

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	12 noon Communion before Confirmation @ St Anne's 12.30pm Lent Lunch @ St Anne's 5.00pm Office Hour @ St Anne's 6.00pm Churches Together in Sale Service (Sale URC) 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Anne's
Mon	7.30pm When I survey' Lent Course @ Vicarage 8.00pm Silent Eucharist 9.00pm Compline
Tues	8.00pm Silent Eucharist 9.00pm Compline
Wed	10.00am Eucharist @ St Anne's 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all 8.00pm Silent Eucharist 9.00pm Compline
Maundy Thurs	2.30pm Mothers' Union @ St Francis 6.00pm Seder Meal @ St Anne's Church Hall 8.00pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Vigil @ St Anne's
Good Friday	9.30am Service for Good Friday @ St Francis 9.30am All Age Good Friday Service @ St Anne's Church Hall 1.30pm Liturgy of the Day @ St Anne's
Easter Eve	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>From 10 Church Cleaning - bring your dusters and sprays!</i> 7.30pm Easter Vigil @St Anne's followed by party at the Vicarage
Next Sunday - 4th April - Easter Sunday	
	8.00am Eucharist @ St Anne's 9.30am Easter Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows with hymns at St Francis' 10.30am Easter Eucharist, Baptism, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Admission to Communion at St Anne's 6.00pm Choral Evensong @ St Anne's

ROUTE GINGER

WILL BE HOLDING A CAKE STALL IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER THE EASTER EUCHARIST. 07810 038327

Contact Details

Baptisms, Blessings, Weddings - please speak to any of the clergy after the service. They will be at the back of church. Spot the dog collar!

Our monthly parish magazine *The Spire* has a full list of contact details for clergy and organisations on the back cover. For this sheet, email by Wednesday please joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com

INSPIRATION

St Anne's, Sale with St Francis, Sale Moor
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Palm Sunday

28th March 2010

We hope you will enjoy being with us. If you're not familiar with our services, don't worry. We follow a written order of service and we'll tell you from time to time which page we're on.

Children are welcome in church and in Sunday School or crèche across the road in the hall. If your children get restive in church, don't be afraid to get up and move around if this helps. There is a toilet at the back of church.

At St Anne's today

8.00am Eucharist

We use the special order of service
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar

10.30am Parish Eucharist

We use the special order of service
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar
Assisting: Paul Edwards, Reader

6.00pm Ecumenical Worship

Sale URC, Montague Road

At St Francis' today

9.30am Eucharist

We use the special order of service
President: Olwyn Marlow, Asst Priest



Bible readings for today's services are on the next page.

A week is a long time.

I have long been fascinated by the First World War, its causes, the events, the after-effect. Some of the literature has tried to catch what it was like waiting in the trenches, waiting for the whistle to blow and the order to "go over the top". Unsurprisingly reading these books, I guess, barely touches the fear and despair most will have felt on all sides.

So reading the Isaiah passage set for today (see over) we hear the inner voice of one who has to confront the inevitable, who knows that the opposition will not treat him gently but also knows that keeping to one's beliefs is *the* task. We feel the anxiety and also the courage to trust God.

As we enter Holy Week it is easy for us to jump in our imagination from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, to avoid the growing tension of the Passion story and avoid the costly journey Jesus takes for us. We must resist this.

That is why Holy Week is as it is. The Church invites us into this journey, to know it for ourselves and thus to know the depth of Jesus' love and sacrifice. That is why, unlike at any point in the Christian Calendar, we have so many "big services" running up against each other.

So don't jump; journey through Holy Week and hear afresh in your heart the love of Christ for us and the world.

Today's readings

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
[Isaiah 50.4-9a]

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to

sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Our Gospel Reading on Palm Sunday this year is a dramatic reading of the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. We sit for this long reading.

Church Bookstall

Last chance to get your Easter cards!

Church Hall

The Church Hall will be closed from Easter Sunday until the following Sunday, in order to re-varnish the floor. Help is needed on Tue 6th and Wed 7th April - morning and afternoon/evening - in short bursts. Please see

Phil Egarr who is leading this project or call him on 866 8225 if you can help.



Maundy Thursday Passover Meal

6pm 1st April—Cost £5

Have you signed up yet?

This joyful meal, taking through the journey of the Jewish people from slavery to freedom, prepares us for the journey Jesus is to take. Come, journey with us.



Messy Church Good Friday Morning

On **Good Friday morning** at 9.30am in the **Church Hall** we will be engaging in worship and thinking through what the Good Friday story means to each of us; we will be using our hands as well as our heads and possibly scissors, glue, paint...

But, please note, this is not a children's service; it will be a genuinely all age service.

Hot Cross buns will feature somewhere, I suspect....

New Planned Giving Envelopes are available at the back of both St. Anne's and St. Francis' Churches for those who use them.

Donations towards **Easter Flowers** will be gratefully received by Janet Phillimore or Moira Garnett.

Annual Church Fair - 25th Sept
 We need a project manager + team to organize our Annual Fair. If you could help, or to hear more details, ring Ken Bailey 973 5633 or 07751 43811. Many thanks.

Deep Cleaning St. Anne's

On **Holy Saturday** there will be a short morning prayer at 9.30am. After this we will be preparing the Church for Easter Day - flowers, hangings, altar, brasses.

We will be using this morning, too, to clean the Church: polish, spray, dust, vac, high clean, remove bits of paper and generally make St Anne's a worthy space to celebrate the Resurrection.

So, come and join us for an hour or so. Many hands, etc. make a quick and efficient blitz.

Parish Party Saturday 24 April

Parish Party - 24th April 6pm in Church Hall. Tickets are just £6 & £3 for our younger guests, including sumptuous buffet with complimentary glass of wine. *Please bring own drinks for rest of evening.*

Fun & entertainment for all the family. Don't miss out, get your tickets now.