This Week

Monday of Holy Week - 6th April - Psalm 36.5-11; John 12.1-11
Daily Intention: Self-examination
For the sick: Margaret Franklin, Muriel Hobbs & Ann Spencer
8.00pm Live-stream Compline with a short reflection and piece of music

Tuesday of Holy Week - 7th April - Psalm 71.1-14; John 12.20-36
Daily Intention: Repentance
For the sick: Daphne, Ryan Thomas, Leonie Warwick & Jaqui Horsfield
8.00pm Live-stream Compline with a short reflection and piece of music

Wednesday of Holy Week - 8th April - Psalm 70; John 13.21-32
Daily Intention: The Way of the Cross
For the sick: Norman Swanson, Sarah Watts-Peters, Michael Rowland & Elizabeth Hill
8.00pm Live-stream Compline with a short reflection and piece of music

Maundy Thursday - 9th April - Psalm 116.1, 10-end; John 13.17-35
Daily Intention: Humility and service
For the sick: The Hewlett family, Bob Pearce, Mike Hallett, Sue & Michael Alliwell
7.30pm Live-stream simple Eucharist

Good Friday - 10th April - Psalm 22; John 18.1-end of 19
Daily Intention: Our fellow Christians in Romsey
For the sick: Beth Hingley, Baby Adalina, Derek Mears, Louise Newman & Sue
2pm Live-stream Devotions

Easter Eve - Saturday 11th April - Psalm 31.1-4, 15-16; John 19.38-end
Daily Intention: Flower arrangers
For the sick: Michael Lucas, Jan Chambers, Kris Tippen & Clare Danson
8pm Live-stream Easter Fire, marking of new Paschal Candle and Easter Acclamation

Sunday 12th April - Easter Day
Daily Intention: Thanksgiving for Christ's resurrection
9.30am Live-stream Eucharist Service

Rest in Peace:
Gladys Hyland

Years' Mind Anniversary
Paul Baker - 7 April 2019
Roger Chalk - 8 April 1998
June Thorpe - 8 April 2014
Jean Smith - 12 April 2019

Welcome to the Abbey Church of St Mary and St Ethelflaeda & St Swithun’s, Crampmoor
Palm Sunday
5th April 2020

As we enter Holy Week, we draw near to the cross. Let us come together to worship the God whom we trust to lead us through every dark place, to walk in the light of the resurrection.

9.30am Online Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Thomas Wharton
Intercessions Revd Sally Womersley
Readings Matthew 21.1-11; Matthew 27.11-54
Voluntary Prelude: Winchester New - Alan Bullard

The ministry team continue to pray for the parish, the community and the world. If you would like them to include a prayer for you or someone else, you can get in touch as follows: email to sayoneforme@romseyabbey.org.uk or send a text or leave a voicemail on 07395 883652

Live-streaming
www.romseyabbey.org.uk/webcasts/
Watch online or catch up later
Streaming will take place as scheduled subject to technical issues! Special thanks to the Romsey Abbey Technical Team for their support of this facility.
Readings for today
Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross; grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Palms
Gospel: Matthew 21.1-11
Having commanded two of his disciples to untie a donkey and bring it to him, Jesus rides into Jerusalem as the crowds praise and glorify him.

Post Communion Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

NOTICES
A team of Abbey volunteers has been busy making contact with many of the congregation on our electoral roll and are delighted that most people are currently in good spirits and being well looked after by family, friends and neighbours. If your situation changes and you do need some extra help, would appreciate a chat or know of anyone else not on the electoral roll who would welcome a call, please contact Janet Wallace, Churchwarden on 02380 869723 or jduncan896@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Due to the worldwide pandemic many events and services planned for 2020 have been cancelled or postponed. Including …

Events celebrating the 900 Anniversary planned from April onwards have been cancelled. We are grateful for all the preparations from the Abbey 900 committee and for the generosity and support from the people of Romsey and beyond. A revised programme will be announced next year when we can celebrate as a community again.

On Sunday 17th May 2020, a local commemoration and celebration of the bicentenary of Florence Nightingale was to take place with services and events at St Margaret’s Church at East Wellow, Embley Park, and Romsey Abbey. Due to the uncertain path ahead in the coming months, it seems appropriate and necessary to postpone these events. Work to complete ‘The Calling Window’ designed and created by Sophie Hacker to be installed in Romsey Abbey will continue as planned, subject to any restrictions. The other events and services planned for this date are to be rescheduled until May 2021, and hopefully to a time when we can once again join together to celebrate and give thanks for the dedication and mission of Florence Nightingale.

An invitation from Thomas,
Please join us this Sunday at 9.30am for our Palm Sunday Eucharist. Although we can’t distribute palm crosses we invite you to cut any green branches and place them on your doors or in your windows as a visible sign of sharing in our Palm Sunday worship. Children may like to paint a coloured cross on the palms of their hands and put the year 2020 on.

Holy Week
If all goes to plan we will live-stream services each day during Holy Week so please join us as we journey towards Easter. Find details over the page.

Other News
Hampshire County Council has launched a new Coronavirus Helpline which provides support and advice for the frail and vulnerable. The contact number is 0333 370 4000.

Triangulate has put together a list of resources for support during difficult times. If you received this parish bulletin via email these will also be included, otherwise visit our website www.romseyabbey.org.uk/ 2020/ 03/ resources-for-support/

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards is aware that fraudsters are exploiting the current Coronavirus COVID-19 situation for their own gain. These are troubling and uncertain times for all of us, and they warn residents to stay especially alert to scams/ fraud and doorstep callers.

A letter from Thomas,
Dear Friends,

As we enter the third week of lockdown, perhaps the novelty of being confined indoors with limited access outside and only contacting friends and family remotely is beginning to wear off.

We find ourselves as a church entering Holy Week in a way we couldn’t possibly have imagined just a few months ago. Although we are isolated and possibly anxious about loved ones, about the world and about ourselves, remember we are also blessed. Blessed to be part of a wider church family, blessed to share a hope and faith that nothing can separate us from God’s love. Blessed also that so many people are going out of their way to support each other through these difficult days.

Please be assured that as a church family, although we are in difficult times, we are also alive and well. May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts, in your homes and in your families this day and always. Amen.

Thomas

Revd Thomas Wharton,
Vicar of Romsey