

Notices for Sunday 22 March

Fifth Sunday in Lent – Passion Sunday

Our Mission

As part of the worldwide Christian church, to preach the Christian message, provide facilities for Christian worship and to serve the needs of the community.

Welcome. We are pleased you are joining us for worship today

10.30am

Morning Worship

Led by Rev Karen James

Organist	David Hopkins
Stewards	David Endicott & Sylvia Kingston
Door Stewards	Judith Hewins & Richard Ayres
Junior Church	Anne Le Poidevin & Lynda Hurrell
Bible Reader	David Endicott
AV Desk	Roseanne Field
Coffee	Pam Preston & Di Skinner

6pm

Evening Service on Zoom

Led by Rev Karen James

Logon from 5.50pm. Zoom code available from the
Circuit Office: office.pbmc@gmail.com

Lectionary for Passion Sunday

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45

Churches Together in Broadstone ~ praying together this week

(March prayers prepared by Broadstone URC)

Loving God, open our eyes to the suffering around us, and soften our hearts to respond with mercy. As we remember Christ's self-giving love, teach us to serve others with humility and grace. May our fasting lead to generosity, our prayer lead to action, and our repentance lead to love. Amen.

Family & pastoral news

Our dear friend David Spracklen passed away quietly in Harrow Hospital in the early hours of Saturday 14 March. He has been a huge inspiration to us at Broadstone Methodist Church and will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all of us.

David's daughters Judy and Rachel sent this message for us:

"Dad was taken into hospital two weeks ago and having been very poorly for the last few days his death was a blessed release from the suffering he had endured. Dad and Mum were so much part of Broadstone Methodist Church - it really was their life, and for Dad, the friendship and support you gave him after Mum died, really kept him going. Thank you for everything."

The funeral is on Friday 17 April, with the cremation at Harbour View at 12 noon followed by a service of thanksgiving at 1pm here in our church. Refreshments afterwards in the Bradbury Hall.

We continue to pray for Rachel, Judy and their families at this sad time.

Weekday receptionists urgently needed

Nikki is having some difficulty covering the Monday to Saturday Reception Desk rota for the period April to July, so we would really welcome some additional volunteers please. It would just be for a couple of hours (10am – noon) once a month – or more often, if you wish. Please speak to Nikki if you can help. You can find her in the office Mon, Weds, Fri 9am – 1pm (01202 600696) or email her at: methodist.church1@btinternet.com . Thank you.

Our events this week

Monday 10am -12 noon	Knit & Natter
Monday 7.30pm -9.30pm	Church Badminton Group
Tuesday 8.15pm -10pm	Church Table Tennis Group
Thursday 10am -11.30am	Wendy House Toddler Group
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 10am -12noon	Coffee Lounge open

Lent study groups

The Lent Bible study groups with Churches Together in Broadstone continue with the final session this week. All are welcome.

- **Wednesday 25 March here at the Methodist Church, 7.30pm - 8.45pm**
- **Thursday 26 March at St. Anthony's, 10.30am - 11.45am**

Holy Week and Easter

- ***Agape Meal***
Maundy Thursday 2 April at 6.30pm in the coffee lounge
Please join us for quiet reflection, a light supper (grapes, cheese, crackers etc.), ending with Holy Communion shared around the table.
- ***Walk of Witness with Churches Together in Broadstone***
Good Friday 3 April, 10am onwards
Meet at St John's at 10am, set off at 10.15am and work our way to the Methodist Church for a short service outside - expected to start around 10.30am. The church will be open for those not doing the walk but who wish to wait for the service to start. We hope to serve refreshments afterwards. (The short service will be indoors if it rains.)
- ***Easter Worship with Holy Communion***
Easter Sunday 5 April at 10.30am, led by Rev Chris Blake.
- ***Holiday Messy Church***
Thursday 9 April, 10am – 12.30pm
Please let Joan Jackson know if you can help with our Easter outreach event for children and young families.

Next Notices

Please contact Judith Hewins with rota swaps, news and events by 7pm on **Tuesday 24 March.**

Please join us for worship on Palm Sunday 29 March

10.30am

Morning Worship

Led by Dr Julian Tawn

Organist	Elizabeth Rundle
Stewards	Mike Brooke & Di Skinner
Door Stewards	Anne Le Poidevin & Ann Thornton
Junior Church	Sylvia Kingston & Judith Hewins
Bible Reader	Anne Le Poidevin
AV Desk	Brendan Cox
Coffee	Pauline Meakin & Jackie Evans

Church contacts

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