



Dyffryn Clwyd Mission Area

Sunday 28th March 2021 – Sul y Blodau PALM Sunday

Dyffryn Clwyd Mission Area Office

The office will be closed to visitors for the present time. Please contact me on

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Prayer for today

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love towards the human race you 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.**

Prayers for those in particular need: If you know anyone who would like to be included in our weekly prayer list across our churches – please email the administrator by **Thursday lunchtime** each week on admin@dyffrynclwyd.co.uk;

We continue to hold in our prayers, those who are sick or in particular need especially: Faith; David; Merion; Tony; Frank; Mari; Casandra; Eirlys; May; Briony; Terry; Janet; Sylvia; Lesley; Sandra; Sheila; Andy; Ken; Peter; Ion and Monica; Val; Margaret; Jane; John; Christine; Rosemary Williams; Michael and Rosita; Rowan and family; Colin Edwards; Bert Harrison; Sian Harrison; Zackery Okane; Ann Mayer; Pat and family and all those suffering from the effect of the Coronavirus.

For those who have recently departed: Deryn George, Andrew Philips, Nora Jones, Gordon Edwards, Eluned Clwydwen Lewis, Vera Adshead.

Nursing Homes and Care Homes: We continue to pray for all those who live and work in our nursing and residential care homes.

MASKS MUST BE WORN IN CHURCH – IF YOU HAVE A MEDICAL EXEMPTION PLEASE INFORM THE CLERGY.

From the Clergy of Dyffryn Clwyd Churches - We know that Holy Week is going to be different with restrictions still in place, but we've been working hard to ensure that we can still, in a meaningful way engage and enter into the story of Holy Week that is central to all that we believe and hold dear in our faith and our churches. The liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Morning are not stand-alone events, but rather one narrative split into three chapters. Without that intimate last supper with Jesus, without watching with him in the garden as Jesus seeks comfort and courage from his disciples, without witnessing the agony of Good Friday and the despair of laying Him in the tomb, our Easter morning cannot make sense. So I hope that you will come and join the story so that our Easter celebrations filled with the joy of hope restored in an empty tomb.

As a priest once told me years ago, you cannot celebrate the empty tomb if you weren't present when it was filled! Rev Huw

SERVICES FOR Holy week and Easter Day

YOU MUST BOOK A PLACE click on [Worship Booking – Dyffryn Clwyd](#); it will take you directly to the page. Scroll down and all the services for Holy week and Easter Day will be visible for you to book; follow the link. If you are unable to book online for whatever reason, please contact the church wardens or the clergy, who will do this for you.

Please see attached flier with all the services for Holy Week and Easter.

Daily Services available live 10.00am Mon to Sat and from 10.30am on Sunday www.dyffrynclwyd.co.uk/Live;

Readings for Next Sunday 4th April 2021 ~ Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43 or (Isaiah 25: 6-9); Psalm 118 1,2, 14-24; I Cor 15: 1-11
or (Acts 10: 34-43); John 20: 1-18 or (Mark 16: 1-8)

**Readings for the Liturgy of the Passion:
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 backwards. 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?

This is the Word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31.9-18

- 9 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.
10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.
11 I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours,
12 an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.
13 I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.
14 For I hear the whispering of many - terror all around! -
15 as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.
16 But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'

A reading from Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Readings for
Palm Sunday 28th March**

Liturgy of the Palms:

St Mark 11: 1-11
St John 12: 12-16
Psalm 118: 1,2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion – Gospel:

St Mark 14: 1-15: 47
St Mark 15: 1-39 (see separate sheet)
St Mark 15: 40-47

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.**



