



## Welcome to St Edburgha's Church Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Palm Sunday

*During the distribution of Holy Communion, you are most welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Gilby Chapel.*

### **The Collect**

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and  
love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

***All readings can be found in the  
service book***

### **For Your Prayers**

Jackie, Christine, Liz, Andrew,  
Glenys, Bill and Jo

### **Thank you**

A special thank you for all of the cards and birthday wishes received. They were very much appreciated. Also, a very big thank you for all of your donations. In total you have raised just over £500 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Thank you again everyone - you've made my birthday very special.

Best wishes, Hazel

### **Supporting our Community**



**Your donations** of tins of meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, and monetary donations are always gratefully received.

**Easter Lilies** can be ordered from Patricia Hayes 07914 028222. As there will be no Easter Day service here, the lilies will be on display on Easter Eve at the Saturday night vigil service 19th April 7pm and at the Open Day on Easter Monday.

### **Gift Day: Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June noon to 4pm in church**

This is a chance to give a donation to help build an extension to include toilets in church, providing much needed facilities for all those who use our church. Please put the date in your diary. More details in the April magazine and to follow.

### **Electronic Order of Service:**



**Safeguarding.** If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 Sylvia Roberts (adults) 07771 655 789

### **For Your Diary**

## **Services in Holy Week:**

### **15<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday**

**7:00pm-8:00pm**

Self-led Stations of the Cross

### **17<sup>th</sup> April, Maundy Thursday**

**7:00 pm @ All Saints, Stechford**

A service of Holy Communion with Foot Washing & Tenebrae

### **18<sup>th</sup> April, Good Friday**

12-2pm (self-led)

Stations of the Cross

2-3pm Led readings and music

*Quiet children's activities will be available throughout the vigil*

### **18<sup>th</sup> April, Holy Saturday**

7pm Service of the Light  
at St Edburgha's

### **20<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday**

10:30 am We will gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with our brothers and sisters  
**at All Saints, Stechford – B33 8UA**

### **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May @ 3:30 pm**

Installation of the  
Rt Revd. Esther Prior  
11th Bishop of Aston

This special service will be live streamed from St Philip's Cathedral. If you are interested in watching the service and praying for our new Bishop, please be in touch with Revd Tammy.

### **Advance notice!**

### **Christian Aid Week 11th –**



**17th May 2025**

Dear friends, I hope to carry out a walking challenge once more and will be looking for sponsors! We also plan to run a collection at the Yew Tree shopping centre; distribute envelopes to neighbours and run a church collection. If you feel that you can help in any way, would like to join the '70k in May' challenge, or would like further information, please contact me, Sylvia Roberts, on 07771 655789

## Fundraising Events

### **21st April Easter Monday**

**Open Church** 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

### **3<sup>rd</sup>, 4th & 5th May**

Yardley Society of Artists Exhibition

### **7<sup>th</sup> June**

Gift Day 12 – 4pm

### **14th & 15th June**

Edburgha: The Reluctant Saint

### **6th September**

12.00 noon Beer Festival

### **20th & 21st September**

Heritage weekend

### **29th November**

Christmas Quiz

For more information, please visit our website [www.stedburghasyardley.com](http://www.stedburghasyardley.com) or phone Enid on 0121 291 0401 for more information and booking.

## **Palm Sunday:**

### **Traditions Around the World**

Palm trees don't grow in **Poland**, so people make artificial palm leaves, decorating them with tissue paper flowers and ribbons. Some of these fake palms can be higher than 30 metres and need multiple people to carry them! There are competitions for the best ones.

People in **Norway** decorate their homes with birch twigs and painted eggs for Palm Sunday. Lots of places have the week before Easter off and people will travel to cottages for skiing, reading and family time.

Chicks and eggs are common symbols of Easter, but in **The Netherlands**, it's all about the rooster. In some towns, kids have a procession where they carry crosses decorated with ribbons. On top of them is a rooster made from bread.

Pussy willows are a lot easier to find in **Latvia** than palms, so the day is known as Pussy Willow Sunday. Parents even wake kids up on the Sunday with pretend swats from the willow branches!