**Services for next week:**

**Hampton-in-Arden**

**Thursday 17th**

10am No Communion

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion

**Friday 18th**

2pm Good Friday vigil in church

7.30pm Service of music and readings

**Sunday 20th**

6am Sunrise Service (Fentham Hall car park) followed by coffee/hot cross buns on vicarage lawn

8.15am Easter Holy Communion

11am Easter Family Eucharist

6.30pm No Evensong

**Bickenhill**

**Sunday 20th**

11am Eucharist

**Barston**

**Thursday 17th**

7pm Meal followed my communion

**Friday 18th**

2pm An Hour before the Cross

**Sunday 20th**

9.45am Prayer Time

10.30am Holy Communion with Easter Activities for children

**Readings for next week**: Isaiah 65. 17-25, Acts 10. 34-43, \*Luke 24. 1-12 *\*Hampton John 20. 1-18*

**We pray for:** Bob Middleton, Judy Middleton, David Mort, Mike Beasley, Ann Hall, Tony Worthington, Rene Sumner, Derrick Hill, Angela Jones, Mona Cardall, Dot Barton, Richard Herne, Barrie and Mavis Thompson, Debby Read, David Vickers, Sue Restall and Ronnie Boswell.Rick Smallwood, Paul Pilkington-Birch, Val Sharp, David Scannell, Colin McDonald and Gordon O’Conner.

We also pray for the families of those who have died; Celia Heron, Richard Bibbings, Karoline Dearden, David Howells, Ivan Eley, June Hand, John Vaughn, Elizabeth Pakeman, Andrew Sumner, Roger Grain and George Colin Macnair. If you would like people to be prayed for do let us know at office@hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk)



**Hampton. Barston. Bickenhill.**

**Three Churches Together.**

**Sharing God’s Love, Growing Faith and Worshipping Together.**

**13th April 2025- Palm Sunday**

Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-29; Luke 19. 28-40

**Thought for the week**.

‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!’

I wonder what would make you take to the streets of London outside Parliament and

Westminster Abbey? Waving placards with others, a sense of expectation that you

are part of something bigger and that you can make a difference and change the

status quo…

How about Jesus then entering Jerusalem? Would we be in the crowd lining the

streets waving placards, demonstrating, defiant of the authorities, full of expectation

of liberty, freedom? By the end of the week all this had changed. Is that how it is for

us? Hope of liberation and freedom gone? Well, it shouldn’t be as we are living in the

freedom and liberty of the resurrection. Free to love to live and to worship our eternal king Jesus. ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!’

Welcome him into your lives and live.

**S.D.**

**Collect**

True and humble king,

hailed by the crowd as Messiah:

grant us the faith to know you and love you,

that we may be found beside you

on the way of the cross,

which is the path of glory.

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**Hampton**

* Monday 14th April 11.30am Funeral of Andrew Sumner in church.
* Wednesday 16th April 1.30pm Funeral of Roger Grain in church.
* Please note there **is no 10am communion** on Thursday 17th, however there is a **Maundy Thursday communion** in church at 7.30pm.
* The joint choirs of Hampton and St. Peter’s, Balsall Common, will again lead **our service of music and readings for Holy Week**. **Sunday 13th April** (Palm Sunday) at 6pm at St. Peter’s Church and then on **Friday 18th April** (Good Friday) at 7.30pm at **Hampton Church.** Kim would be delighted if you could come to support.
* Kim is looking for **readers** for our Good Friday service (18th April at 7.30pm). If you’d like to read, please email him at kim.rawson@btinternet.com or text him on 07527 540529, many thanks.
* **Easter trail for children** will take place on Friday 18th April 10am-12noon. This is a virtual trail and we are very excited to trial this new format! There will be refreshments in the church hall so do spread the word to friends, family and neighbours.
* **2pm** Friday 18th **Good Friday vigil in church.** All welcome.
* **Ladies’ Breakfast** on Saturday 19th April at 9am in the church hall. All welcome.
* On Saturday 18th April in the morning we will be **decorating the Easter cross** if anyone can come and help and bring flowers. Everyone very welcome.
* Don’t forget our **Sunrise service** on Easter Sunday at 6am in the Fentham Hall car park. What a wonderful start to Easter morning. Kindly followed by hot cross buns and coffee on the vicarage lawn. We hope to see you there. Please also note there will be **no evensong** on Easter Sunday.
* Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev Sue Restall as she prepares for her operation.
* **MISSING PEN** – Peter Morris has mislaid a black Cross pen with a silver band following the APCM meeting last Wednesday evening. It is of huge sentimental value to him so please let him know asap if you happened to pick it up or put it somewhere safe for him.
* You may have noticed our **new foodbank collection bin** in the link room, kindly provided by the Community Essentials Foodbank. Let’s see how quickly we can fill it for collection!
* Our **next PCC meeting** will be on 23rd April.

**Barston**

* **Easter Services.** **Maundy Thursday** we will be having supper first. Please sign the list if you intend to come. Communion will follow led by Alan Golton. **Good Friday** 2pm “An Hour before the Cross”. Followed by hot cross buns in St. Swithin’s House. **Easter Sunday** is Holy Communion where Matt Vaughan will be preaching. Alan Golton will be leading and presiding. We hope you can join us for some or all of these services at this very important Christian festival.
* Tuesday April 15th at St. Swithin’s **Hobby House** at 10am and **Tea Club** from 2pm. All welcome.
* On Saturday 19th April at 10am we will be **decorating the church** for Easter. All welcome.
* Future date for the diary is our APCM which will be held on May 25th after the morning service.
* Please use the Easter cards in the pews to invite friends to our Easter services.