

the Link

The Parish Magazine for the parishes of
St Catherine and **Holy Trinity** Ventnor and **St Boniface** Bonchurch



APRIL 2019

The Ministry Team
Rev'd Canon Hugh Wright
01983 853729
Email: hugh.wright1957@btinternet.com

Gill Chaloner	Reader
Hilary Davis	Reader
Jenny Hopkins-Holder	Reader
Gill Smith	Reader

Lay Pastoral Assistants

Mary Bell - Jo Nicholson - Sally Fitzgerald
Janet Kay - Joel Whybrew

Churchwardens

St Catherine's	John Bagshawe and Adrian Pinnock
Holy Trinity	Mark Bell and Jo Nicholson
St Boniface	Philip Kennerly and George Westcott

Morning Prayer

Tuesday at 9.30am and Thursday at 9.15am at Holy Trinity
Wednesday at 9.30am at St Catherine's
Friday at 9.00am St Boniface Parish Church

Midweek Services

St Catherine's - Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity - Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

Ventnor & Bonchurch Parish website address
www.ventnorcofe2.btck.co.uk
Email: ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk

Dear friends.

We live in a violent world. We only need to turn on our TV sets, listen to our radios or open our newspapers to see this. Whether it be through wars, terrorism, gun or knife crime, thousands are dying everyday through man's inhumanity to man. Those of us who are Christians might want to turn off our media, close our eyes in prayer, open the Bible and come to church to get away from it all.

Yet it's not so simple as that. On many pages of the Old Testament you will read stories of battle and bloodshed and, at the heart of the Easter story which we hear again during this month there is a man killed violently by the most inhumane method known at that time and perfected by the Romans- crucifixion. Just because we have painted the cross gold and hung it round our necks or studded it with jewels doesn't alter the fact that it was a horrific means of execution. People in the 1st Century would have been puzzled by the way the cross has been domesticated today. For them, it would be like having a hangman's noose (for us) as our focus for worship.

Sadly, in the 21st Century, there are many Christians who are once again experiencing the link between the cross of Christ and violence towards them. In January we heard from Mike Simpson, the CEO of the Foundation for Relief and reconciliation in the Middle East which supports Christians who had to flee their homes in Northern Iraq as the armies of ISIS invaded their lands. Since then St Catherine's church has decided to grant £500 to this organisation. During Lent I have been reading a book called 'The 21' about the group of Egyptian Coptic men and one African who were beheaded on a Libyan beach four years ago by fighters from the same group. This atrocity was filmed and posted online as a message and warning to the 'nation of the cross'. On the Wednesday of Holy Week we will view a film 'Of gods and men' telling the true story of the French monks of Tibharine in Algeria who faced the decision whether or not to leave their work of prayer and service to a poor community on the advice of the authorities or stay and face the dangers of resurgent Islamist fanaticism. It is a beautiful film and deeply close to the decision that faced our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane

the night before he died. 'Not my will but yours' he said.

Fortunately, for us, we are never likely to face such a choice, for we live in a country where we are free to worship. Yet as we gather once again to walk the path trodden by Jesus the first Easter: from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem through to the joy Easter morning, let us spare a thought for those many thousands of Christians who daily walk the way of the cross.

AS we think of our Lord Jesus and as we think of them, 'Lord, let us see thy footmarks and in them plant our own.'

A very happy Easter to you all

Hugh

On **Wednesday 17th April, 7.30pm** as part of our Easter preparations, we will view, in St Catherine's the film

'Of gods and men'

An order of Trappist monks whose members include Christian (Lambert Wilson) and Luc (Michael Lonsdale) live among the Muslim population in a quiet corner of Algeria. As the country is plunged into civil war in the mid-1990s, the men of God must decide whether to stay among the impoverished residents who have been their neighbours, or flee the encroaching fundamentalist terrorists. The situation that unfolds, based on actual events, has tragic consequences. Based on true events.

Although the subject matter is grim, it is a film full of beauty and love, reminding us not only of the many Christians who suffer for their faith today, but of our Lord Jesus who paid the ultimate sacrifice for us.

Hugh.



Christian Aid

Christian Aid week this year runs from Sunday 12th May to Saturday 18th May. The theme this year is — Stand Together with mums around the World.



Tenneh Bawah is a mum from a village in Sierra Leone. A few years ago she lost a baby, her village had neither a health clinic nor a trained nurse.

Thankfully, when Tenneh was pregnant a second time, things had changed for good. Christian Aids partner RADA saw that Tenneh, and many mums like her, were in desperate need of healthcare. A health clinic was set up and a trained nurse provided. The nurse safely delivered Tenneh's baby. The health clinic is not enough to meet every need. The roof leaks, only two delivery beds and no lighting.

Every day, 10 women die from giving birth in Sierra Leone. But we believe every life is worth fighting for.

This Christian Aid Week, you could help give more mums and babies in Sierra Leone and around the world the greatest gift — the gift of life. Please give generously. With you help Tenneh's community could build a bigger, better health centre. More mums like Tenneh can see their babies grow and enjoy fullness of life.

Nurse Judith says: 'I know that for women here, thanks to Christian Aid, our situation is going to change.'

Please give generously and stand together with mums this Christian Aid Week.

Thank you.

Roger Glover.

WANTED

Empty, clear 1lb jam jars.

With labels removed please.

Leave at St Catherine's Church
for Barbara Joyner

The Wesley 'Samuels'

Samuel was a popular name in the Wesley family and every generation seemed to have its own incarnation. Reverend Samuel (born 1662) was the father of John and Charles, of whom I wrote last month. Their eldest son was called Samuel (born in 1690/91) and he also named his first son Samuel.

However it is the Samuels descending from Charles Wesley on whom I will concentrate, as both of them (son born 1766 and grandson born in 1810) were noted musicians.

Samuel Wesley (1766) was a contemporary of Mozart and was also considered to be a musical prodigy. Dr William Boyce, who was a noted composer of the time and organist at the Chapel Royal, described the eight year old Samuel Wesley as 'the English Mozart'. Samuel later worked as a teacher and a conductor, and apparently pioneered the concept of organ recitals. However, despite his own considerable prowess on the Organ, was never able to achieve an organist post and frequently fell on hard times. He wrote over 150 organ pieces and made numerous transcriptions of other composers particularly J S Bach of whom he was an enthusiastic advocate. He also wrote myriad Anthems and concertos, and he penned Latin motets, cantatas and two Masses. At some point he converted (rather bizarrely given his personal life) to Roman Catholicism, but upon his death in 1837) he was buried at St Marylebone Parish Church, along with his father. He had a rather unusual home life, marrying rather belatedly Charlotte (the mother of his first three children) and then proceeding to have four children out of wedlock with one of his domestic servants, Sarah Suter. One of these was the next Samuel - Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

S S Wesley was born in 1810 and was the eldest child of the 'second' family of his father. Born in London, Samuel Sebastian was the grandson of Charles Wesley; his middle name deriving from his father's lifelong admiration for the music of Bach.

He sang in the choir of the Chapel Royal as a boy, and then followed a career as a musician. He held several notable posts as organist: at Hereford Cathedral; Exeter Cathedral; Winchester Cathedral and Gloucester Cathedral. After he was awarded a Doctorate of Music from Oxford University, he became a professor of organ at the Royal Academy of Music. He died at his home in Gloucester on 19 April 1876 aged 65 and is buried next to his daughter in St. Bartholomew's Cemetery in Exeter by the old City Wall.

He was famous in his own lifetime as one of his country's leading organists and choirmasters, and he composed almost exclusively for the Church of England, which continues to cherish his memory. His better-known anthems include 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace' and 'Wash me thoroughly', and he wrote numerous hymn tunes, some of them to accompany words written by his grandfather Charles.

Perhaps his best known hymn tunes are 'Aurelia' usually sung to the words of 'The Church's One Foundation', and 'Hereford', which is usually sung to Charles Wesley's words 'O thou who camest from above'. Wesley composed 'Aurelia' for the hymn "Jerusalem the Golden", hence the name which is a girls name derived from the Latin for 'gold'. However a quick look at most hymn books from the 19th and 20th century will no doubt reveal half a dozen or more tunes written by S S Wesley.

While he was at Winchester Cathedral, Wesley was largely responsible for the Cathedral's acquisition of the Father Willis organ which had been exhibited at The Great Exhibition, 1851. Wesley, with Father Willis, can be credited with the invention of the concave and radiating pedal board, now largely adopted as the standard arrangement for organs.

Helen Slade

Trinity Folk



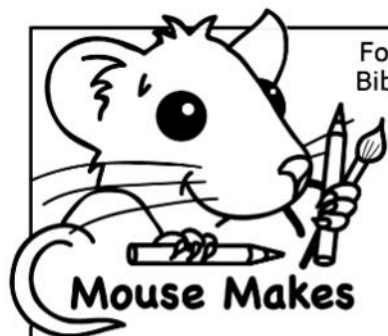
Trinity

Church Hall

7.30pm - 10pm

APRIL 19th

17th May

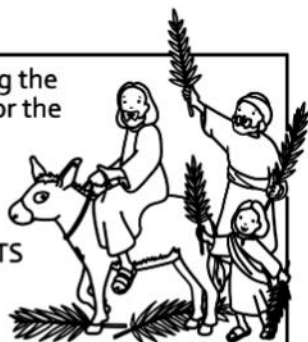


Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

Into Jerusalem

read Matthew 21:1-11

DONKEY • ROAD • COATS
BRANCHES • PALMS
KING • HOSANNA



 **The Last Supper**
read
Matthew 26:17-30
TWELVE DISCIPLES
PASSOVER
ROOM • BREAD
WINE • SON • MAN
BODY • BLOOD
CUP • MEAL

 **Betrayal and Death**
read Matthew 26:36-27:56
GETHSEMANE
PRAY • BETRAY
KISS • ARREST
MESSIAH • CHRIST
SON • ACCUSED
CRUCIFY • JESUS
CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE
NAILS • CROSS
DARKNESS
QUAKE • DEATH
LOTS • DICE

 **B R A N C H E S S E T S** 
C E L O R D O N K E Y H K O
A L T S K M E S S I A H J B O G
T I R S C U P A S S O V E R A E
W A K J E A N O S W I N E C T
E M Y M E A L N N O Q U B A C H
L W R O A D M A N B L O O D U S
V I S L C K S C R O S S D A S E
E T U Q O Y C R U C I F Y A E M
D H D E A T H O R N S N U T D A
I Y M I T G R W M A R Y C H Y N
S O F V S K I N G I V I T R E E
C U P P N Y S K H L A N G E L R
I A R R E S T Y E S T O N E I O
P L M A C K U Q A B O D Y D N B
L W O Y G O T U V I M S E A E E
E A R O O M O A E Q B U R Y N L
S Y N K D A R K N E S S A S D O
K S I P E A C E N J S P I R I T
I W N J G O O D N E W S S T C S
T O G O T E L L A S O N E T E S
A B Y S A V I O U R S D U C
P R A I S E A S T E R R

Burial and Resurrection

read Matthew 27:57-28:20

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS



m	w	t	e	a	c	h	e	r	p	a	y
e	p	r	e	p	a	r	e	d	r	t	g
a	d	r	g	l	e	v	e	n	i	n	g
l	i	m	c	r	o	w	d	s	e	j	k
o	s	u	p	s	t	a	i	r	s	e	p
n	c	t	s	i	l	v	e	r	t	s	e
e	i	a	g	u	c	o	i	n	s	u	t
y	p	l	o	t	t	i	n	g	c	s	e
i	l	q	q	j	u	d	a	s	h	j	r
j	e	r	u	s	a	l	e	m	e	o	o
l	s	w	a	t	e	r	h	u	l	h	o
c	i	t	y	y	b	o	q	z	p	n	m

plotting
 disciples
 prepare
 Passover
 water
 crowds
 silver
 coins

rescue
 help
 John
 evening
 alone
 upstairs
 Peter
 city

teacher
 Judas
 priests
 meal
 pay
 Jesus
 room
 Jerusalem

THE CHERUBIM

Cherub Billy was excited a new friend he had found,
A Seraphim in Portsmouth in the Cathedral safe and sound.
A new and Holy Seraphim so lovely and so fair,
She said her name was Daisy, She wore daisies in her hair.

Daisy's work was always of the very very best,
Within the great Cathedral with little time for rest.
She often flew to Ventnor with messages of prayer,
And visited our Billy whenever she was there.



Cherubic friendship is built of love and peace
Their love for one another will never ever cease,
All Cherubim are perfect, full of love divine,
and in their holy worship their love will always shine.

The early morning mists of time vitality and worth,
surely give the will to live to everyone on earth.
Love, Affection all divine so perfect and so pure,
As with Cherubim today will live for evermore.

At the birth of Jesus thousands gathered round to sing
to praise our Heavenly baby, New Messiah, King.
Jesus King of all things, our saviour and our friend
Will always love and keep us , on that you can depend.

To conclude, we have three Cherubim to help us on our way,
messengers of peace and love for ever they will stay,
A constant source of helpfulness, hopefulness and love,
Consistent of our Heavenly Lord who reigns in Heaven above.

Ted.



A PATTERN OF LIFE.

There was once a lonely soldier, he felt very lonely because he was a squaddie, (a new recruit.) He originally lived in the south of England but he was sent to do his primary training with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at Wrexham right up in the north of Wales. He knew nobody there, and what is more everyone spoke Welsh or had a very strong Welsh accent. Which made matters worse. When he was on his way to Wrexham, soon after leaving London on the train, he began a conversation with another boy a little younger than himself who was also travelling to north Wales, along with his parents, his name was David. He said his Dad was a preacher in his local Baptist Chapel in the village of Rhosllanerchugog a few miles from Wrexham. Just before they parted, David pushed a note into the young soldier's pocket. The note contained an address followed by: "come and see me as soon as you can."

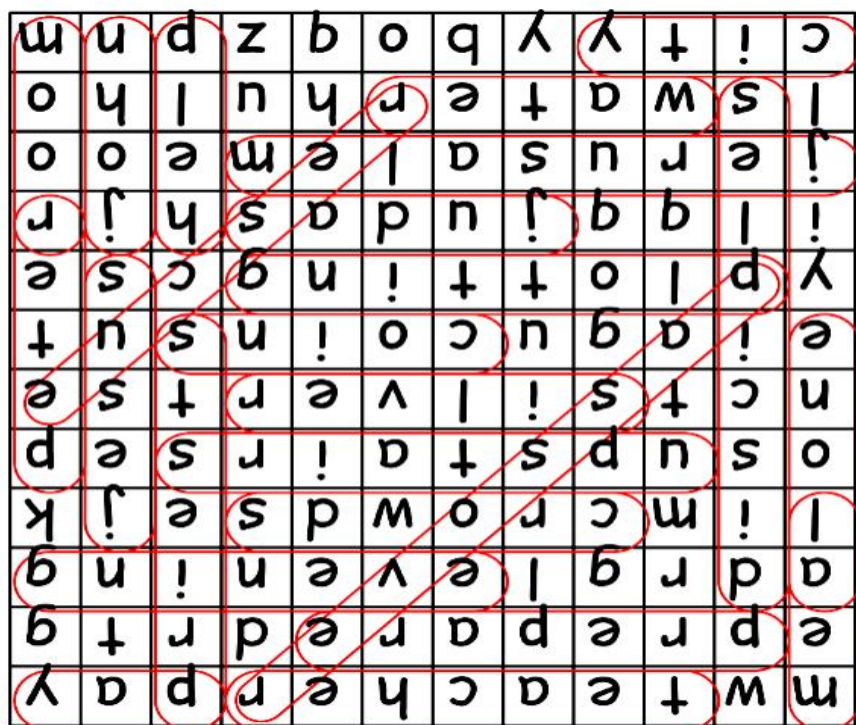
Three weeks later the young soldier remembered the note and the young boy 'David'. This was his first free weekend, he went to the bus station and caught a bus to the village of Rhosllanerchugog and knocked on the door of number 5. David's Mum answered the door and Yes, the family were getting ready for Chapel so the young soldier joined them. He was Church of England; the Welsh family were Baptist but that made no difference. This was an act of worship, soon they were united in prayer.

Their Holy worship together was the beginning of a friendship for many years to come.....as the years rolled by David followed his Father, taking Holy Orders, he joined the army and eventually became a military Chaplain attached to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The young soldier became an engineer working on heavy tank transporter units before leaving the army and taking up care work, nursing and teaching very sick and disabled children.

Give and do your best at whatever you are called to do, you will find that it will always be worthwhile.
Ted.





I remember vividly a simple poster I saw on the notice board of our local Methodist Chapel. It had a silhouette of three crosses on a hill, and underneath the words, 'FOR YOU'. Nothing fancy or clever, but a clear presentation of the Easter message, and it struck me deeply.

At Easter our thoughts are drawn to the death and resurrection of Jesus. These events are central to our faith, but sometimes we can over-complicate their meaning. The heart of it, though, remains very simple: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and on the third day was raised to life (1 Corinthians 15:3).

He died to show his love for you. He gave his life as a demonstration or proof of the love He has for each one of us, no matter who we are or what we have done. He was motivated to lay down His life for us, not out of duty or obligation, but compassionate love. See Romans 5:8
He died to set you free. Sin has entangled every one of us. We are under it's power and unable to ourselves to loosen its grip. At the cross Jesus dealt with sin once and for all by dying in our place. Now, when we

turn to Him for help, we can be released from the hold it has on us and find complete forgiveness.

He died to bring you home. The Cross makes it possible for us to be reconciled to God. Like the prodigal son we were once far away from God, but now because we have been forgiven, we can return to our true home in God. A welcome awaits us, and a joy-filled reunion is possible.

This Easter, why not think about these two simple words:

FOR YOU

Anon



ST BONIFACE FLOWER FESTIVAL

We are planning a Flower Festival entitled “From Beatrix to Harry” which will take place from Friday June 14th to Sunday June 16th 2019 in St Boniface Parish Church, Bonchurch, the flower arrangements will depict scenes from a child’s bookshelf.

There will be a concert on Friday June 14th, lunches and teas will be served throughout Friday and Saturday and there will be a cream tea on Sunday 16th followed by Choral Evensong. Our guest preacher will be the new Archdeacon to the Isle of Wight, the Reverend Canon Peter Leonard.

We desperately need to raise funds for two of our stunning stained glass windows which are in a parlous state of repair. They will not last another winter and so the PCC has had to take the decision to go ahead with the repairs and replenish the funds with fund raising efforts.

We will also be supporting Dementia UK Admiral Nurses Isle of Wight Appeal, donating 25% of the proceeds to them.

As part of the Festival we will be offering the chance to have a loved one remembered through having their name hung on a commemorative tree forming one of the arrangements.

Ventnor Townswomen's Guild

April 17th 2.pm

I W Biscuit company - Jenny Wiberg

Resident's Lounge. Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor.
Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892

Social Studies Group

Monday 1st April 2.15pm

CHI KUNG - Easy Exercise - Gary Brindley

Held in the Resident's lounge at Byrnhill Grove, Park Avenue.

For more information contact Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

£1 per meeting including refreshments.

Monday Evening 7.45pm

Contact Jenny Holder 852575

Tuesday Evening - 8.00pm

At Mick and Nava Young's St Andrews, Belgrave Road. PO38 1JH
852680



EMMAUS GROUP - Thursdays 7pm.

The Hub. St Catherine's Church.

Contact: Nicola Pinnock on 01983 852412



Once again this year we shall be holding a fundraising **Soup Lunch**, this it will be during Christian Aid Week.

The date Tuesday 14th May. The time 12.30 - 2pm.

The place the side hall, St Catherine's Church.

I would be grateful for any contribution of soup and or cakes.

My skills do not lie in that direction. Please contact me if you can help. Thank you. Please support Christian Aid again this year and let's help those mums.

Roger Glover.

BONCHURCH EASTER FAIR

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH

10 am to 12 noon

AT BONCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - PO38 1RG

Cake and savoury stall. Tombola. Raffle Books.

Bric-a-Brac

COFFEE/TEA (and lots of chat)

ENTRY FREE



The Hub Coffee Shop

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE COFFEE SHOP

Can you spare two hours, once a month, to help
in The Coffee Shop in the Hub at
St Catherine's Church?

We need more volunteers for Saturdays.
Training will be given.

Contact Janet on 853901 or visit the Hub.

FOR SALE

A few paintings by Duncan Radcliffe are available
for sale in the Hub Coffee shop in
St Catherine's Church. They will be priced from
£40 to £60 with half of the money going to the
Churchyard enhancement project.



Don't forget to pick up your **free** copy of the new look

@CofEPortsmouth. Issued quarterly.



6th APRIL

3pm - 5pm

St Francis Academy - Upper Ventnor

"Come and share a meal with us"

Children must be accompanied by a parent/
guardian or carer.

Do please tell any families you know about this

Free event.



First Thursday of the month at 9am

St Catherine's Church.

A warm welcome to breakfast and a friendly chat.

For further information contact John - 852575

Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Speakers for April 2019
– Open Door Meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon

4th April	Dennis Lloyd (Communion)
11th April	Rodney Bean
18th April	Stella Hardiman
25th April	Brian Harley

A light lunch is available after the service

Activities @ The Priory

Poetry Past & Present with Anne Linington

Friday 12th April – 10.30-11.45 a.m.

Music and Melodies with June Cox

Thursday 18th April – 2.00-3.30 p.m.

Crochet Café Every Friday from 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Priory on 01983 523354

Phone: 01983 523354

Email: opendoor@carisbrookepriory.org.uk

At the HUB St Catherine's Church

BOOK & GIFT BONANZA 15th - 28th April

20% off Books, gifts and cards.
Some items half price.



Articles for the **MAY LINK** should be received by
APRIL 11th please. You can hand it in at the Hub or email it to
Joan Garlick at ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk

Hand written articles are accepted
if you **do not** have access to a computer.

Ventnor - February weather.

The mean temperature of 8.3C was the second highest on record after 1990 with 8.5C, and much warmer than the average 6.0C. The warmest day was the 25th with 15.4C. This was the warmest February day on record. The coldest night was the 3rd with -1.3C.

Rainfall of 55.4mm was 96% of the average 57.6mm most of the rain, 45.3, fell in the first ten days. Rain fell on only 12 days.

Thanks to Mike Wood for our weather information for Ventnor.

Hub Cafe at St Catherine's Church

**Monday to Saturday 10:30-12:30
(except Wednesday 11-12:30).**

Coffee, Cake, Chat, Companionship

Friday 12th April - 7:30pm

St Catherine's Church

Cuban Guitar Duo recital

**Classical guitar concert featuring
the two guitars of Ahmed Dickinson Cardenas
and Eduardo Martin**

**Tickets and details from David Caswell
dcaswelluk@aol.com - Tel 01983 740947**

Worship

April 7th The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. "Come and See" Café Church, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

April 14th Palm Sunday

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

April 21st EASTER DAY

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

April 28th The Second Sunday of Easter

JOINT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION,

St Boniface Church at 11.00a.m.

6.30p.m. Evening Service at Bonchurch Old Church

Bible Readings

April 7th The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

St John 12:1-8

April 14th Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms

St Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

St Luke 22:14 to the end of 23

Or

St Luke 23:1-49

April 21st EASTER DAY

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

St John 20:1-18 or St Luke 24:1-12

April 28th The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

St John 20:19-end

BEREAVEMENT GROUP....Can we help you?

We are aware that there are a number of people who have been bereaved and might like someone to talk to.

If this is YOU or someone you know, please contact any of the Bereavement Group from St Catherine's, Holy Trinity and St Boniface, by telephoning 01983 853729 or visit the Hub at St Catherine's any morning between 10.30 am and 12.30pm. Anything you wish to discuss will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

PRAYER TIME

Each SATURDAY afternoon between 1pm and 2pm in the HUB, St Catherine's Church. For more information contact Ann Allen

PRAYER CHAIN

Many of you especially newcomers to the Church may not know about **THE PRAYER CHAIN** which has been going for a very long time.

It is made up with a prayerful group of people who pass on confidential prayers one to another.

If anyone has a confidential or urgent prayer for themselves or other people, whether members of the Church or not, then they can ring me on 01983 731142 or email me on

e.a.radcliffe@hotmail.co.uk

Ann Radcliffe



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 14th

Holy Communion in all three Churches

Monday, April 15th

Stations of the Cross, Holy Trinity, 7.00pm



Wednesday, April 17th

“Of Gods and Men”, a film lasting two hours,
St Catherine’s Church 7.30pm

Thursday, April 18th Maundy Thursday

Eucharist of the Lord’s Supper,
followed by Tenebrae, St Catherine’s Church. 7.30pm.

Friday, April 19th Good Friday

The First Hour at the Cross, St Boniface Church 9.30am

Walk of Witness, United Churches of Ventnor.

Starting at 10.30am at the Roman Catholic Church.

Brief Reflective Service at St Catherine’s Church at 12 noon,
followed by a soup lunch.

Liturgy of the Cross, Holy Trinity Church 2pm.

Saturday, April 20th Easter Eve

The Easter Liturgy, Holy Trinity Church, 8pm.

Sunday, April 21st Easter Day

Holy Communion in all three Churches.



The production cost of The LINK is subsidised by
The HUB. Please give it your support.

www.ventnorcofe2.btck.co.uk



*They could have either a procession of crosses,
or a donkey. But not both.*