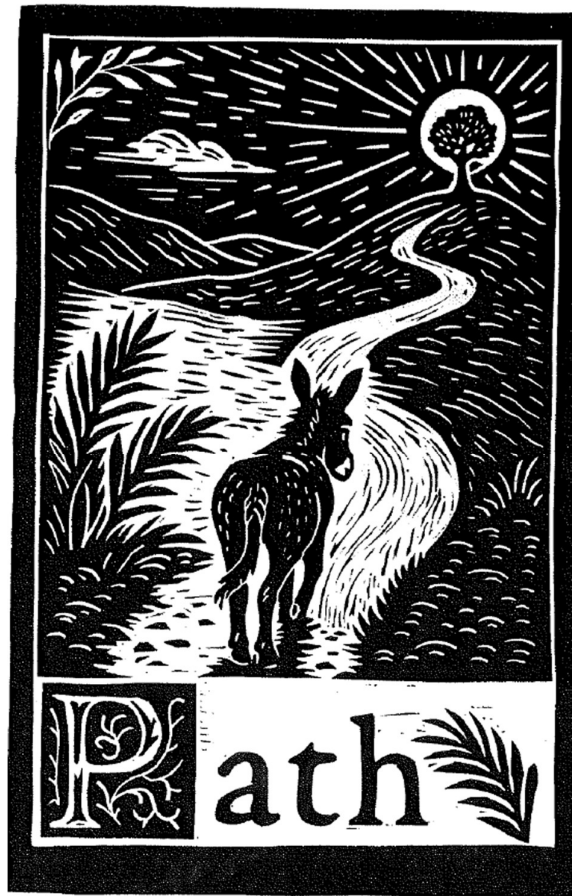


The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt
29 March 2026 | 6th Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday



'Matt 21:1-11 by the Rev Sarah Lea West | sarahleawest.art (2026)

NAUMAI, HAERE MAI! MALO E LELEI! TALOFA! 欢迎 (HUĀN YÍNG!)

Welcome all who are with us in person or online

Sentence: 'At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.'

Philippians 2:10–16

Collect: Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem
the people waved palms
with shouts of acclamation.
Grant that when the shouting dies
we may still walk beside you even to a cross;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Today's Readings: Isa 50:4-9a Ps 118:1-2,19-29 Phil 2:5-11 Matt 21:1-11

<u>8am Eucharist, ANZPB, 404, St James'</u>		<u>10am Family Eucharist, St James'</u>	
Presider	Annette Cater	Presider	Annette Cater
Preacher	Annette Cater	Preacher	Annette Cater
Liturgist	Mark Stone	Liturgist	Robin Eastgate-Manning
Server		Server	Nova Oxenbridge
OT Reader	Margaret Miller	Song	'Hosanna'
Psalm		OT Reader	Ralph Robertshawe
NT Reader	Margaret Miller	Psalm	'Of the Father's Love' (Seraphim Choir)
Gospel	Ross Miller	NT Reader	Ralph Robertshawe
Chalice	Mark Stone	Gradual	'The Servant King'
Welcomers	Margaret Miller Ross Miller	Gospel	Dulce Johnston
Sound	Richard Fowler	Intercessions	(Suzanne Duncan Svc)
Morning Tea	Robina Richardson Joan Robertshawe	Offertory hymn	'Ride on, ride on in majesty (61)'
		The Lord's Prayer	English
		Chalice	Robyn Eastgate-Manning Natalie Howieson
		Bread	Alex van Zijl
		Agnus Dei	'Wiltshire'
		Communion	'Mozart: Jubilate omnis terra (Benedictus sit Deus, K.117)' 'Hope of the world'
		Family Time/ Notices	
		Final Song	'Christ triumphant, ever reigning'
		Dismissal	
		Welcomers	Isobel Barbery Natalie Howieson
		Sound	Fiona Hall
		Vision	Dianne Wright
		YouTube	Allen Sutton
		Morning Tea	Lynne-Stella Jagger- Hassett Dan Reeves Barbara Taylor
Daily Prayer (week days) 8am, via Zoom Via Zoom link: - 78232674706 Passcode: - Lambchops <i>Together we pray, Ka inoi tatou</i> https://anglicanmovement.nz/prayer-resources			
Livestream of 10am Service https://www.youtube.com/@stjamesallsaintschurcho2568/streams			

The Gloria

**Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;
as it was in the be'ginning is ' now:
and shall be for ' ever. ' A'men.**

Let us pray...

**for the following members of our
congregation this week:**

Ray Gilchrist, Jill Gazzard, Alan Boaden,
Mary Williamson, Gabrielle Gibson

**Let us pray for those who mourn, and
those who have died:**

Rev John Terris, Martin Haua,
Ian Wood (Chris Frazer's son)
Penn Pattison



Offerings process at the Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt

We are using a cashless process and
encouraging parishioners to give via
electronic banking.

For those new to the parish or can only
donate with cash, please find the
wooden offering box located at the back
of All Saints' / St James' Church.

**When the donations are taken, the
presiding priest will acknowledge
ALL offerings, and volunteered time.**

**02-0528-0045901-00, ST JAMES'
CHURCH**

Reference: [surname], [giving number],
[type of payment: offering]

Prayers this week

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Let us pray.

Christ our Redeemer,
you entered the city of peace and without
force.

You overturned our ideas of power,
revealing a strength that is gentle,
and a love that will not yield to fear.

Give us courage to walk your road of peace.

When we are drawn to control or
recognition, teach us again the wisdom of
service.

When the noise of power surrounds us,
help us to listen for your still voice calling
us toward mercy.

May our lives reflect your way of love,
steadfast and humble,
until the thrones of violence and pride are
no more, and your renewal fills the earth.

Amen

Prayer by Rev Sarah Lea West



Family Time/ Notices

Readings for this week

**Mon
30**

Isa 42:1-9
Ps 36:5-11
Heb 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

**Tue
31**

Isa 49:1-7
Ps 71:1-14
1 Cor 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

**Wed
1**

Isa 50:4-9a
Ps 70
Heb 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

**Thu
2**

Exod 12:1-4,(5-10),
11-14
Ps 116:1-2,11-18
1 Cor 11:23-26
John 13:1-17,31b-35

**Fri
3**

Isa 52:13-53:12
Ps 22
Heb 10:16-25 or
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

**Sat
4**

Job 14:1-14 or
Lam 3:1-9,19-24
Ps 31:1-5,16-18
1 Pet 4:1-8
Matt 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

Upcoming Parish Services

Evensong, in honour of Martin Haa

5pm, Sunday 12 April
St James' Church

Come at 4pm if you want to join the Choir.

Other choirs that Martin was involved with will join us for this service.

Bring a plate to share.

Contact Jonathan if you have any queries

jonathan@berkahn.net.nz or
021 0241 7233.



Suzanne Duncan Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday, 29 March, 10am
St James' Church**



Today's Suzanne Duncan Service is part of our 10am Palm Sunday Service.

The Suzanne Duncan Scholars for 2026 will be presented to the parish.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish AGM

Rev. Annette Cater spoke using the metaphor of a picnic where every person has something to offer whether it be gifts of our time, skills or money.

The finance presentation showed our need to raise giving to meet our \$90,000 deficit budget.

Both presentations are attached to this week's Newslink email.

2026/2027 Vestry

Vicar's Warden (appointed by the Vicar – previously announced)

Allen Sutton

People's Warden

Phil Gibbons

Synod Representatives

Daniel Luey

Richard Perry

Local Committee Representative

Gill Berridge

Vestry

Lexia Copp

Lynne-Stella Hassett

Timothy (Tim) Housel

Meredith Hunt

Sarah Lerwill

Annemieke (Mieke) Reid

Fiona Strachan

Please hold our new leadership team in your prayers as they begin their journey together.

Our thanks also to Lorraine Kilpatrick, who steps down as Vicar's Warden. May you know that your service to our Parish has been deeply appreciated.

Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua

Those in front give sight to those behind; those behind give life to those ahead.

A Journey Through Holy Week

We have a huge range of services on offer over Holy Week. Come along to one of your old favourites or experience something new!

Palm Sunday – Sunday 29 March

Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Worship begins with palm branches, symbolising celebration, but quickly shifts to the solemn reading of the Passion narrative.

Summary: A service of contrast; joyful turning toward the coming suffering of Christ.

Tenebrae – Tuesday 31 March

From the Latin for "darkness," this contemplative service recalls the abandonment of Jesus. Candles are gradually extinguished as scripture is read and psalms are sung.

Summary: A quiet, meditative descent into darkness, reflecting Christ's suffering and the world's grief.

Easter Wednesday Night Prayer – Wednesday 1 April

A midweek service of reflection to prepare us spiritually for the three holy days.

Summary: A pause for prayer and reflection, inviting personal readiness for the events of Good Friday and Easter.

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing – Thursday 2 April

Re-enacts Last Supper, where Jesus washed his disciples' feet as a sign of humility and love. This service includes Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

Summary: A deeply symbolic act of service, emphasising humility, love, and preparation for the cross.

Overnight Prayer Vigil (Maundy Thursday night) – Thursday 2 April

After the Maundy Thursday service, sign up for an hour to be part of our overnight vigil, recalling Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Summary: A solemn watch in prayer, sharing in Christ's loneliness and anticipation of his arrest.

Walk of Witness (Good Friday) – Friday 3 April

A public procession through the streets with other Lower Hutt churches, based on the Stations of the Cross. It visibly expresses our Christian faith in the wider community.

Summary: A communal act of witness, remembering Christ's journey to the cross in a public setting.

Good Friday One-Hour Reflection Service – Friday 3 April

Focuses on the crucifixion of Jesus, structured around the "Seven Last Words" from the cross, with silence, prayer, and hymns.

Summary: A solemn, focused meditation on Christ's death and its meaning.

Easter Saturday Evening Vigil (Easter Vigil) – Saturday 4 April

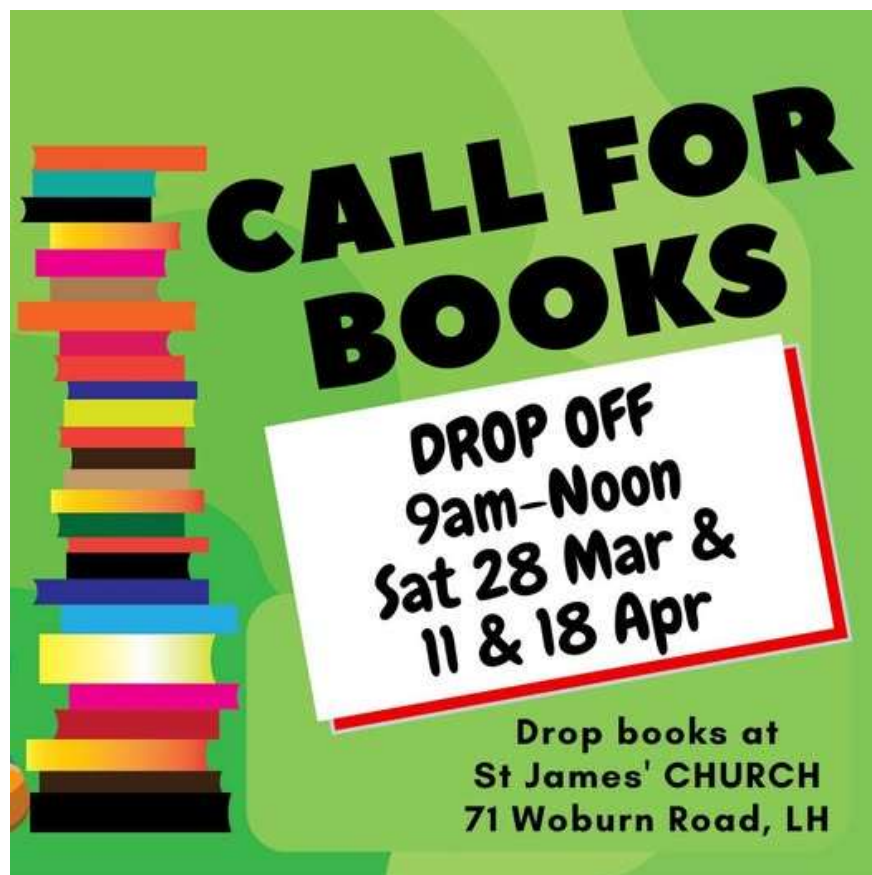
Begins in darkness and moves into light with the lighting of the Paschal candle. Includes readings tracing salvation history and renewal of our baptismal vows.

Summary: A dramatic journey from darkness to light, celebrating the resurrection beginning.

Easter Sunday – Sunday 5 April

Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the central event of Christian faith. Marked by joyful worship, music, and Holy Communion.

Summary: A triumphant celebration of new life, hope, and the victory of Christ over death.



Lifting the Lid, Youth Mental Health Fund



Lifting the Lid is a Rotary Club-led initiative that provides rapid, school-based support for young people facing mental health challenges.

The Harmony for Hope Orchestra Charity Concert is proud to support the Lifting the Lid programme, which is currently funding mental health initiatives in four high schools across the Hutt Valley (Taita College, Hutt Valley High School, Wainuiomata College and Naenae College).

For more information or to donate go to the [Harmony for Hope website](#)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

ST JAMES' CHURCH HUTT CENTRAL

71 Woburn Road, Hutt Central

**SUN
29
MAR** Palm Sunday Eucharist, 8am
Family Palm Sunday, 10am

**TUE
31
MAR** Tenebrae - The Passion
7:30pm

**THU
2
APR** Chirping Cherubs
Easter Fun, 10am

**THU
2
APR** Foot Washing Service, 7:30pm
Prayer Vigil, from 9.30pm

**FRI
3
APR** Walk of Witness, 9:30am
(begins at St James')

**FRI
3
APR** Reflection Service, 12pm

**SAT
4
APR** Easter Vigil, 8.30pm

**SUN
5
APR** Easter Sunday Eucharist, 8am
Family Easter Sunday, 10am

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BELMONT

6 Norfolk Street, Belmont

**SUN
29
MAR** Palm Sunday Eucharist
9am

**WED
1
APR** Holy Wednesday
Night Prayer, 7:30pm

**SUN
5
APR** Easter Sunday Eucharist
9am

A banner for the 'Walk of Witness' event. It features a silhouette of a person carrying a cross against a sunset sky. The text 'Walk of Witness' is written in large, white, bold letters inside a white rectangular frame.

Walk of Witness

Good Friday, 3 April 2026

Join us, as we journey together between our Hutt Valley churches, remembering Christ's walk to the Cross.

There will be a short service at each location.

9.30am	St James' Church	In Gethsemane
9.55am	Hutt City Baptist	The Trial
10.20am	Ss Peter and Paul's	The Crucifixion
10.55am	St Mark's Church	The Burial

Morning tea will be provided at the conclusion at St Mark's Church.



Anglican Parish
of Lower Hutt



Community Hall Update

All good things take time and we are nearly there...

This week sees the completion of the internal work on our Community Hall and now the attention turns to completing all the paperwork for the application for a Code Compliance Certificate (CCC) from Hutt City Council. As such, this task falls to our contractor White Construction Services, who ensures that his work and that of the subcontractors meets the required standard including their licenses to perform that work.

We have opted to hold off on one section of concreting around the porch and entrance to the building as that will be completed once the CCC is granted.

A Code Compliance Certificate is a formal statement issued under section 95 of the Building Act 2004, that building work carried out under a building consent complies with that building consent.

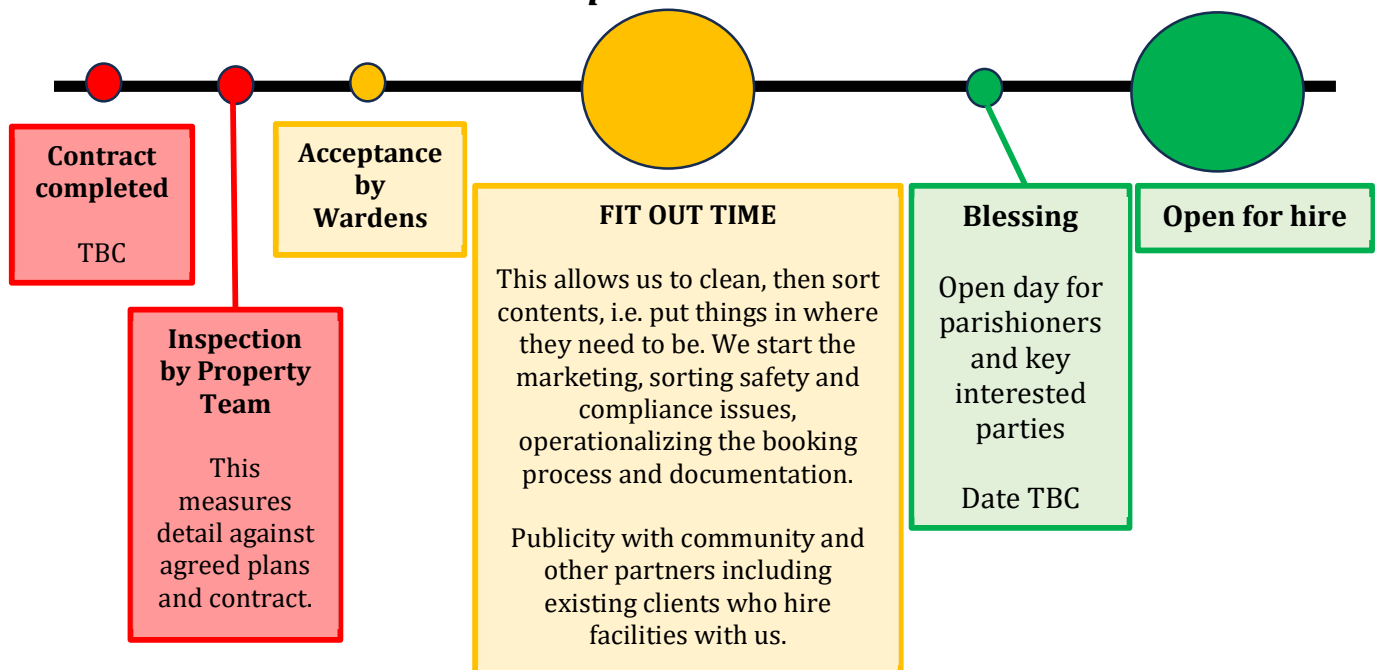
It is an offence to use or permit the use of public premises affected by building work that has no code compliance certificate, certificate for public use or certificate of acceptance.

Building owners, occupiers or controllers need to ensure any building work affecting public premises has a code compliance certificate, certificate for public use or certificate of acceptance before the part of the premises affected by the building work is used by members of the public.

As you can see, we must now sit and wait for the process to complete. Until the CCC is granted it remains a building site and we cannot proceed to fit out or bless the building and allow everyone a chance to view and enjoy the new facility.

Our Wardens

Hall Completion Timeline



Diocesan News



Chrism Service – 7pm, Monday 30 March, St Peter's on Willis

Join us for a beautiful service for clergy and lay to renew ordination and baptismal vows.

Let us spur one another on in our love and dedication to Jesus.

Ignatian Retreat at Tyburn Sunday 25 October 2026 4:00 pm – Saturday 31 October 10:00 am

Tyburn Monastery, 74 Dods Road, Waikite Valley 3077, Ngakuru, New Zealand

Take five full days to pause, reflect and pray with Scripture in the beautiful, peaceful setting of Tyburn Monastery. This retreat offers a precious opportunity to step away from the busyness of life. Other than an initial group session on Sunday evening and an optional group session on Friday evening, the retreat will be in silence, beginning with the Sunday evening meal.

Throughout the week you will receive daily individual spiritual direction. There will also be a daily Anglican Eucharist for those who wish to attend.

Retreat directors formed in Ignatian spiritual direction:

Rev. Kathy Orr-Nimmo, qualified through Loyola House, Canada.

Rev. Jenny Dawson, qualified through SEED and Te Wairua Mahi, New Zealand.

Accommodation: Tyburn Monastery provides comfortable individual rooms, all with en-suites, and there is a disability access room available. You can find more details about the facilities (with a map of how to get there) on their website.

Total cost: \$460.

For bookings or more information, please contact Kathy orrnimmo@hotmail.com or text 022 252 9929. Bookings close on 25 September, but limited places are available, and early booking is recommended.

Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt**DIARY THIS WEEK****Vicar: Rev Annette Cater**Vicar@stjames.net.nz

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Palm Sunday 29 March

8am Eucharist Service, St James'

9am Family Eucharist, All Saints

10am Family Eucharist, St James'

Monday 30 March

4pm Youth Choir, St James'

7pm Chrism, St Peter's on Willis

Tuesday 31 March

7:30pm Tenebrae – The Passion

Wednesday 1 April

10am Staff Meeting, St James'

7.30pm Night Prayer, All Saints

Thursday 2 April

10am Thursday Eucharist, St James' Chapel

10am Chirping Cherubs, St James'

7.30pm Foot Washing Service, St James'

9.30pm Prayer Vigil, St James'

Friday 3 April

9.30am Walk of Witness, St James'

12 noon Reflection Service, St James;

Saturday 4 April

8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 5 April

8am Eucharist Service, St James'

9am Family Eucharist, All Saints

10am Family Eucharist, St James'

For the full events calendar visit:

<https://www.stjames.net.nz/infoodle-calendar>**Parish Office Hours**

71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt

Tuesdays to Thursdays: 9am to 1pm

**All Saints Church**
6 Norfolk Street, Belmont**St James Anglican Church**
71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt