

but if you would like your name to be added to the Electoral Roll or you simply want to find out a little more about what this involves, this is a good opportunity. Please speak to the Vicar or contact Ruth Russell, our Electoral Roll Officer for more information or just a quick, informal chat. hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk

Consultation with the congregation regarding the combination of the Church Music and Choir Fund with the Choir Travel Fund

This is a formal request for feedback from anybody who, at any time in the past, donated or might have donated money, to help fund trips for the St Mark's Church choir to visit and sing at cathedrals throughout the country. Surplus money from these donations has been kept in a fund restricted for this purpose, called the choir travel fund. Since the choir has not undertaken any of these visits for many years now, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has recently approved a proposal to take the action necessary to combine this fund with the more generic church music and choir fund, so that the money can be used to fund the more general needs of the choir. The PCC is keen to stress that should the programme of choir visits be reinstated in the future, such visits could be funded from the church music and choir fund at the discretion of the Director of Music and the PCC.

In order to implement this proposal, the PCC must formally consult with anyone who donated or might have donated to the choir travel fund, to make sure that they do not object to this change of use for their original donations. If this applies to you and you would like to comment on this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Russell at hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk on or before Sunday 19th April 2026.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this, and for the generosity of your original donation.

In the service today:

Servers: Ursula Phillips and Ryan Cupido-Weaich

Reader: Elaine Morrison

Intercessions: The Vicar - The Rev'd Michael Gentry

Director of Music: Richard Sutton ATCL

Vicar: The Rev'd Michael Gentry vicar@stmarksbromley.org.uk

Churchwarden: Emile Akabi-Davis info@stmarksbromley.org.uk

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St Mark's Church, Bromley

29 March 2026

Palm Sunday

with distribution and blessing of Palm Crosses

The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

Processional:	509	All glory, laud and honour
Gradual:	511	Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Offertory:	93	Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Communion:	84	It is a thing most wonderful
Final:	79	The royal banners forward go

Setting: Mass in the Dorian Mode - Barrie Cabena (1933-2025)

Anthem: Solus ad victimam - Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Organ Voluntary: Prélude et Fugue, Op.18 - César Franck (1822-1890)

Introduction: Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Palm Sunday begins the solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world – that Christ enters his own city to complete his work as Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us prepare to go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The congregation holds up their palm crosses while this prayer is said by the president:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please turn to face the gospel as it is read from the central aisle.

The Palm Gospel: Matthew 21. 1-11: 21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is

coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 50. 4-9a: The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backwards. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Passion Narrative according to St Matthew – 26.14 – 27.66

Prayers

Today's Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding – Let us pray to the Lord

Response – Lord, have mercy.

Including prayers for Archbishop Sarah Mullally who was enthroned this week at Canterbury Cathedral.

For all who are unwell at this time:

Hazel Robins, James Bunting, Tobias Franzén, Mary Marsh,
Roderick Cupido and Cheryl Nicholls

For the recently departed: Robert Crawley

To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Ruth Russell -
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Post Communion Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Coffee/tea and biscuits will be served in the church hall after this service. All are most welcome to join us.

Forward Programme

Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

8pm Sung Eucharist with Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altars, followed by the Watch until Midnight

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

1pm Stations of the Cross & 2pm Liturgy of the Last Hour with hymns, readings of the Passion and music by Pergolesi and Vaughan Williams.

Saturday 4th April – Easter Eve

8pm – Easter Vigil including psalms and organ improvisation.

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

10am Parish Eucharist with lighting of the new Paschal Candle and music by Stanford and Vierne

Sunday 12th April – Second Sunday of Easter

10am Parish Eucharist

Recruitment at St Mark's

Please see the flyer included in your pew paper today, detailing a number of opportunities to get involved with life at St Mark's and to contribute to your church and your community. Instructions regarding what to do if you would like to know more about any of these opportunities are included on the flyer – thank you.

2026 Revision of the Electoral Roll at St Mark's

On the 12th April 2026 formal notice will be given to the congregation of the dates of this year's revision of the Electoral Roll at St Mark's. Only a revision is required this year, which means that if you are already on the Electoral Roll you need take no further action,