

Stay Connected – Sunday 13th April

Palm Sunday

This Week's Reading

Bible Reading: Luke 19.28–40

Peter's Blurb

We started our Palm Sunday service with the children, of whom there was a plentiful supply, processing from the West Door into church bearing palms. They seemed to be enjoying the opportunity to be doing so. I am sure they will be regaling their grandparent with tales of their exploits this afternoon 😊



After an horrendous thunder storm last evening and overnight the weather cleared up this morning and, once again, we have an absolutely gorgeous day. It looks to be settled for a few more days. We are blessed but some may be less so given the ferocity of the thunderstorm. Lightning strikes and flooding (of course) were the business of the day. Sitting home watching the Masters (golf) while the building rattled and wondering whether a local strike was imminent was a bit scary. At one point, there was no time elapsed between the flash of the lightning and the clap of the thunder. The pundits say reckon a 5-second delay/mile to judge the distance the storm is away. Well, there was no delay for a few consecutive hit's – it was scary! Wasn't it 🙄

Turns out I (we) at Grove were blessed. But that was not so for everyone:



You can certainly relate to the standard advice for lightning storms – **Never shelter under a tree!!** Oh! that poor tree – looks like a beautiful cedar too

Anyway, here we are on the first day of Holy Week and there is a lot on offer worship-wise in the week ahead.

Amongst other things, there will be:

Diocesan Chrism Service Tuesday, 15th April at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral – a lovely service at which the various oils and ointments and related sacraments which will be used in Baptisms, Weddings and other services during the year ahead will be consecrated and blessed.

Agape Supper Wednesday, 16th April at 6.30 p.m. in St. Mark's Parish Hall – a short service of worship followed by a traditional Easter Dinner put on by members of St. Mark's Guild – always delicious. RSVP's to Barbara for catering – 292-2269/747-8893 or bbwillis1949@gmail.com . It's FREE by the way. 😊

Maundy Thursday, 17th April at 7.00 p.m. at St. Mark's Church – a traditional service of Holy Communion (preceded by Choir Practice at 6.00 p.m. – come along and sing with the choir 😊)

Good Friday, 18th April at 9.30 a.m. at Holy Trinity – a joint, traditional service of meditation on the cross with combined choirs performing

Easter Eve Vigil, 19th April at 7.00 p.m. at The Cathedral – a service of reflection and including Baptismal Reaffirmations

Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Day, 20th April at Tucker's Point Golf Club (as usual) at 6.30 a.m. This is an event I scorned for decades but actually it is a magical service taking place as the sun slowly shows itself over the Eastern horizon and it attracts a good crowd. There will be coffee available and, if we're lucky, maybe a HotX bun?

Easter Day, 20th April at 9.30 a.m. at St. Mark's Church – a celebration of the Resurrection with our Contemporary Family Worship including Holy Communion.

Something, more than one thing, there for everyone. Look forward to seeing you.

Wishing all our readers a sunny and happy week – no more lightning storms please 😞

Peter

Fr. Gav's Talk

Fr. Gav's talk can be watched, listened to or read here:

<https://anglican.bm/why-did-jesus-ride-a-donkey-into-jerusalem/>

From the Distaff Side

Helen's Talk – Missing out

Palm Sunday is a very important, reverent occasion for every Christian to remember. However, sometimes children remind us that we are allowed to smile and be happy, even in the most serious moments of worship.

Dr Larry Petton gives us one example;

It was Palm Sunday at church, but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Annie had stayed home from church with her mother. When the rest of the family returned home, they were carrying palm branches. Annie asked them what on earth they were for.

“People held them over Jesus' head as he rode by on a donkey,” her father explained.

“Wouldn't you know it,” Annie fussed, “the one Sunday I'm sick and Jesus shows up and offers pony rides!” 🙄

In our prayers

We ask for your prayers for Father Don, Margaret Blanchette, Al Spearing, Gill Rossiter, Sam & Marjorie, Phyllis, Gwyneth & Ralph, Jill, Barbara (Dyer), Vinette, Marianne, Nancy, Gail, Janet & Gary, Tina, Val & Mark, Robert & Kalreeta and for Charles & Sue.

This Sunday



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Previous services and other videos are on our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchBermuda> and/or our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksbermuda/>

Next Sunday

Next Sunday, 20th April – Easter Sunday. There will be NO 8.00 am Peaceful Worship next Sunday. There will be an **Easter Sunrise** service at Tucker's Point Golf Club House at **6.30 a.m.**, held jointly with the East End churches, and our Family Worship will be held at St. Mark's at the usual 9.30 am. led by Fr. Gavin.

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- **Vendor's Market** – The next Vendor's Market will be held on **Saturday, 26th April**;
- **Bingo Night** – St. John's Guild invite you to their **Light Supper and Bingo** evening on **Saturday 26th April** in the Pembroke Sunday School Hall. Please see poster below for the relevant information.
- **St. Mark's Guild Anniversary** – St. Mark's Guild will be celebrating their **81st anniversary on Sunday, 27th April** with an **Evensong Service at 3.00 pm**. The Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Cecille Snaith-Simmons – Retired nurse, historian, writer and author of "The Bermuda Cook Book" first published in 1982.
- **Bereavement Support Tea** – our next monthly chat will take place at **3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 4th May** in the Parish Hall;

Down the Debt – St. Mark's needs your help in reducing the size of our debt which inhibits future investment in our church. If you feel you may be able to help with this please go to <https://stmarks.bm/donate/> where you will find details and an opportunity to donate.

Links:

Just a reminder – if you want to check vot's happnin' or vot's comin' dahn de road – you can find it all at our:

- **Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksbermuda/>
- **YouTube Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchBermuda>
- **Website:** <https://anglican.bm/churches/st-marks/>
- **Holy Trinity Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitychurchbda>

End Stuff:

Here's a thought. It is always a great time for us all to review our pledging. If each of us is able to increase our pledge by 10% that would be a great boost to our cash flow (which as you know is tenuous at best). And, with our in-person collections still inhibited by numbers restrictions, please consider the opportunity to convert to pledging by Direct Deposit (see below). Your support is vital.

As always, another huge thank you to all of you who continue to support our church family with your pledges and donations via online transfer.

Direct deposits can be made to: Butterfield Bank for the account of:

St. Mark's Church Wardens – A/c No. 20-006-060-104125-100.

- **For Pledge Envelope donations** – if you already have a Pledge envelope number just be sure to enter your

Name and Env # e.g. "Nash Env 190" in the **Beneficiary** space on the on-line transfer form.

- **For Grave Payments** – when paying Grave Maintenance fees be sure to enter Grave Number and Name of Lessee e.g. "Grave 273 Peter Nash" in the **Beneficiary** space on the on-line transfer form.
- **For Cash donations** – if you do not have an Envelope # just be sure to also enter your Name and "Donation" e.g. "Nash Donation" in the **Beneficiary** space on the on-line transfer form.

Use of the "Beneficiary" space is IMPORTANT – it is the only way we have to identify who is paying and for what.

Come to St. Mark's – not just a Church but a family!

A promotional poster for a Bingo Night event. The top half features a yellow background with a close-up image of a bingo card and a bingo ball. The bottom half has a blue background with white and yellow text. The event is on April 26th from 6PM to 9PM at St. John's Church - Pembroke Sunday School Hall. Tickets are \$25 and include a light supper and a bingo card. Raffle tickets and additional bingo cards are also available.

THE PEMBROKE FAMILY OF CHURCHES

BINGO NIGHT

At this exciting event, get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some fantastic prizes.

APRIL 26TH, 6PM -9PM
ST. JOHNS CHURCH - PEMBROKE SUNDAY SCHOOL HALL

Tickets are available now from any Guild Member
(or call 232-4382)

\$25

Light Supper and 1 Bingo Card included!
Raffle tickets and additional Bingo cards for sale on the night!