



Passion Sunday 22 March

Theme for today

Today on the 5 Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Passion Sunday as Passiontide begins today. We follow Jesus as he prepares to give his life as a ransom for many.

9.00am Holy Communion BCP
Rev Tim Ward
Hebrews 9 v 11-15
Matthew 20 v 20-28

10.30am I sing Morning Praise with Children's Group

Rev Tim Ward
Matthew 14 v 22-33
Matthew 20 v 20-28

6.00pm Holy Communion CW
Eileen Ross
Isaiah 6 v 9-10
Matthew 13 v 1-23

Set Prayer for Today

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:
Please pray for the Richards' family, especially for Levi,
along with, Fliss Davies for strength & healing.

Pray for our Community:

Hunters Mews and Furlong Close, Fontwell

ST MARYS EVENTS

Tuesday 24 March

8.15am Zoom Parish Prayer Meeting. Please email Tim Ward vicar@stmaryswalberton.org.uk if you need a link which stays the same throughout the month.

9.00am Churchyard Working Party. Churchyard working group working today. Contact Peter Brown 551829.

6.00pm Binsted PCC at the Old Rectory.

Wednesday 25 March

10.30am Morning Home Group at Vanessa's house 26 Henty Close studying the Diocesan Lent Course on **Matthew's gospel**
vchurch@btopenworld.com 07717 075848

Friday 27 March

10.30am Coffee Stop - **Mothers' Union** selling cakes in the Pavilion. Any donations of homemade cakes or biscuits will be welcome - please contact Liz Brown on 551829. Proceeds to MU projects. Post Office open from 9am to 12 noon.

Saturday 28 March

9.00am Church Spring Clean. Meet at the Church and we would welcome anyone who would care to join us.

Sunday 29 March

As we enter the Easter Holiday period, we go down to two services, so there is no 9.00am service today.

Tuesday 31 March

7.00pm Walberton PCC to be held in the church.

Tuesday 7 April

10.30 - 12.00. Drop in coffee morning Fontwell Community Hall. All welcome

Tuesday 21 April

9.15am Outreach Action Group at 10 Collins Close.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

~ Electoral Roll opens for revision Sunday 22 March - Anyone who is baptised and living in the Parish or who has been attending for six months can join the roll. The roll will close on **26 April until the APCM**. If you joined last year you don't have to do anything. Forms available at the back of the church or from Julie Allday 544615.

~ New Wine 2026 - 28 July to 2 August. (option to pack and go the morning of 3 August which many of us do).

Do come to Somerset with us for a time of fun, friends and family as we encounter Jesus in new and wonderful ways and have quality time together. Camp or stay off site in a B and B. Children love it, young people love it, adults love it, we all love it. You'll come back refreshed and yes maybe exhausted, but you won't regret going. Please talk to Caroline Sewell who is intending to go for costs and logistics or to Sandra Cooke for an idea of what it is like. The Support Fund is able to offer help with costs (upto one third) see Tim. This is a New Wine Event.

~ **AV project at St Mary's** As church members will know a sub-group of the PCC has been working on a project to upgrade St Mary's audiovisual equipment. We plan to have modern loudspeakers, projector, screen etc which will both improve the quality of what we see and hear, and also reduce risks by removing trailing electric cables and eliminating the need for the projector to be in the main aisle. We are almost ready to submit our faculty application to the diocese to progress the work. The cost will be around £25 000 with funding underpinned by the legacies we received last year. We'll also approach some grant-making charities and ask for support from the congregation. If you would like to ask any questions please approach Tim, Jean, Steve, Martin or Brendan.

Our Vision

"We aim to be a growing church: growing in the love of God as we grow in prayer, in understanding of our faith, and in the use of the gifts each has been given; growing in love for our community as we grow in service, in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ"

Services for Next Week

29 March - Lent 6

Palm Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion

Julie Allday

5.00pm Families at 5

Rev Tim Ward

CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Parish News Deadline for the Apr 2026 issue is Mar 10
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St Marys Walberton

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Newsheet deadline:
Thursdays 9.30am

Office Open:
Weds, Thurs & Fri
9.00am - 11.00am

Out of Office Hours:
Rev. Tim Ward
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A WHEELCHAIR IS ALSO AVAILABLE.