

St John's, Sevenoaks

Sunday 17th April

Palm Sunday

Music at the Sung Mass

As per the special order of Service booklet

Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after Mass

4.00pm A Reflection for Palm Sunday

The diocese has sent us a DVD introducing the new **Bishop of Rochester**. If you would like to borrow it please speak to David Bonner.

Coming up...

Confessions There will be an opportunity to make confession at 11am on Holy Saturday or by appointment with Father Barry.

Maundy Thursday: We need six men to volunteer for the foot washing on Maundy Thursday. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

There will be a Vigil until midnight after Mass on Maundy Thursday. If you can help to keep watch for part of this time, please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

Good Friday: the Bishop of Rochester will be preaching at our Liturgy at 3pm. Please make a special effort to be present to show him that St. John's remains a thriving parish.

Easter Flowers There will be a retiring collection to decorate the church for Easter today. Please give as much as you can afford, so that we can make St. John's look wonderful for Easter.

Grand Easter Bonnet Competition

Sevenoaks Town Mayor, Mr Simon Raikes, has kindly agreed to officially judge our Easter Bonnet Competition which will take place after Mass on Easter Day, Sunday 24 April, in aid of Church Funds. There will be prizes for Best Child and Best Adult. All entries to: Anne-Marie Ashenden. Adults £3 / Children free.

Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May

Volunteers are needed to distribute and collect envelopes. Please contact Carolyn Alchin.

During the current vacancy, the Churchwardens and the Rural Dean will be responsible for the parish. The Churchwardens can be contacted as follows:

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Parish Website: www.saintjohnthebaptist.org.uk

This Week...

MON 18th Monday in Holy Week

We pray for *SSC*

10.00-12 Noon Sacred Space

12.00 Noon Mass

TUE 19th Tuesday in Holy Week

We pray for *The Philokalia Society*

9.30am Mass

11.00am Chrism Mass at St.Alban's Holborn

WED 20th Wednesday in Holy Week

We pray for *Peter, our Bishop*

7.00pm Mass - celebration for the Mother's

Union - open to all

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

THU 21st Maundy Thursday

We pray for *Vocations to the Priesthood*

8.00pm Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Vigil

FRI 22nd Good Friday

We pray for *Thanksgiving for God's love*

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Preacher: The Bishop of Rochester

SAT 23rd Holy Saturday

We pray for *The persecuted Church*

9.30am Preparation of the Easter Garden

In church by the children

11.00am Confessions

8.00pm Easter Vigil

SUN 24th EASTER DAY

WE PRAY FOR *OUR PARISH*

8.00am Mass

10.00am Sung Mass & Blessing of the Easter

Garden

Followed by an Easter Egg hunt in the church grounds and an Easter Bonnet Competition for all ages.

2:00pm Sick Communions

If you would like to mark an anniversary of the death of a beloved or an occasion of thanksgiving you are welcome to give a seven day candle that burns at the Holy Cross altar, the Walsingham altar or the All Souls altar. The candle costs £3, monies placed in the candle donations tray at the table at the back of church and name or intention inserted on the list on the same table.

If you would like to offer flowers, a donation can be left with Terry and the name inserted on the same list.