**Notices:** The Collect and the Gospel reading today both signal that we are getting nearer to Holy Week and Easter. We’re preparing for the crucifixion, also knowing that Easter is coming and Jesus is ‘The Resurrection and the life’. How does this inform our daily life, with all its sorrows and joys?

Jane Mac is at St Philips this morning. Please pray for Pastor Dave and the congregation there as they share the Gospel in Canonmills.

**Vestry Meeting:** Tues 28th cake at 7 for 7.30pm meeting at Jane Mac’s

**Wednesdays 10.30-11.30am – Lent Course and Coffee:** ‘Faith is a verb’. This week **Weds 29th March:** ‘Hoping. In the ‘Sitting Room’.

**Holy Week - Dates for your diary:**

**Palm Sunday 2nd April 11am –** Gather in the Sitting room for the procession through church to our last Sunday service in the hall

**Wednesday 5th April 10.30 am** – final Lent group: ‘Dying’

**Maundy Thursday 6th April** 7.30pm – Last Supper Service with Communion in the Hall

**Good Friday 7th April** 7pm – Ecumenical Tenebrae service at Inverleith St Serfs

**Holy Saturday 8th April 10am – 12.30** – prayers and church clean-up

**Easter Vigil 8-9pm** at St Ninians Comely Bank Road

**Easter Sunday** **9th April** - Back in church. Jane Green’s last day with us. Bring and share lunch; please stay and bring food!

**Bishop’s Lent Appeal:** for a water filtration project at St Nicholas Theological seminary in our partner Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana. More info here: [www.edinburgh.anglican.org/bishops-lent-appeal-2023/](http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org/bishops-lent-appeal-2023/) Please donate by cheque or bank transfer to St Philips and St James Church, marked ‘Lent Appeal’. Acc 00787069 Sort 80-02-33

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**St Philip’s and St James’**

**Church Goldenacre**

**Holy Communion**

**26th March 2023**

**Lent 5**

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| Hymn 474  | Now thank we all our God |
| Liturgy of the Word  | Rachel |
| *Collect for Lent 5*Merciful God, look upon your family as we travel to the foot of the cross; and, by your great goodness, guide us in body; that, by your protection, we may also be preserved in heart and mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.  |
| Readings – Robert  | Ezekiel 37.1-14Romans 8.6-11 |
| Gospel – Jane G  | John 11.17-45 |
| Reflection | Rev Jane Green |
| Intercessions | Margaret |
| Hymn 615  | Spirit of the living God |
| Communion | Rev Jane Green |
| Hymn 476  | O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us |

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