

WEEKLY UPDATE Sunday April 10th 2011

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SERVICES IN THE WEEK

Wed Apr 13th 10.00am Holy Communion St Leonard's

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES

Sunday 17th April

10.30am Palm Procession from

10.45am Benefice Communion

6.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion

Palm Sunday

Clent Parish Hall

St Leonard's

St Mark's

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Benefice Crafts A 'sit and chat and do' craft group meets on the 2nd & 4th Fridays. The next meeting is on **13th May at 2.30pm - 4.30pm** please join us at the Church Office, Belbroughton. All Welcome.

Please continue to pray for all involved in the **Lent Course** taking place in the **Church office on Thursday evenings during Lent**. Bible group will resume on Thursday 5th May.

Church Easter Lilies - Holy Trinity, Belbroughton are again collecting for Easter Lilies to decorate the Church. Please support us by giving a donation in memory of a family member or friend who has been dear to you. There is a list in Church or you can contact Pat on 01562 730593; St Leonard's, Clent are also doing the same - please contact Beverley Bourne 01562 730097

AGAPE MEAL 19th April 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Belbroughton
with Revd Andy Lyons Methodist Minister from Bournheath and Catshill Please sign up in Church or contact Mary 0121 460 1938 Church Office 01562 730777.

Come and Sing "The Crucifixion" Sir John Stainer **Sunday 17th April** at **St Mark's Church Fairfield**

final rehearsal 4.30pm and performance 6.30pm

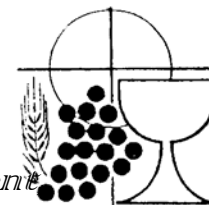
Single rehearsal Friday 15th April 7.30pm, at Holy Trinity

Children's Workshop for Good Friday 9.30am at Belbroughton Church Hall, going across to Holy Trinity Church at 11.15am for a service to mark Good Friday. Organised by Lenny's Club, Clent & Seekers & Searchers, Fairfield for children from the Benefice (details from leaders)

MEETINGS

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Sunday 10th April

9.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Worship 4 All and Baptism

11.15am Matins

Passion Sunday

St Leonard's

St Mark's

Holy Trinity

PARISH INTERCESSIONS Heavenly Father, Jesus is the resurrection & life. We pray that having challenged the powers of darkness through your Son, we may share in your redeeming work through faith in him, bearing witness to your saving power in words & deeds. Breathe your life into the Church family around the world, & we pray especially for the Bishops & people of Nagpur (N India), Brechin & Blackburn Dioceses, & especially our own Diocese & Bishops, John & David. We also pray for the Ministry team in our own Benefice as well as our Peruvian friends Penny & Juan-Carlos. **In our world** we pray for peace & for an end to the conflict in Libya & unrest in other parts of the Middle East & the Ivory Coast. We remember especially our armed forces in Afghanistan & their families. We continue to pray for the people of Japan, recovering from the earthquake & tsunami, & struggling with their nuclear reactor problems. **Locally**, we continue praying for the future re-organisation of our country area churches. We pray for those planning the Deanery Mission in October & our parish events to 'Bridge the Gap'. We give thanks for all who support young people in our towns through Street Pastors showing God's love in practical ways. **In our Benefice weekly cycle**, we pray for the homes & families of Yew Tree Lane, Fairfield, Newtown Lane, Belbroughton & Woodman Lane, Clent. **We pray for those suffering** in any way & ask for healing & strength for Jamie; Nina; Angela; Ken Lees; Beulah Parkes; Geoff Morris; Barbara Palmer; John Chandler; Mona Armstrong, George Winfield; Ann Hiron; Esme Lees; Joyce Griffiths, Marilyn Reed & Margaret Whittaker. **We pray, for those mourning** the death of loved ones, especially the family & friends of David Cranton, Joan Bubb, Joan Westwood, Paula Matheson, Sally Parish, Roger Wooldridge, Guy Foster & Margaret Cole.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

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COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Gospel Reading: John 11:1 - 45 (p.1077 in blue bibles)

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus

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was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'



Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord