

*"This is the day
the Lord has
made!"*

from Psalm 118

*We will rejoice
and be glad!"*

Mark began his gospel by saying that his story of Good News is about Jesus the Messiah. For hundreds of years the prophets had described exactly how the Messiah would enter Jerusalem, not least of all that he would arrive on the back of a young donkey. Today, on what we call Palm Sunday, we remember how Jesus did exactly this - and by doing so once and for all clearly announced that he was the long-awaited Messiah.

Important Notice: Annual Church Meeting & PCC Elections

Our APCM (like an AGM) will take place at 9:30am on Saturday 2nd May. Please will you prayerfully consider serving as a member of the PCC (church council) and/or a Deanery Synod Representative? Speak to Ian F; Geoff C, or; Mike S (Vice Chair of PCC) for more information.

A Collect for Palm Sunday

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.



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Psalm 118:20-29

20 This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may
enter.
21 I will give you thanks, for you
answered me;
you have become my salvation.
22 The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
23 the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
25 Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!

26 Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we
bless you.

27 The Lord is God, and he has made
his light shine on us. With boughs in
hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise
you;

you are my God, and I will exalt
you.

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good;

his love endures for ever.

Mark 11:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and
came to Bethphage and Bethany at
the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two
of his disciples, 2 saying to them, 'Go
to the village ahead of you, and just
as you enter it, you will find a colt
tied there, which no one has ever
ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If
anyone asks you, "Why are you doing
this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will
send it back here shortly."'

4 They went and found a colt outside
in the street, tied at a doorway. As
they untied it, 5 some people
standing there asked, 'What are you
doing, untying that colt?' 6 They
answered as Jesus had told them to,
and the people let them go. 7 When

they brought the colt to Jesus and
threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

8 Many people spread their cloaks on
the road, while others spread
branches they had cut in the fields.

9 Those who went ahead and those
who followed shouted, 'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!'

10 'Blessed is the coming kingdom of
our father David!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went
into the temple courts. He looked
around at everything, but since it was
already late, he went out to Bethany
with the Twelve.

EASTLEIGH
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MON 30TH MARCH - THURS 2ND APRIL

9:15AM HOLY COMMUNION EACH DAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

7:00PM AGAPÉ/PASSOVER SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

9:30AM CTIE AT THE BANDSTAND

12:00-2:00PM QUIET PRAYER

2:00-3:00PM 'AT THE CROSS' GUIDED REFLECTIONS

EASTER SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

2:00-3:30PM CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

7:00AM CTIE SONRISE SERVICE AT LAKESIDE

9:30AM PARISH COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)

11:00AM EASTER CELEBRATION (INFORMAL)

**HOLY WEEK &
EASTER 2026**

WITH EASTLEIGH PARISH CHURCH

Making the Most of Mark's Gospel



To get the most out of Mark's Gospel, why not make use of these study questions?

>>> Click the link [to read](#) or [listen to](#) Mark 14:1-72

1. Mark tells us about Jesus' last night with his disciples, and his trial by the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin. How do we know from Mark's account that Jesus' death was not a mistake or accident? (See Mark 14:12-26, 27-31, 48-49, 61-62.)

2. Jesus knew that it was his mission to die. Does that mean that death was easy for him? (See Mark 14:33-36; 15:34.)

>>> Click the link [to read](#) or [listen to](#) Mark 15:1-16:8

3. At the moment that Jesus died, something happened in the temple on the other side of the city (Mark 15:38). What happened, and what was its significance?

4. In Mark 14:50 we see the disciples deserting Jesus. In Mark 14:66-72 we see Peter repeatedly disowning him. Given all that Jesus had said about his death, why do you think they responded like this?

5. A Roman centurion was in charge of the crucifixion. What did he say when Jesus died (Mark 15:39) and why is it surprising?

6. Grace is when God treats us in the opposite way to what we deserve. It is an undeserved gift. Peter had disowned Jesus three times (Mark 14:66-72). How do you think Peter would have felt when he was given the message of Mark 16:7? Why?

7. Do you have any questions about Mark 14:1-16:8?