

### **This week we pray in love for:**

#### **The worshipping life of the churches**

- Church organists
- Our choirs and other musicians
- Our bell-ringers
- Our flower-arrangers
- The benefice prayer group
- Those who worship with us from outside the parishes

#### **April prayers for...**

##### **Kensworth**

- ❖ Common Road from Hollicks Lane to Isle of Wight Lane

##### **Studham**

- ❖ Dunstable Road, Southern Way, Bell Farm Close & Bell Cottages

##### **Whipsnade**

- ❖ Oldhill Wood & Byslips Road

*This week please remember in your prayers; those in the midst of illness, operations or accidents, amongst whom Hayden Anslow, Lorraine Burger, Fred and Marion Downie, Claire Stoop, John and Helen, Rachel, Hilary, Paul and Philip; and those who have died recently, amongst whom Owen Chamberlain and Jean Kelly.*

Do you have a name or a request for prayer that you wish to have included on this prayer list? Please email Nicola on [revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com) before Thursday each week.

*A prayer for this week: Lord Jesus, this week, when we are sad, alone or scared, be close to us. And on Good Friday, when we remember that you were sad, alone and sacred, may we be close to you. Amen.*

*Readings for next week: Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; John 20: 1-18*

#### **• Dates for your diary**

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 11.30am** – Funeral of Owen Chamberlain, Whipsnade Church
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 12noon** – Funeral of Jean Kelly, Studham Church

The rector's day off this week is Monday.

On Palm Sunday and during Holy Week the Stations of the Cross which were created in the Lent art workshop will be displayed in Kensworth Church. Holy Week begins with a special service of 'Music & Word' at Kensworth Church at 4.00pm on Palm Sunday – all are welcome.

#### **Holy Week Services**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm** – 'Music & Word' for Stations of the Cross, Kensworth Church

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm** – Holy Communion for Holy Monday, Kensworth Church

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm** – Holy Communion for Holy Tuesday, Tilsworth Church

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm** – Stations of the Cross for Holy Wednesday, Eaton Bray Church

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 11am** – Chrism Mass for Maundy Thursday, St. Albans Cathedral

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm** – Institution of the Eucharist, Foot-washing and Vigil for Maundy Thursday, Studham Church

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 10am** – Family Service for Good Friday, Whipsnade Church

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 12noon** – Good Friday Service with choir, Kensworth Church

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm** – Meditative Worship for Good Friday, Studham Church

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm** – Easter Eve Service of Light, Kensworth Church

# Welcome to the United Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade

*Part of the North Chilterns Group of Parishes*

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## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

### **Palm Sunday**

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Kensworth 10.30am – Family Palm Sunday Service

4.00pm – 'Music & Word' for the Stations of the Cross

Studham 10.30am – Holy Communion

Whipsnade 9.00am – Holy Communion

## **Services next week: 21<sup>st</sup> April**

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Kensworth **11.00am** – Holy Communion for Easter Day

Studham **10.00am** – Holy Communion for Easter Day

Whipsnade **9.00am** – Holy Communion for Easter Day

*If this is your first visit to one of our churches, then please make yourself known as we're a friendly lot – really! The rector (Nicola) can be reached on (01582) 872223 or at [revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com](mailto:revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com). Please also email Nicola if you'd like to receive this service sheet weekly if you can't make it to church. We hope you enjoy your time with us.*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**Palm Sunday**

**The 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.

**A reading from Isaiah**

*Isaiah 50.4-9a*

The servant of the LORD said: 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*

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Hear the Passion Gospel of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Luke**

The Passion Gospel is read

*Here ends the Passion reading.*

**Prayer after Communion**

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.

*Our palms are supplied by African Palms. The  
aim of African Palms is to give people living in  
a very poor part of Tanzania the possibility of  
earning some extra money. The people's daily  
work is the planting of maize, millet and some  
ground nuts to feed themselves and their  
families. The important thing about the Palm  
Cross project is that it does not interfere with  
their work of producing the food they need to  
live. The Palm Crosses are made in eight  
villages in the Masasi area of southern  
Tanzania, from Dwarf Palms Hyphaena  
Coriacea which grow wild and are not  
cultivated.*

*African Palms was started in 1965 by the Revd  
Alan John Talbot, who died last year. Alan  
served in World War II as a navigator in  
bomber command, read PPE at Oxford  
University and then trained for ministry,  
serving first in this country and then in  
Southern Tanzania with Bishop Trevor  
Huddleston. It was here that the Palm Cross  
project was born. In 1967 he was visited by two  
English botanists who identified and confirmed  
that the bushes of reeds that grew wild around  
the village were Palm. He had recently read  
that the making of Palm Crosses in Devon had  
come to an end. This gave him the idea that the  
villagers could make some extra money for  
essentials such as salt by plaiting palm leaves.  
This wouldn't interfere with their work as  
farmers and gave them dignity in earning their  
own money. He sent these back to friends in the  
UK with the aim that they should try and sell  
them; they proved popular, so he sent more  
back.*

*He returned to the UK in 1969 and continued  
the project which grew. At his funeral Father  
Henry from African Palms USA told of how Palm  
Crosses had affected millions of people in  
Tanzania over the years, both through the work  
of making the crosses and through money left  
over being used in education and healthcare  
projects.*

*On the day of Alan's funeral, he was  
remembered in all the parishes of the Diocese of  
Masasi, Tanzania in a special service.*

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:**

*How willing would you be to let someone borrow something important of yours?*

*For parents and carers: ask your children, "What achievements does the world like to celebrate nowadays?"*