

# St James' Church, Uplands

## This Sunday - Passion Sunday



Jesus begins his preparation for the final days of his earthly ministry, and the Cross looms into view. So today we take time in our worship and preaching to consider the meaning of the Cross, before we become wrapped up in the story of it in Holy Week. Rev Ian Davies will begin leading us, and Rev Ian Folks will

preach.

## 'Prayer in the Spirit': Tuesday 2pm, Holy Week

Our final session will be this Tuesday at 2pm, with a panel-led discussion on 'Prayer in the Spirit'. The panel includes Rev Ian Davies and Fr Mark Griffiths from St Gabriel's. **We will be doing daily sessions with Brunswick Methodist throughout Holy Week - see updates in newsletter next week and on Facebook.**

## Nicholaston House retreat - Saturday 21st May

We're looking forward to a day retreat to the beautiful Nicholaston House! Full price is £38 per person, which includes a hot dinner. If you're able to pay full price, please do - but we acknowledge the cost is steep. We're very keen for all possible to attend so will happily subsidise based on what you feel you can pay, and we will subsidise children's places. There will be excellent children's activities on the day led by Rachel Bunting and Sian Parkhouse, children's workers for the diocese. More details of theme for the day and leaders to be confirmed! If interested, please give your name to Margaret or Dreena.

# NEWSLETTER - 27th March 2022

## Electoral Roll, PCC Nominations and Vestry Meeting

If you haven't yet done so, please complete an electoral roll form at the back - many of our regulars have not yet done so. If you have made St James your spiritual home, even if you are likely to move away within a year or two, or if you don't come every week, please do complete a form. They need to be done by 11th April. Please also prayerfully consider if you wish to be nominated for the PCC - it is a very positive group to be part of!

## FAN - Friends and Neighbours group - Weds 11.30am

FAN groups are a friendly and relaxed way for local people and those from around the world to meet, talk and listen to each other. One is going to be set up as part of Swansea Asylum Seeker Support drop in on Friday evenings at St James, and Philippa from the FAN group is very keen for people from the church to be involved in this. If you'd like to explore it, she will be running a taster session on Wednesday 6th April at 11.30 in the church hall. It sounds great!

## Lent and Eco Church

This Lent we will be encouraging various ideas to encourage us to live in a more sustainable way. 'Loving our neighbour' includes loving those on the other side of the world, and those generations yet to come who will inherit our choices. Here is the last suggestion.

Week 1: Read 'Simplicity' - <https://hnp.org/userfiles/Simplicity.pdf> .

Week 2: Reduce meat consumption for Lent. Week 3: Reduce car use.

Week 4: Avoid fast fashion

Week 5: Use energy wisely - Reducing energy use is vital for climate change, and soaring prices are a concern for many on low and fixed incomes. <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/hub/quick-tips-to-save-energy/>

**STOP PRESS:** Swansea Churches Together Walk of Witness, Good Friday - meet at 12.15pm at St Mary's Church, march to join Salvation Army on Oxford St for Good Friday hymns.

## St James this week

Mon 4th April 12pm PCC and building project (from 1.30pm)  
Tues 5th April 2pm Life in the Spirit, Lent with Brunswick  
Weds 6th April 10.30am Holy Communion, Parish Centre  
Weds 6th April 11.30am Friends and Neighbours taster session  
Thurs 7th April 9.30am `Prayer Group, Parish Centre  
Sun 10th April 10.30am Palm Sunday service

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## Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean  
Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout Heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
And Heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love

## Oh, to see the dawn

Oh, to see the dawn  
of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God – slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain  
written on your face,  
bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought,  
every evil deed  
crowning your bloodstained brow.  
*This, the power of the cross...*

Now the daylight flees,  
now the ground beneath  
quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.  
*This, the power of the cross...*

Oh, to see my name  
written in the wounds,  
for through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
life is mine to live,  
won through your selfless love.



**Brunswick Fellowship**  
are holding a  
**Coffee Morning**  
with  
**Cakes & raffle prizes**  
in  
**St James' Church Hall**  
on  
**9<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**10.30am – 12noon**  
**All Welcome**

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