

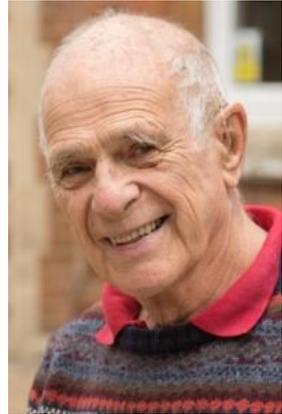
## Where to find us

St Nicholas Church is on Elsfeld Road in Old Marston. Parking is limited at Easter, so come on foot if you can. If you need help with access, contact Geoff Hale, Tel 248260

## Michael Green: 'full of inner joy'

Distinguished scholar, writer, pastor and long-time resident of Old Marston, Michael Green died on 6 Feb.

In his last message to us, as he lay in the JR with internal bleeding, a perforated intestine and pneumonia, he wrote:  
*'I want you all to know I am full of inner joy.'*



The reason for his joy was plain; he was utterly convinced of God's love and the certainty of life with Him. We have a number of Michael's recent books to give away. If you'd like to know more about the source of his joy, please collect one from the church or Old Marston library or contact Geoff.



## Christian Aid Week

From Sun 12 May, collectors will be visiting the parish – please give as generously as you can to help people around the world who suffer from poverty or conflict.

## Services, clubs and special events

There are different kinds of Sunday worship at St Nicholas, some traditional, others informal. There are midweek activities for babies and toddlers, teens and older people. And the church is always open during the day as a place of rest and quiet. There is more information in the Marston Times and on our website:

[stnicholasmarston.org.uk](http://stnicholasmarston.org.uk) or Facebook [St Nicholas' Church Marston](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchMarston)

If you'd like to know more, contact the Vicar, Revd Skye Denno, Tel 727871 or [vicar@stnicholasmarston.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stnicholasmarston.org.uk)



St. Nicholas  
Marston

Easter 2019



## **A Story of Passion**

Hope, love, friendship, betrayal, denial, injustice, sacrifice and new life –events from Palm Sunday to the first Easter had a lasting impact on our history and destiny.

As we remember Jesus death and celebrate his resurrection, we welcome you to join us at St Nicholas Church and our neighbours in Marston & Elsfield.



The soldiers did their grisly job and nailed two murderers to crosses, with Jesus in between them. Instead of cursing and struggling, Jesus amazingly asked his heavenly Father to forgive his torturers.

Amidst all the bitter mockery round the foot of the cross a magnificent truth emerged. 'He saved others but he could not save himself.' You see, he was standing in for all of us, taking responsibility for all the evil in the world.

He willingly let the whole foul mess descend on him so that we should never have to bear it. That is the profound meaning of his death on the cross. And we can make one of two reactions to that. Either we can mock and reject him, as one of the murderers did. Or we can say, with the other one 'Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.'

*From "Jesus" by Michael Green, published by Bible Trust.  
See the back page to obtain your own copy.*

**Saturday 13 Apr 10 am**

**Easter Fun Day**

A morning full of activities for absolutely all ages: crafts, face-painting, gardening, stories, egg hunt, refreshments, with some space and time for reflecting on the Easter story.

**Palm Sunday 14 Apr 10 am**

**All Age Communion**

Hear the story of Jesus entry into Jerusalem

**Palm Sunday 14 Apr 2.30 pm**

**Churches Together**

Walk with the donkey to visit churches in Marston & Northway, sharing a song, story and prayer

**Monday 15 Apr 6.00 pm – ST MICHAEL**

**Seder Meal**

Celebrate traditions of the Jewish Passover like Jesus and his disciples would have done.

**Thursday 18 Apr 6.30 pm – ELSFIELD**

**Communion**

Share a fish and chip supper and a special service to remember the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

**Good Friday 19 Apr 10.30 am**

Weep under the shadow of the cross

**Good Friday 19 Apr 12 noon**

**Churches Together**

Join with churches in Marston and Northway for a short service in Marston Road (near the shops).

**Easter Day 21 Apr 6 am**

**Dawn Service**

Rise at first light to witness the resurrection and share breakfast afterwards.

**Easter Day 21 Apr 10 am**

**All Age Communion**

Celebrate the risen Christ and renew faith in the God of love

**Easter Day 21 Apr 12 noon - ELSFIELD**

**Holy Communion**

Celebrate the resurrection in a traditional service