We now embark on the celebration of Holy Week - the week which starts with Palm Sunday and Jesus riding into the city of Jerusalem and ends with his crucifixion and resurrection. This is the most important of weeks as we receive the forgiveness of all our wrongdoings with Jesus dying on the cross and then we have the guarantee of our eternal life with Jesus conquering death once and for all.

It is important that we travel with Jesus through this week and keep close to the story.

We have many things planned here in The Parish of the Resurrection.

Everyday there will be Morning Prayer at 9am and Compline (Night Prayer) at 8pm on Facebook - do join us.

Palm Sunday - 28th March
We have our usual online worship. The link is <https://youtu.be/tpQyd5kakH0>

We also have Church@4 for a fun informal and interactive service - starts at 4pm on Zoom. We will be making Palm Crosses as part of the service.
Meeting ID: 819 4137 1951 Passcode: POTR1234
Attached are the instructions for what you need for the craft.

Then there is an Evening Service again on Zoom at 6pm where we will be continuing our study on the book of Philippians.
Meeting ID: 857 3988 3699 Passcode: 642862

Tuesday at 7pm - there is a short communion service in St Lawrence Church

Wednesday at 9.15am - there is a short communion service in All Saints church

Maundy Thursday at 2pm - there is a communion service in St Peter’s Church, Beech

Good Friday
9.30am - a service in The Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne
12.00pm - a service in All Saints Church
2.15pm - a service in St Lawrence Church

And we have the Good Friday Scavenger Hunt. A guided walk using the Easter Story with the chance to collect things a long the way. Come to either St Lawrence Churchyard or Holybourne Churchyard anytime between 2 and 4pm to collect your prizes. See the booklet attached.

Easter Sunday
We will have an online Family Easter Service - we will send the details nearer the time.

And services will be held in all four churches -
9.15am - St Peter’s Church, Beech
9.30am - The Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne
10.30am - All Saints Church
10.30am - St Lawrence Church

For all services in the church buildings you need to ensure you have made a booking with The Parish Office on 07865 292401 or potr.alton@btinternet.com

A reminder first of our online worship for Palm Sunday (28th March). It is available with this link <https://youtu.be/tpQyd5kakH0> Today we recall Jesus entering into Jerusalem on the way to events which lead to his crucifixion and resurrection. Martha Lloyd reads Luke 19 28-44 and Gordon Randall speaks to us. Enjoy the songs, teaching and prayers.

As we go through this week why not make an Easter Garden? Let us show the story of Easter by displaying one outside our houses or maybe something in your window. We have a wonderful message of hope and new life. Attached is a sheet which gives some simple instructions to help. Have a go and send photos to the POTR Facebook or Twitter page or email to the Parish Office - potr.alton@btinternet.com

Sorry to be sending so much information out. Hopefully you are all kept informed about the Parish and its activities for tomorrow and Easter.

The Parish Office has a new phone so that we can keep a track on calls more easily in the future especially as the physical office is closed. It is a mobile number - calls will be answered when Philippa and Ellie are working otherwise leave a message and they will return your call. This means the office is not totally reliant on email communication. The number is 07865 292401

My prayers for you all as we enter the next stage of the easing of restrictions. The rule of six or two households being able to mix comes into force from Monday. Also we need to continue in prayer for those who are monitoring the pandemic situation and for decisions that are being made on our behalf. Please also pray as we begin socially distanced services again in our church buildings. To be able to pray is the highest calling on us as Christians. Some of us are very much enjoying The Prayer Course on Thursday evenings and the first piece of advice that we were given was ‘Keep it Simple; Keep it Real; Keep it up’. I hope that is an encouragement to you as we enter into this Holy Week.

With love and prayers
Andrew