

Thought for May 2022
By Revd. Claire Claxton

As I planned and led the different services of Holy Week and Easter, I pondered deeply the events that happened so long ago, events that have had such an effect on so many people over the two thousand years since then. It is not easy to focus on the pain and suffering of Jesus' crucifixion. I went to see the GADOC production of Jesus Christ Superstar which was absolutely brilliant. It was beautifully acted and sung, poignant and shocking by turns. It is disturbing to see Jesus (even if only an actor) being mocked and tortured and killed. In the stage production, the story ends after the crucifixion and some people find that dismaying because, after all, Easter is about Jesus' resurrection, isn't it?

Today we see the events of Good Friday in the light of Jesus' resurrection and we may want to focus on the joy rather than the sorrow but the reality is that both were necessary. Life is a mix of joy and sorrow. The two are inextricably linked.

As we celebrate Liberation Day on 9th May, we remember that our joy comes from the liberation following five years of deprivation and suffering.

A poem by Kahlil Gibran entitled 'On Joy and Sorrow', (from the book of poetry 'The Prophet') tells us, 'The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain. Is not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was burned in the potter's oven?'

As we experience the sorrows and delight in the joys that our lives bring us, I pray that we can know that we have a Saviour who knew sorrows and joys too.



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Church Flowers in May

May 1st Linda Archard

May 8th Brenda Tostevin & everyone
(Liberation)

May 15th Brenda Tostevin

May 22nd Debbie Dorey

May 29th Debbie Dorey



Plenty of chickens and eggs with the flowers on display for Easter Sunday in church.



The Font

This is the font at Salisbury Cathedral recently visited by our Rector Claire. Note that it is kept full and overflowing at its opposite points, presumably recycling the water all the time, a feat of expert plumbing. The water remains still and reflects the surroundings like a huge mirror. What an interesting addition of something of the present day into an old building.

We look forward to the first visit of our new Bishop of Salisbury, Stephen Lake, when he comes to Guernsey.

We will be having a baptism in church of **Penelope Chamberlain**, grand-daughter of Liz and Richard, on Sunday 8th May at 11am. Come and join in welcoming her and her family on that day.

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday the choir and congregation met at the Forest Stores and walked behind the donkey to commemorate Christ's triumphal arrival in Jerusalem. It was a lovely bright Spring morning and the short walk in a circle past the Occupation museum and the Rectory was very enjoyable and brought us back to the door of the church. A lovely little donkey called Charlie who had already with his handler done a similar thing for St Martin's church led the way.

The morning service which followed was well attended and included a puppet show, enjoyed by all ages!

Palm Sunday was followed by **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** services, both a chance for quietness and meditation on the suffering and death of Jesus, and a welcome respite in a busy week.



May Dates and News

Knit and Natter

Wednesday May 4th

in church 2pm-4pm come even if you only want to natter!

Coffee Morning Wednesday May 11th

Our next coffee morning will take place from 10.30am to 12 noon in church.

Do come and join us for a cuppa, some cake and a chat. All are welcome!



Solace

Thursday May 5th & 19th & June 2nd

A support group for bereaved friends who meet at St Martin's Community Centre from 10.30-noon.

Floral Forest Plant Sale

We are having a Plant Sale at Forest Stores on Saturday 30th April, 9 – 12. Indoor and Outdoor plants, raising funds for Floral Forest's entry into RHS Britain in Bloom.

Liberation

Sunday May 8th the church service is a family service with the baptism of baby Penelope Chamberlain. A special day for that family but also for all of us as we remember May 9th 1945.

This highly important day for Guernsey will be celebrated as the church will be decorated in honour of the occasion.



Welcome to Forest Parish Church Services in May 2022

Sunday 1st May

11am Parish Communion with The Very Revd. John Guille

Reader: Susie Mowbray Acts 9 v1-20 Revelations 5 v11-end

Prayers: Keith Bienvenu

Evensong 6.30pm

Reader Vivienne Rees Acts 9 v1-6 (short reading) John 21 v1-19

Sunday 8th May Family Communion with Baptism (Penelope Chamberlain)

Reader: TBA

Acts 9 v36-end Revelation 7 v9-end

Prayers: Nicola Hoyland Birch



Sunday 15th May 9am Puppets & Praise

11am Parish Communion

Reader: Stephen Le Poidevin

Acts 11v1-18

Revelations 21 v1-6

Prayers: Peter Gallienne

Evensong 6.30pm

Reader: Fiona Roland

Sunday 22nd May

9am Traditional Communion

11am Parish Communion

Reader: Debbie Dorey

Acts 16 v 9-15

Revelations 21v10-27,22 v1-5

Prayers: Margaret Boden Heaume

Sunday 29th May

11am Parish Communion

Reader: Syd Bowsher

Acts 16 v16-34

Revelations 22 v12-14,16-17,20-21

Prayers: Katie Blampied

Morning Prayer

Every Monday and Thursday morning at 9am, a short service of Morning Prayer is said in church, a good way to start the day.