



CHURCHES OF CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS



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YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Cycle of Readings Year C; Weekday Cycle Year 1)

<u>Saturday 12th April</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass: 17:00 (HC)
<u>Sunday 13th April</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Bernard Fox +
<u>Sunday 13th April</u>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Mary Hawthorn +
<u>Monday 14th April</u>	Reception Mary Hawthorn +	Service: 16:00 (CTK)
<u>Tuesday 15th April</u>	Requiem Mass Mary Hawthorn +	Mass: 11:00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 16th April</u>	Chrism Mass	Mass: 11:00 (Clifton Cathedral)
<u>Thursday 17th April</u>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Mass: 19:30 (CTK)
<u>Friday 18th April</u>	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	Service: 15:00 (CTK)
<u>Friday 18th April</u>	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	Service: 15:00 (HC)
<u>Saturday 19th April</u>	Easter Vigil Holy Saturday	Mass: 19:30 (CTK)
<u>Sunday 20th April</u>	Sunday of the Resurrection	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) All Parishioners
<u>Sunday 20th April</u>	Sunday of the Resurrection	Mass: 10:00 (HC) All Parishioners
<u>Sunday 20th April</u>	Sunday of the Resurrection	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) All Parishioners

(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING

(HC) = HOLY CROSS

Live Stream: the Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am Masses at Christ The King are available on Live Stream for those unable to attend in person:

[Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)

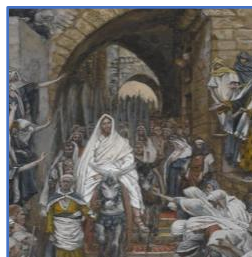
Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament –Thursday 10.30-11.30

Diocesan Prayer League: St George/St Teresa of Lisieux, Taunton & St John Fisher, Wellington with Wiveliscombe

Mass Book: Year C Volume 1:

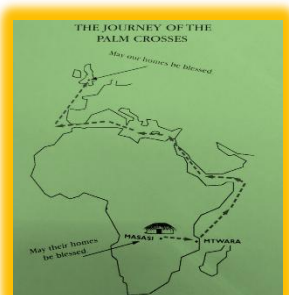
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Christ the King Church is open most days for private prayer from **10am to 4pm**



Today's Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Gospel Reflection – Holy Week which begins today is a sacred week. We sense something mysterious unfolding. We don't merely remember the events of Jesus' death, but rather through faith participate, immerse ourselves and share in them. This weekend we relive Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Like the crowd, we too perhaps can be fickle and superficial, singing "Hosanna" one moment, when things go our way; howling "Crucify him, crucify him!" the next, when things don't, and we are frustrated and annoyed. Holy Week invites us to enter the mystery of the cross, reflect on its wisdom and receive the power of God. (From "Walk with Me a journey of prayer for Lent", Alive publishing).

The Palm Crosses which we use for Palm Sunday (as we have done in previous years) originate from Africa (via a charity organisation "African Palms"). The sketch map opposite shows the journey of the Palm Crosses from Masasi in Tanzania via Mtwara to the UK. May their homes in Africa be blessed as may ours when the Palms take pride of place in our own homes where we live.



Myanmar Earthquake Appeal -

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. A special collection will be held after Easter to support this appeal. If you wish to donate in the meantime, you can do so online [here](#) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10. Thank you for any support you can give.

Big Lent Walk - Jean is now nearing the end of her Big Lent Walk, walking 200km in 40 days to help CAFOD's fight against global poverty. Thank you to all who have supported her. There is still time to contribute: the fundraising page [here](#). Thank you.

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations - 2025

The Holy Week and Easter celebrations take place this coming week and we do hope that as many of our Parishioners and Visitors will be able to attend. Palm Sunday will be at the usual Mass times. Parishioners may wish to attend the Annual Chrism Mass at 11.00am in the Cathedral on Wednesday 16th April (there will be **no** Mass at CTK on that day). Please note that the Chrism Mass will be Live Streamed from the Cathedral for those unable to attend in person.

The Maundy Thursday celebration will be at 19.30 on Thursday 17th April at Christ the King. This will include the washing of the feet and the renewal commitment for Special Eucharistic Ministers. All Special Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to attend where possible.

On Good Friday on Friday 18th April, there will be services both at Holy Cross and Christ the King at 3.00pm.

The Easter Vigil Mass at 19.30 on the 19th of April will be at Christ the King and will include the reception into Church of three of our Parishioners, please come along to support them on this evening. A further two of our Parishioners, who have been following the RCIA program at Holy Family Church, Patchway will be received into the Church there on the same evening.

On Easter Sunday, 20th April, there will be a 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross and two Masses at CTK at the usual times of 9.00am and 10.30am.

Parish Admin Support Vacancy

A temporary position for a fixed two-year term has been approved by the Diocese and we are now inviting anyone interested in fulfilling this role (which could potentially be on a job-share) to apply. Interested applicants are invited to contact the Parish Office for a Job Description and Application Form. **The closing date for applications is Tuesday 22nd April.**

Easter Card Sale (CTK)

Thank you for supporting the Mary's Meals charity so generously last Sunday. The sum raised was £280 which together with other donations received recently will feed at least 15 children for a whole year. Thank you once again for your support.

Come And Join Us!

The CTK Music Group (Choir and Folk Group) warmly invite any newcomers to join them to sing the music of Holy Week and Easter. The final practice will take place on Tuesday 15th of April at 7.30pm in CTK church. For more information contact Margaret on 01454 415282. All are welcome.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 12th April

Reading Rota

12th April - George Fowler

26th April - Victoria Fowler

Recently Deceased

Mary Hawthorn will be received into CTK Church at 4.00pm on Monday 14th May, and her Requiem mass will take place at 11.00am on Tuesday 15th April.

Pat McNeill will be received into Christ the King Church at 4.00pm on Thursday 24th April and his Requiem Mass will take place at 10.15am on Friday 25th April.

The Requiem Mass for Mary McKeown will take place at 10.00am in Christ the King Church on Friday 2nd May.

We pray for the repose of their souls and for their families at this time.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, in hospital or housebound particularly Carrie Sidoli, Peter Bradshaw, Len Crayston, Michael Setter, Gaynor McCarthy and Pam Smith.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace: Fr Desmond Cantwell SDS, Wilfred Bruce, William Baker, Jean Bedford, Hetty Hennessey, Tony Wilkinson, Mary Ann Boyd, John Fitzgerald Sr., Ruth Davies, Denis Moseley, Daniel McFarland, Eileen Ada Whitmore, Therese Rivalland, Gladys Huggins, Mark Chaplin, John Davidson, Maryse Hope Croucher, Kathleen Ford, Mary Harrison.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night..... 19.30 Wednesday 16th April
Music Night 20.00 Sunday 13th April

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30 Reader 1	Reader 2	Collectors	Music
13th April	K Byrne	J Dennis	G Cullimore	P & L Morrissey	Choir
20th April	N McCarthy	M Gilroy	P Morrissey	L & S Emm	Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 14th April: J Brown & F Jamieson
Mon 21st & 28th April: M Gilroy & K Byrne

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 13th April: S Emm & J Wallis
Sunday 20th April: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

13th April: 9:00 M O'Leary 10:30 R Hetherton
20th April: 9:00 K Gill 10:30 J Wallis

Grass Cutting Rota (CTK) * once every 2 weeks

w/c 14th April - E Novak
w/c 28th April - A Grafton-Green

Churches Together in Wotton and Thornbury for Easter

CTIW (Churches Together in Wotton) - Good Friday Walk of Witness starting at Oliver Memorial Chapel, Synwell at 9:30. For a shorter walk you can join in at Perry and Dawes Almshouses, Church Street at 9:45. It will finish at St Mary's Church with coffee and Hot Cross Buns.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on COOMBE HILL at 7:00 followed by breakfast at St Mary's.

TCT (Thornbury Churches Together) - the Walk of Witness on Good Friday will start from Christ the King Church at 10.00am and will finish at the Thornbury Baptist Church for Hot Cross Buns and Tea and Coffee. All welcome.

Parish Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be held on **Tuesday 29th April at 19.30** in the Lounge at Christ the King (Porch House). Nominations are now invited for the 4 CTK and 2 HC seats (the 3-year term of office for most members of the PPC have now been served, some but not all the existing members have expressed an interest to continue). If you would like to be nominated for the PPC please contact the Parish Office by the **22nd of April latest**. If any parishioner wishes to raise an item for the AGM, please contact the Parish Office with this **by the 24th of April**.

We hope that as many people as possible from both Churches can come along to the AGM and we very much look forward to seeing you there. After the formalities of the meeting are over, there will be cheese and wine available for attendees and we will hold an Open Forum discussion about our Parish Churches. (Nothing sinister or untoward, it will just be a good opportunity to meet and share). Please make a note of the date and we look forward to seeing you then. A Pastoral report, Finance and Chairperson's report will be available before the AGM.

The minutes and supporting papers from the most recent PPC meeting held on the 1st of April will be made available on the Parish website.