (Compline)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Morning Prayer for Holy Week
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Midweek Communion for Holy Week
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Morning Prayer for Holy Week
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Passover Meal (full details above)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Good Friday Service (led by Ian, with CTiE; & a special children's video posted online, prepared by Andy & Jo Berry)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30am	Sonrise Service (led by Ian, with CTiE)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	tbc	Easter Communion Services – all tbc

### PCC COVID-19 Action Plan: Some Key Information

Please visit <https://www.eastleighparish.com/> to see the full and up-to-date version of the PCC COVID-19 Action Plan. Here are some key contacts – **ALL OF WHICH MAY BE UPDATED IN THE DAYS AHEAD:**

Can you *offer* help in any of these areas? Please get in touch!  
Do you *need* help in any of these areas? Please get in touch!

### Leadership of Operations (Practical) Response

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The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.  
JAMES 5:16 (NIV)

A special prayer for this parish church this Lent:

*Dear Heavenly Father, what is your vision for Eastleigh Parish Church? Please give us ears to hear, hearts to care, and the willingness to respond to all that you show us.*

WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH.

PROVERBS 29:18

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Contact Ian, the Vicar, on 07809 668 118 or [ian@eastleighparish.com](mailto:ian@eastleighparish.com)  
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