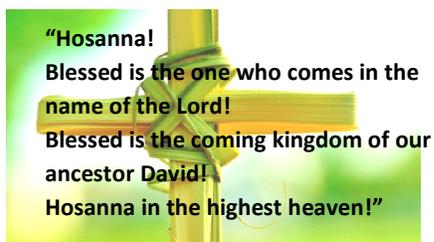


PALM SUNDAY

"When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,



Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve".

Mark 11, 1-11

The All Saints' choir needs more singers! Although we often welcome guests there are only five regular members and we would be very happy for others to join us regularly. You don't need to be able to read music, but you should be able to sing in tune and to come to a rehearsal at 9.30 on the Sunday morning. For more information do contact a.cochlin@libero.it.

- **The Rev Dana English** writes:
A heartfelt thank-you to you all for your most generous contributions to a leaving-gift for me as I completed my time at All Saints'. The extraordinary gifts of the beautiful necklace and the book tokens were extremely thoughtful and well-chosen and will be appreciated by me for years to come. I will think of you all as I wear the necklace, made of bits of ancient Roman glass, and read the books that I will buy the moment I set foot in England at the end of this month! I miss you all already, but trust that the communion of saints will continue to hold us in the love of God and in the fellowship of the larger church of Christ. With deepest appreciation and in gratitude for all that you have given to me during the time that I was at All Saints' Church, Dana
- The Annual General Meeting of the Chaplaincy will take place after Sunday Eucharist on April 22nd.
- On Sunday April 29th a shared liturgy of the word will take place at Ognissanti church on the Appia Nuova: on that day there will be no service at All Saints'.
- Another date for your diary: confirmation on May 20th.
- **This evening**, March 25th, there is a very special performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion at our sister church of St Paul's Within the Walls, at 18.30. Several friends and members of the All Saints' congregation are taking part.
- We have a basket of non-perishable goods in the vestry that supplies food for the hungry in Rome. We are always grateful for contributions!

Father David writes: Every Friday evening a half-dozen volunteers from All Saints join with a dozen from our twin parish of Ognissanti Roman Catholic Church to distribute food to the homeless poor of Rome.

At about 9pm, 125 men and 5 women gather at the far end of the car park at Ostiense Station. Our small group of volunteers gather at the other end, nearer the station. Soon thereafter a small van arrives and



from the back appears several folding tables, large bags of pre-packed one-person meal containers, plastic cups, water, and warm cafe latte. Our volunteers don our orange vests and four or five go over to meet the crowd. A plastic spoon is handed out to each and six or eight are permitted to head towards the first station where they are given a plastic bag (a bag like you would put vegetables in at the supermarket for weighing). They then go on, each to receive a box of warm pasta, a cold box of dressed salad, a slice of pizza, a panini, and a sweet - all gets tucked safely into their take away bag. They then head to the last station to pick up a cup of water, or a cup of warm cafe latte, or both. As this first group is receiving their food, a second small group of six is sent on, and then another, and then another until all is through. Most eat their meal right there by the car park garden, but some carry them for eating privately later. Within 25 minutes the food is dispersed, garbage bagged, orange vests removed, and tables stowed back into the van.

Throughout the process there is considerable chatting and fellowship amongst servers and served, respect and dignity are maintained, and tensions within this marginalized community are reduced. It is good Christian work: the hungry are fed, thirst is quenched, and the poor are lifted up. All to the glory of God.

(Our Church of England All Saints chaplaincy and the Ognissanti Roman Catholic parish signed a twinning partner agreement last year in February when Pope Francis visited us for our 200th anniversary evensong.)

Services for Holy Week

Monday March 26th at 19.00

Compline and Address for Holy Week

Tuesday March 27th at 12.30

Chrism Eucharist at The Anglican Centre, Piazza Collegio Romano 2, Int 7

Wednesday March 28th 9-18

Holy Week Quiet Day in Church and Garden

Thursday March 29th 19.00-23.00

Maundy Thursday Eucharist; Stripping of Altars and Watch until Midnight

Friday March 30th 15.00-18.00

Good Friday Devotion: First Hour: Meditation with music and poetry Second Hour: Stations of the Cross Third Hour: Liturgy of Good Friday

Sunday April 1st

5.30-7.30 a.m. Vigil and Easter Ceremonies

10.30 Sung Eucharist with Procession for Easter Day

The Chaplaincy Consultation concerning the recruitment of a new chaplain was held by the Archdeacon on Friday 23rd March. Twenty-three members of the All Saints' community attended and all aspects of the appointment were discussed, both in plenary session and in small groups. Many challenging issues were treated, including the question "Where do you see the church in 2024?"

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