

Parish Church of All Saints Boyne Hill Maidenhead

Holy Week 2021

Palm Sunday is the start of the most important week in the Christian Calendar - **Holy Week**.

For the second year running we will not be able to use the beautiful All Saints Church due in part to the consequences of the pandemic but also because we have begun work on restoring the floor of George Street's wonderful building.

Mike Moss, Jeanette Lock and I have given time to try to offer you the opportunity to share Holy Week in a different but hopefully creative way. Palm Sunday and the 'Triduum' will be shared via Zoom. The Paschal Triduum' (triih-dyoo-um), Latin for 'Three Days', commemorates Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

For those of you seeking services where we physically gather to share the Eucharist we will be offering services at 7.30pm on Monday and Tuesday and at 10.00am on Wednesday of Holy Week. On Easter Morning there will be three Eucharists throughout the day at 10.00am, 11.30am and 6.00pm. With limited spaces you will need to book a place to receive Easter Holy Communion.

On Palm Sunday we will be sharing the 10.00am Morning Prayer on zoom with the Blessing of the Palms. The service will include the Open the Book story of Palm Sunday.

On Maundy Thursday we welcome Fr Nicholas Cheeseman, the Area Director of Ordinands for Berkshire and Oxford, who will be our preacher .

On Good Friday we will listen to an old friend of All Saints, Fr Kevin Scully, as he shares his thoughts on Good Friday through the Stations of the Cross.

On Holy Saturday we will share Easter Ceremonies again on Zoom but with many of the familiar parts of the service recorded for us to take part in.

During the services on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I will share meditations from Rowan Williams 'Candles in the Dark'. These were written during the first Lockdown last April.

Those of us that have planned the Holy Week worship do hope that everyone will find a chance to take part, even in a small way in the most important week in the Christian year. Holy Week is not an historical pageant but a living liturgy. We hope that this year although we still cannot share this powerful week within the church we can gather in different ways as the Body of Christ to experience this spiritual journey.

Please take note of the dates, times and ways of sharing Holy Week so that you can ready to take part in the great Christian drama.

Do have a blessed Holy Week with my prayers,

Fr Jeremy

Palm Sunday 28th March

10.00am Morning Prayer and Blessing of Palms on Zoom

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Passcode: 369388

What happened?

This is when Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem, riding on a donkey.

Why is it important?

It reminds us that God's Son is not some remote, frightening figure, but a real, humble, fragile, person, like us.

How can we join in?

Join the zoom link and hold up your Palm Cross. The cross reminds us of the palms that people threw in Jesus' path, and is for us to keep all year. We will hear of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem through the Open the Book Team.

6.00pm Sundays@Six Stations of the Cross on Zoom

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pwd=YUxYSVZSVjFlcDVTdS85cDRlZm95UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjFlcDVTdS85cDRlZm95UT09)

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Monday in Holy Week 29th March 7.30pm Eucharist in the Parish Centre

Using Rowan William's reflection we will 'Obey the new commandment of love to stay put: to stay with the people of God has given us to love, to nurture and be nurtured by, to challenge and be challenged by.'

Tuesday in Holy Week 30th March 7.30pm Eucharist in the Parish Centre

Using Rowan William's reflection we will reflect on 'In every moment, every encounter, in times of boredom, anger and anxiety, Jesus is with us, offering himself to us.'

Wednesday in Holy Week 31st March 10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

We will reflect on Rowan William's theme of fragile trust. 'We trust those who are inspired by a vision of something bigger than themselves but who recognize the ever present possibility of failing and messing things up.'

Maundy Thursday 1st April 7.30pm Service on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87413097088?pwd=Y1IEREk4eEtnNzdSTzdGaGxWS2pHUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 1309 7088

Passcode: 510166

Guest preacher: Fr Nicholas Cheeseman

What happened?

Jesus held a Last Supper with his disciples, when he washed their feet, asked them to receive his Holy Communion, and commanded them to love one another. Following that, he went and prayed until his arrest.

Why is it important?

When we are able to we receive Jesus' Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and we can join in his death and in his new, risen life. As we witness the washing of the feet, we are reminded of the need to love and serve one another.

How can we join in?

By joining the Zoom service and witnessing the foot washing. You might like to have ready at home some honey, some lemon juice and some herbs. The bitter sweet taste reminds us of the experiences of the Israelite people in slavery in Egypt before the Passover to the promised Land.

You might also like to have a towel and water ready as you symbolically wash your hands or feet during this service.

Following the Zoom service you can go to keep watch in the Parish Centre from 9.00pm until 11.50pm when Night Prayer will be shared.

Good Friday 2nd April 3.00pm on Zoom

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Meeting ID: 837 8951 6463

Passcode: 563418

Guest preacher: Fr Kevin Scully

What happened?

Following his arrest and trial by religious and political figures we hear how Jesus died on the Cross.

Why is it important?

Jesus died to show that God is involved in all of our lives and takes all the sin and death of the world onto himself. This tells us that Jesus is with us in our own struggles in life even at our death. What appears to be a terrible defeat leads to new Life.

How can we join in?

Join the zoom service which will involve us sharing in a moving Stations of the Cross with powerful music followed by The Passion Readings. Fr Kevin Scully will then offer us a Good Friday sermon based on the Stations of the Cross before we finish by praying in front of the cross as we listen to reflective music.

Holy Saturday 3rd April 8.00pm on Zoom

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pwd=SkdwZzUwTko4TXJhTHdzckVBVTNKdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83883647103?pwd=SkdwZzUwTko4TXJhTHdzckVBVTNKdz09)

Meeting ID: 838 8364 7103

Passcode: 918251

What happened?

Jesus' Body is sealed in the tomb, his disciples experience the Risen Jesus.

Why is it important?

We see the Paschal Candle shining brightly in the darkness reminding us of light overcoming darkness, goodness overcoming evil and New Life overcoming death.

We will hear the stories of creation, Passover, and of the prophecy of a man who will bring New Life. We will light the

candle from the fire and people at home can light their own candles as we listen to the Exsultet.

We will share our Baptism promises and proclaim our belief in the Risen Lord. We promise to live lives that reflect the light of Christ to the World.

Following this service we can share from our homes celebratory drinks and snacks.

Easter Day 4th April—Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Please come and share in one of the services if you are able to celebrate our Lord's triumph over death and offering us New Life.

10.00am Parish Eucharist to celebrate Easter Day in the Parish Centre

11.30am Parish Eucharist to celebrate Easter Day in the Parish Centre

4.00pm Easter Story for children followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the Quadrangle

6.00pm Parish Eucharist to celebrate Easter Day in the Parish Centre

All three of the Eucharistic services will need to be pre-booked by midday on Good Friday. Email jeremy-harris@outlook.com or allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com

Easter-Tide lasts for fifty days from Easter Day until
Pentecost.
Let us all keep the Feast until the coming of the Holy Spirit on
the birthday of the Church.
We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our name!
St Augustine

*With prayers and every blessing for a joyful
Eastertide*

Fr Jeremy & Monika,

Jeanette Lock and Mike and Jan Moss

The Church Wardens,

and members of the Parochial Church Council.