

Notices: Please let Judy know of anyone who would appreciate a visit or Home Communion and if anyone moves in near you. Many thanks, 270227.

*St. John the Baptist, Wittersham
St Mary the Virgin, Ebony*

Sunday April 14th

STITCH, CHAT AND CREATE.

Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of the month in the afternoon in the Tower Room, 2 pm – 4 pm at Wittersham Church. Everyone welcome,

We are here to help:

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From the rotas, a polite reminder for

April 21st:-

Coffee: Alex & Sue

Church Cleaning: Angela & Jennifer

Reader: Jenny Clarke

In LENT join the Smartie challenge. Take a tube of smarties - eat the contents - fill the tube with coins - bring back when filled to a Sunday Service.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

To be held during the 10.30 am Service on Sunday 28th April.

Village Tea

**In aid of Stand up for Cancer
In the Village Hall on
Saturday April 27th, 3 – 5 pm
All invited.**

IN WITTERSHAM THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE SERVICE. MAY WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT QUIET IS THEN KEPT TO ALLOW OTHERS TIME AND SPACE FOR REFLECTION AND PREPARATION.

Welcome to our churches today, if you are a visitor or a newcomer please make yourself known to the clergy or those on duty. All are welcome at the altar rail to receive the sacrament or a blessing.

In Wittersham Church there is a hearing induction loop for all services and large print service books are also available.

The toilet facility at Wittersham is located just outside the Church, turn left and follow the path round to the building on your right. Activities for children are available in the North aisle Children's area of Wittersham Church.

Services today

10.30 am Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist, starting with procession inside the church.

Collect, Readings and Hymns for 10.30 am

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.
Amen.

Gospel: Luke 19: 28 – 40

Epistle: Phillipians 2: 5 – 11

The Passion Reading, Luke 22: 14 to 23: 1 – 49

Processional hymn: A&M 60 All glory, laud, and honour

A&M 117 Praise to the holiest in the height

A&M 61 Ride on, ride on in majesty

A&M 63 My song is love unknown

A&M 332 (vv 5, 6 & 9 only) Christ is made the sure foundation

Choir comm: A&M 261 Once, only once, and once for all

Choir Anthem: Were you there?



If you wish to dedicate a lily to a loved one, please add their name to the list at the back of the church.

Some thoughts for prayer: From the Diocesan prayer diary this week. We pray for the Churches of Madagascar, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Missouri, Western Michigan, Western New York, North Carolina, Montana (USA), Ifo , Igbomina (Nigeria), Western Mexico, Mityana (Uganda), Mombasa (Kenya), Newfoundland (Canada), Monmouth (Wales) Tanganyika and Wiawso (West Africa).

As we recall Jesus entering Jerusalem let us gather our thoughts to pray

The Lent Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 forever. Amen

As the crowds welcomed Jesus so we pray for opportunities to spread the news of Jesus and that more will come to love him. May we too refresh and renew our faith.

Into the unease and weariness of our world pour the reality and wholesome truth we need, that we may learn mutual trust and support one another. We pray for our government at this time and for the continuing process towards Brexit. We pray for our European counterparts and all MP's.

On this Palm Sunday we pray for our families and the love we share. Help us though Lord to remember the families pulled apart by war and violence. We remember all children who suffer for whatever reason.

We remember in our prayers those of other faiths who have also suffered through violence and criminal damage, We pray for peace in the world especially those who have suffered, and continue to suffer because of war, violence and oppression. We pray for meaningful dialogues between nations as well as all who seek to do harm to others.

We ask that you bless all our people. We pray for our leaders Archbishops Justin and John and for our diocesan Bishop Trevor and his wife Margaret as they prepare for his retirement. In our own churches this week we pray for Sacristan, Verger, Chalice Bearers and Servers. We pray for all who are preparing for marriage especially Tom and Claire, Owen and Laura and Danny and Beccy.

We pray for our nine parishes and this week we remember the work at Newenden. In our two parishes we pray for our school in Wittersham, for the staff, children, governors and parents as they continue their Easter holidays.

We pray for those who are hungry or cold and all who are sleeping rough giving thanks for the aid agencies who bring them relief. We pray for the vast numbers who lack the bare necessities of life because of natural disasters or failure of their crops

The crowds were responding to the healing love they had seen in action in Jesus and so we remember those who are sick or lonely. We pray for God's comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray for a good recovery for those who have recently had an operation. **Especially we pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Amanda and her parents Penny and Rod, Terry, Andrew, Pat and Roger, Jenny F, and all who watch and wait. We pray with thanks for the work of all care homes and carer teams.**

Father, Jesus knew he was riding to his death. We pray for all on that last journey. We commend to your eternal love all who have died and we pray for consolation for those who mourn.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, has sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Services in the coming weeks.....

Maundy Thursday 18th April

6.00 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

Good Friday 19th April

10.00 am Childrens' Activities

2 – 3 pm Hour at the Cross

6.30 pm Music and readings for Good Friday

Sunday April 21st, Easter Day

9.00 am Holy Communion with hymns at Ebony

10.30 am Parish Eucharist at Wittersham

Sunday April 28th

10.30 am Parish Eucharist and APCM Wittersham

Weekday services at Wittersham this week:

Monday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30 am Holy Communion

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Coming events:-

Saturday April 27th Village Tea for Stand up for Cancer 3 – 5 pm in the Village Hall

Saturday May 4th Friends AGM & Coffee Morning in the church 10 – 12 noon

Saturday May 11th Big Breakfast 9 – 12 noon for the charity Caring in Romney Marsh (CARM)

Saturday May 18th Plant Sale and refreshments 2 – 5 pm in the Village Hall.

June 3rd Golf Day

Saturday June 8th BBQ in the Rectory Garden 12 – 5 with The Banned.

Early advice of plant sale

We are planning a plant sale and refreshment afternoon on Saturday May 18th. Could you please either plant some extra seeds in pots or some cuttings.

We would be grateful for any plants you can donate to make this a really superb plant sale