APRIL COLLECT

God unlimited by mortal fear or tomb’s cold grip: in the lingering dark give us grace to know your life triumphant, your love undimmed, in the face of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen

(Prayers for an inclusive Church Steven Shakespeare 2008)

**Common Worship Lectionary Readings April 2023**

**(Year A)**

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| **2nd April**  **Palm Sunday** | Matthew 21: 1-11  Isaiah 50: 4-9a  Matthew 27: 11-54 **OR**  Matthew 26: 14-to end C 27 | **Red** |
| **6th April**  **Maundy Thursday** | Exodus 12: 1-4, (5-10) 11-14  1 Corinthians 11: 23-26  John 13: 1-17, 31b-35 | **White or Gold** |
| **7th April**  **Good Friday** | Isaiah 52: 13 to end C 53  Hebrews 10: 16-25  John 18: 1-end C19 | **Red hangings removed after liturgy** |
| **9th April**  **Easter Day** | Jeremiah 31.1-6  Acts 10: 34-43 **OR**  Acts 10: 34-43  Colossians 3.1-4  John 2: 1-18 **OR**  Matthew 28: 1-10 | **White or Gold** |
| **16th April**  **2nd Sunday of Easter** | Exodus 14: 10-end, 15: 20,21  Acts 2: 14a 22-32 **OR**  Acts 2: 14a 22-32  1 Peter 1: 3-9  John 20: 19 - end | **White** |
| **23rd April**  **3rd Sunday of Easter** | Zephaniah 3: 14-end  Acts 2: 14a – 36-41 **OR**  Acts 2: 14a – 36-41  1 Peter 1: 17-23  Luke 24: 13-35 | **White** |

**Shires Edge Benefice**

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**APRIL 2023**

**St James the Great, Claydon, St Mary the Virgin, Cropredy**

**All Saints, Great Bourton, All Saints, Mollington**

**St Mary Magdalene, Wardington**

**Benefice Worship Leaders: Revd. Lynda Alcock,**

**Siobhan & Rebecca Croft,**

**Rt Revd. Jonathan Meyrick, Sue Upton**

**Revd. Sarah Sharp, Area dean**

**Services for March 2023**

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| **2nd April Palm Sunday** | | | |
| Claydon | 9.30 am | Holy Communion | +JM |
| Cropredy | 12.30 pm | Holy Communion | +JM |
| Gt. Bourton | 11.00 am | Holy Communion | +JM |
| Mollington | Visiting Sunday | | |
| Wardington | 10.00 am | Family Service | SU |
| **9th April EASTER DAY** | | | |
| Claydon | 9.30 am | Holy Communion | +JM |
| Cropredy | 8.00 am  10.00 am | Said Holy Communion  Easter Service | +JM  SU |
| Gt. Bourton | 11.00 am | Holy Communion | SS |
| Mollington | 9.30 am | Holy Communion | SS |
| Wardington | 11.00 am | Holy Communion | +JM |
| **16th April 2nd Sunday of Easter** | | | |
| Claydon | Visiting Sunday | | |
| Cropredy | 10.00 am | Seeker Service | SC/RC |
| Gt. Bourton | 11.00 am | UBC Holy Communion | SS |
| Mollington | 1.30 pm | Wedding Bragg//Winfield |  |
| Mollington | Visiting Sunday | | |
| Wardington | Visiting Sunday | | |
| **23rd April 3rd Sunday of Easter** | | | |
| Claydon | Visiting Sunday | | |
| Cropredy | 10.00 am | Morning Worship | SU |
| Gt. Bourton | Visiting Sunday | | |
| Mollington | 10.00 am | Holy Communion | DT |
| Wardington | Visiting Sunday | | |
| **30th April 4th Sunday of Easter** | | | |
| Claydon | 10.00 am | UBC Holy Communion | +JM |
| Cropredy | 10.00 am | Worship Group | CW’s |
| Gt. Bourton | Visiting Sunday | | |
| Mollington | 4.00 pm | Evening Prayer | SU |
| Wardington | Visiting Sunday | | |

NOTE: SS Revd. Sarah Sharp: DT Archdeacon David Tyler

I**mportant information**

In the event of enquiries during the vacancy regarding

Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings the Rt Revd. Jonathan Meyrick

will be the contact via your Church Wardens.

For all other enquiries or questions please contact either your Church Wardens or the Revd. Sarah Sharp, Area Dean.

**Services during Holy Week**

**3rd April Monday** Wardington 7pm Evening Prayer – SU

**4th April Tuesday** Cropredy 12 noon Iona HC +JM

**5th April Wednesday** Claydon 7pm Evening Prayer +JM

Wardington 9am Mattins +JM

**6th April Maundy** **Thursday** Gt. Bourton

7pm Commemoration of the Last Supper SS

**7th April Good Friday** Mollington 2pm

Reflections on the Cross SS

**Iona Communion service in Cropredy at 12 noon**

Tuesday, 18th (+JM)

**Wednesday Morning Prayer at 9am**

Wardington –5th -April -+JM

Mollington – 12th April -+JM

Gt Bourton – 19th April -tbc

Cropredy – 26th April – +JM

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**Parish Events for your Diary**

**19th April – Wardington** APCM 7.30 in Church

**21st April – Wardington** – Casino Night – Memorial Hall at 7pm

**23rd April – Cropredy** APCM following 10am service

**30th April – Claydon** APCM following 10am service

We pray for those needing to be set free into love, joy and peace

and allow new beginnings to blossom into life.

“Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green”