

22 March 2026—Fifth Sunday in Lent (*Passion Sunday*)

Welcome to our services today

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

Next Sunday's services will begin in the Halls (unless, at Holy Trinity, the weather rules out a procession). Then at 6 pm there will be a service of **Evensong** at Holy Trinity, concluding with **Benediction**.

On Monday to Wednesday in Holy Week, there will be **Mass** at 6.30 pm, followed by **Stations of the Cross** led on each day by members of our parish groups. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) will be available in the Sacristy for half an hour before Mass.

The services of the **Easter Triduum** will this year be held at All Saints, at the following times:

Maundy Thursday (2 April): 6.30 pm

Good Friday (3 April): 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil (4 April): 8.15 pm

Bishop Andrew

Bishop Andrew's funeral takes place tomorrow at 12 noon. All spaces in the Cathedral have already been allocated, but there will be a live-stream link, which for those wishing to join together in worship and remembrance will be shown at certain nominated churches: in our vicinity, these will be St Paul's, Camberley, and Church on the Heath, Fleet.

Chrism Mass

The Regional Chrism Mass is **this Saturday** (28th) in **Guildford Cathedral** at **12 noon** (*note change of time from previous years*), when Bishop Luke will bless the Holy Oils and all orders of the Church recommit themselves to their various callings. Being local to us this year, we hope our parish will be well represented!

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are reminded that we meet on Wednesday at 7.15 pm in Trinity Hall.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The sick and infirm: June Anderton, Janet Dadson, Peter Gardner, Ian McRea, Paul Moore, Janet Murton, Darren Neve, Roy & Jackie Phillips, Dave Powers, Mike Reed, Pat Rorison, Shirley Whiteley, Jack & Rosemary, John, Kirk & Karen, Mark, Phil
and the needs of the peoples of the Middle East

Anniversary of death: Eric Clifton, Patrick Pallett, Sydney Squeglia, David Walker, Fr Douglas Ward-Boddington, Blanche Wyatt

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 5 in Lent

Monday

12 noon: Funeral of Bishop Andrew—*Guildford Cathedral*

Wednesday **THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD**

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)

Psalm R: *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

7.15 pm: PCC meeting—*Trinity Hall*

Thursday

11.00 am: Bible Study group

Friday

11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)

Psalm R: *In my anguish I called to the Lord and he heard my voice.*

12.15 pm: Lenten Lunch

2–4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

Saturday

12 noon: Chrism Mass—*Guildford Cathedral*

Next Sunday—**Palm Sunday**

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*

11.00 am: Sung Mass—*Trinity Hall then H.T.*

6.00 pm: Evensong with Benediction

Our final **Lenten Lunch** (vegetarian soup and bread) takes place this Friday at 12.15 pm. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to our **Lent Charity**, Step by Step, to support their work with young people facing homelessness and other similar challenges.

Easter Flowers

Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers can be given to Diane Brown at Holy Trinity and Joan Dimmick at All Saints.

Aid to Ukraine

St Michael's Church, Camberley, is collecting warm clothes (men's or women's) and also empty shoeboxes, to be sent direct to those in need in Ukraine.

Clocks

Don't forget that the clocks go *forward* next weekend!

'Tea at Two'

We meet every Friday from 2–4 pm in All Saints Hall. Come and join us for great cake, tea/coffee and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

How important it is for us to hear this prophecy as we journey through Lent. We might consider ourselves to be dry bones during this period of preparation. But we must always keep in mind the reason we have given something up or taken something on. The breath that God instructs the prophet to give to the bones is exactly what we receive at the Resurrection.

The spirit which moves over the waters during Creation, is the Word made flesh, here among us. We should remember, whenever we struggle with our faith, that the Lord is constantly renewing and refreshing us through the sacraments. So yes, we are the dry bones and the Lord is the breath, giving us much needed inspiration every Lent.

Drop, drop, slow tears

The Passiontide hymn ‘Drop, drop, slow tears’ is a short but memorable hymn. The Gibbons melody used for the hymn is particularly suitable for its touching simplicity and emotional range. The last verse in particular brings the vision of Christ’s passions back to us, as we are called to stand at the foot of the Cross anew on this Passion Sunday:

*Drop, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from heav’n
the news and Prince of peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let his eye
See sin, but through my tears.*

Sunday 22nd March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent & Passion Sunday Gospel: John 11: 1 – 45



‘Jesus wept’ (John 11.35) is the shortest verse in the New Testament. Contemplation of these tears reveals first of all the tender compassion of Jesus. He mourns with those who mourn and weeps with those who weep. These tears too anticipate the tears of the Passion. Jesus stands outside the cave where Lazarus lies with the stone sealing the entrance and anticipates his own burial and all that must precede it. He foresees betrayal by a friend, desertion by his disciples, rejection by the crowd, and cruelty at the hands of his executioners. As he stands and weeps, he still calls upon his Heavenly Father. When he calls to Lazarus ‘come forth’, he calls forth the hope of a new heaven and new earth where God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.