

Dear Friends of St Mary's

Palm Sunday

As we move through Holy Week the sense of mixed emotions come to the fore. I remember as a child of the Rectory (Yes, it runs in the family much to my children's consternation!) feeling that it was not right if the weather on Good Friday was sunny! It was alright to be sunny on Easter Day but certainly not on Good Friday. That did not feel right to me as it doesn't feel right this year.

This is an absolutely bizarre Holy Week. Who would have thought it when Lent began back in February?

God challenges us on a regular basis as we consider our attitude towards him and his world. Holy Week challenges us to respond to his message to and for us. The Holy Week readings this year come from the Gospel of St John, my favourite Gospel, because it so vivid in its language and expression.

Please share these daily readings from John as we go through this very strange Holy Week as we do church in a different way.

We are being challenged by our current circumstances to address lots of things in our lives, our world and our church.

I hope you have a safe, reflective and blessed Holy Week and a joyous and happy Easter.

Yours in Christ

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