Please be aware that during the season of LENT [as of Ash Wednesday] there are no flowers in the church

**Prayers for those in need:**  - especially, Shaun, Shirley, Chris, Cathy, Doreen, may we also pray for those whose lives have been damaged by the Church,and those we name in the silence of our hearts. . . . .

**Readings for the coming weeks**

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| **14TH April** | **18st April** | **19TH April** |
| **Palm Sunday** | **Maundy Thursday** | **Good Friday** |
| **Isaiah 50.4-9a** | **Exodus 12.1-4,11-14** | **Isaiah 52.13-53.12** |
| **[Psalm 31:9-18]** |  |  |
| **Philippians 2.5-11** | **1 Corinthians 11.23-26** | **1 Corinthians 1.18-31** |
| **Luke 22.14-23,56** | **John 13 1-17, 31b-35** | **John 18.1- 19.42** |

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Give thanks, give hope; give generously. The contribution of the congregation to this need is fantastic and gratefully appreciated. If each of us contributes a packet, tin or product into the basket we can make a significant difference to a person’s life – non-perishable items (tinned or in packet) sanitary

items; toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors etc) these items are all acceptable. These groceries are donated to **Anglicare** and then distributed to the needy – may God be with you in this ministry, Judi

COLLECTIONS – PLEASE SAVE USED STAMPS - DOREEN COLLECTS THEM FOR BCA

**DIARY DATES –**

**Thursday 11th March 2019 – 2pm AMS meets at Marj Davis home in Romsey – all men are very welcome**

# Please remember Anglicare in your shopping, all those single items soon add up to alot when they are given to those in need.

# Welcome to the

Anglican parish of St Paul’s Romsey & Christ Church, Lancefield

Please stay awhile following our celebration of the Eucharist to share in fellowship. If you are a visitor, long time parishioner or searching for a place to be welcomed - this is it – we’ve found you! Help us get to know each other over a cuppa!

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**5th SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 7th YC 2019**

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**9.00am Sunday Eucharist – St Paul’s Romsey 10.30am Sunday Eucharist – Christ Church Lancefield**

**Judi’s Jottings:** In near Eastern traditions it was usually the head of an honoured guest that would be anointed, not the feet. Anointing of the head was a symbol of the elevated importance of an individual. As a result this same story in Mark and Matthew focuses on Jesus’ ‘kingship’, but not so in John’s Gospel. Status in God’s world is NOT the status in the world of humanity. Mary shows that she knows how to respond to Jesus without being told. She shows her humility before Jesus and fulfils his ‘love’ commandment before he even teaches it. Later Jesus teaches her response when he offers himself in humility to each of his Jewish disciples in the washing of their feet and he tells them that this is the journey they must take; humility and compassion, not kingship and glory. That is the journey of every Christian person—a journey of love, humility and compassion. It is a journey to BE Jesus to others—humble and compassionate, which then transforms into love. It is to lose our ego, our false image of ourselves, our expectations of who we think we should be and any feelings of superiority that we might have. This gospel reading shows us that when we are filled with a self-inflated opinion of ourselves, there is no room for Jesus. Our baptismal promises demand that we die to selfish living; ie we die to love/worship of self and we are reborn into the Body of Christ – **Blessings to you all. Judi**

**Sentence:** Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Psalm 126.6

**Collect:** O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.**

16Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
19I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
21the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. *Isaiah 43.16-21*

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

**The Epistle is from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.**

3For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God\* and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— 4even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,\* the righteousness from God based on faith. 10I want to know Christ\* and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;\* but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Beloved,\* I do not consider that I have made it my own;\* but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly\* call of God in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 3.3-14*

*11*May your word live in us, ***and bear much fruit to your glory***

**THE GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you, ***and also with you***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12.1-8

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***



Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ‘Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?’ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.’

For the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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