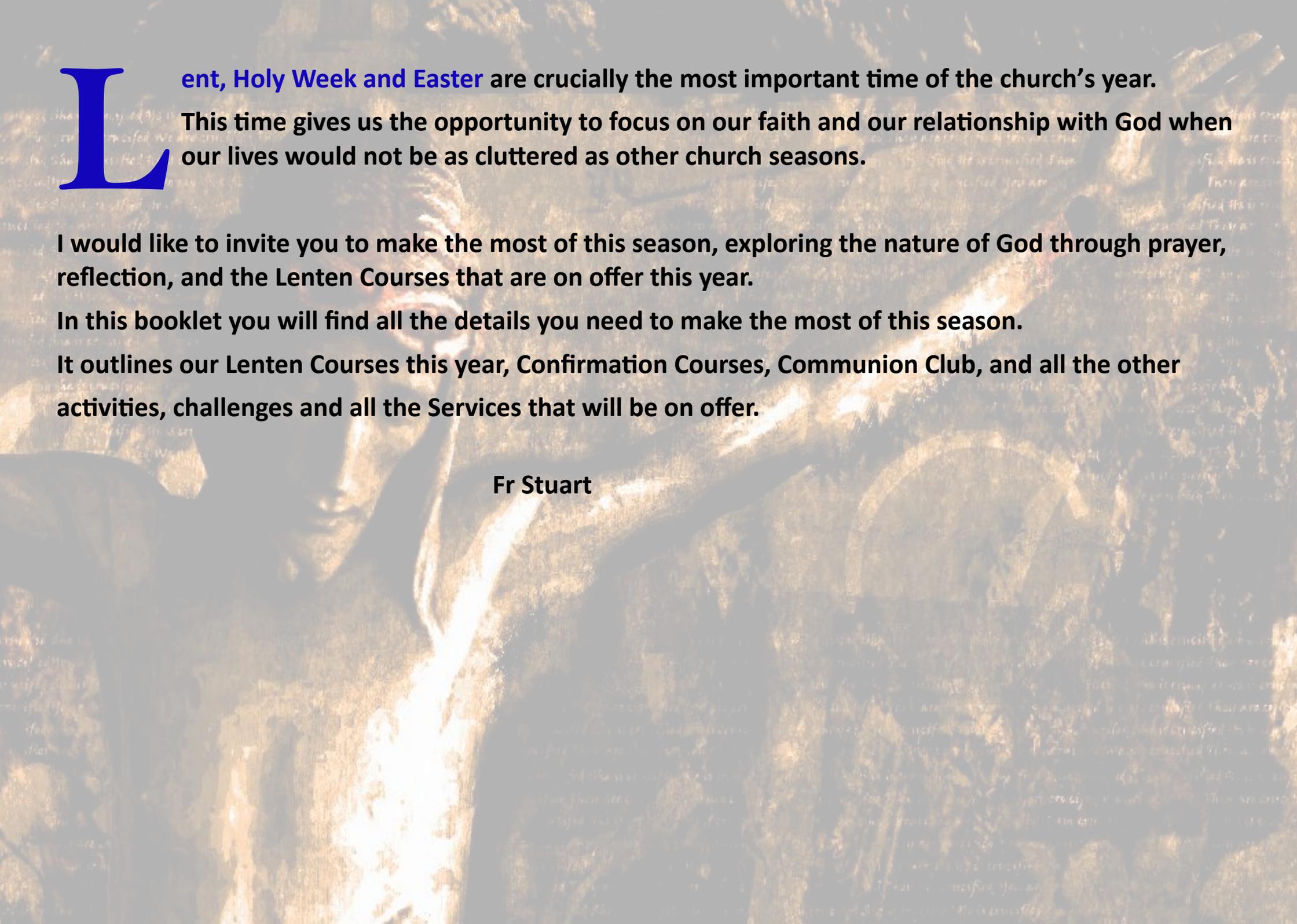




**Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2026  
at St Wulfram's, Grantham,  
St John's, Manthorpe and  
St John's, Spitalgate**

A golden crucifix is the central focus of the image, set against a dark, textured background that resembles stone or wood. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the contours of the cross and the figure of Christ. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

**Lent, Holy Week and Easter** are crucially the most important time of the church's year. This time gives us the opportunity to focus on our faith and our relationship with God when our lives would not be as cluttered as other church seasons.

I would like to invite you to make the most of this season, exploring the nature of God through prayer, reflection, and the Lenten Courses that are on offer this year.

In this booklet you will find all the details you need to make the most of this season.

It outlines our Lenten Courses this year, Confirmation Courses, Communion Club, and all the other activities, challenges and all the Services that will be on offer.

**Fr Stuart**

## Lent Groups and Courses

### Lent Study Groups

Fr Francis has offered to lead a study group in church on Tuesdays before the Midweek Communion on

**24th Feb, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March**  
**10.45am - 11.45am**

*"Notes on an execution" by Rhidian Brook. Pub 2025. SPCK.*

Participants would need to acquire the book.

The Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem writes

*'This book is not merely a recounting; it is an invitation to inhabit the story, making it a vital companion for anyone seeking a more immediate and heartfelt understanding of Christ's Passion and resurrection.'*

*Notes on an Execution* by Rhidian Brook is a book of Lenten reflections that retells the last days and execution of Jesus from a fresh, immediate perspective, placing the reader in the moment as an eyewitness, focusing on the confusion, hope, and shock of those first encountering the story without hindsight



### Mixed Media Study Group

Fr Stuart will lead a weekly group which will use mixed media in our response to our Lenten journey.

**Music—Thursday 26th February—7.30pm at Grantham House**  
Participants to share a piece of music that has been meaningful in their life.

**Art—Thursday 5th March—7.30pm at Grantham House**  
Participants to share a piece of art (e.g. picture, photograph, painting) that has been meaningful in their life.

**Craft—Wednesday 11th March—7.30pm at St Wulfram's Church**  
Physically making something can be a prayerful experience in fellowship with others. Come along and be creative in your Lenten journey.

**Film & TV—*Waiting for the Out*—Tuesday 17th March—  
St John's Community Centre, Manthorpe**

*Waiting for the Out* is a British six-part television series based on Andy West's memoir *The Life Inside: A Memoir Of Prison, Family and Learning to be Free*, from writer Dennis Kelly. It premiered on 3rd January 2026 on BBC One. *(Please note the series contains strong language and themes of suicide.)*

**The Seven Last Words of Christ—Wednesday 25th March—  
7.30pm St John's Spitalgate**

*The Seven Last Words of Christ* are powerful phrases uttered from the cross. Summarizing themes of forgiveness, love, abandonment, thirst, triumph, and reunion, revealing his mission's completion and profound humanity, culminating in entrusting his spirit to God before death, as compiled from the Gospels.

## Easter Gift Day—St Wulfram's

*Our Hope is in the name of the Lord. Psalm 33.20-22*

Asking what you can give to God financially, via the church, is never an easy thing to talk or ask individuals to think about, especially when life as individuals, as a community, as a nation, and as a global family is so hard for many.

However, we can't be shy about it; and, as a community who are stewards of the faith in this part of God's kingdom and custodians of an incredible building such as St Wulfram's, we have a heavy responsibility.

At this time there are no firm plans to hold a stewardship campaign this year, although this cannot be written off for this year. We know that if we were to launch a significant fund raising campaign for a specific need you would respond generously both in time and money. Today we are asking you to simply give to support the ongoing ministry and mission of our church (something which is less tangible but essential to our ongoing ministry and presence in Grantham).

Therefore this year, as we approach the joy of the resurrection, we are asking you think during this time of preparation for Easter, about times in your life in which you have been blessed by God and the community at St Wulfram's and in thanksgiving to give a one-off generous gift to God for his purposes working out at St Wulfram's.

The PCC has been making some very significant decisions over the last two years, about our life together, how we must step out boldly in the confidence of our faith, trusting in God and the community in which we are all called to live in together and to be brave in our identity in how we live as lights in our world. With this is, of course, the careful stewardship of the inherited fabric of our beautiful church and how we use this for the furtherance of the 'Missio Dei' (the Mission of God).

The Clergy, Churchwardens and PCC invite you to pray and think carefully about how you might be able to increase your giving to God in this place.

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

## Confirmation Courses and Communion Club

### Communion Club

This is a preparation course for any regular member of the congregation who is in school year 3 and upwards. Fr Stuart and Laura will lead the course on the following Sundays at 10.45am—11.45am in St Wulfram's Church

**8th, 15th, 22nd March**

It is really important that every young person takes part fully in the course to prepare themselves to receive communion for the first time on Easter Day, 5th April.

There will also be an additional session on

**Saturday 4th April at 10am in Church.**

To register your interest in this course please email Fr Stuart [stuart.craddock@stwulframs.com](mailto:stuart.craddock@stwulframs.com)

### Youth Confirmation

Confirmation is an important life event in the church and we would be delighted to welcome any young people who are in school year 8 and upwards to be part of this year's confirmation group.

We are delighted that Bishop Nicholas, The Bishop of Grantham, will be taking our Confirmation service on

**Sunday 5th July**

If you would like to be part of this year's confirmation group, please email Fr Stuart [stuart.craddock@stwulframs.com](mailto:stuart.craddock@stwulframs.com)



### Adult Confirmation

This course runs for a number of weeks and forms an introduction to what the Anglican Church believes: an opportunity to explore the essentials of the Christian faith, and to prepare you for your Confirmation in the Church of England.

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## Stations of the Cross in the Garden

**On Sunday afternoons from 3pm–4pm, the Gardens of Grantham House will be open for private prayer and reflection.**

Come and experience the peace and beauty of these amazing gardens.

Within the Walled Garden at Grantham House will be a series of reflections focusing on the Stations of the Cross: a prayerful walk recalling the last journey our Lord took on his way to his crucifixion.

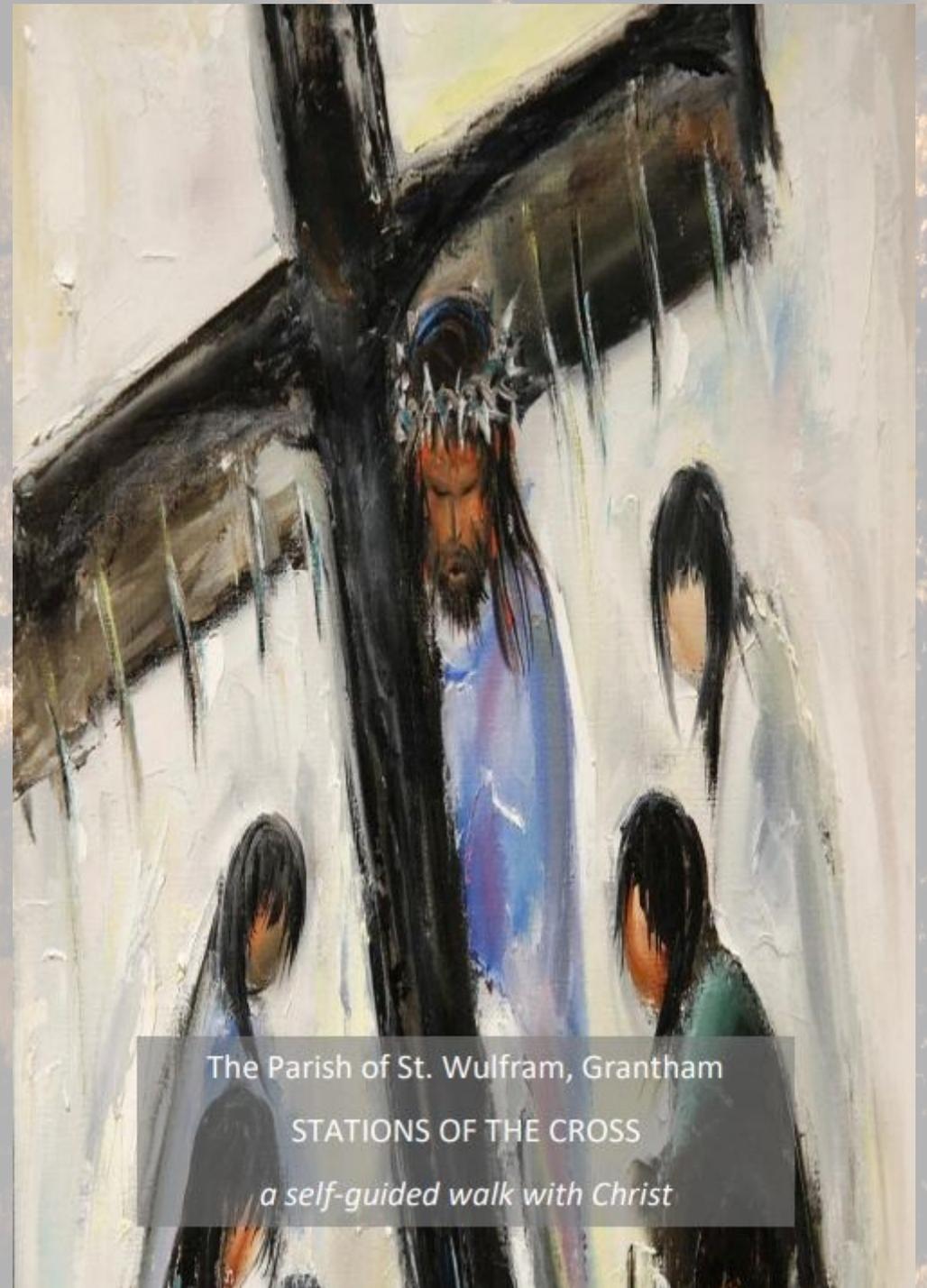
*Prayer resources can be found on our website or from one of the clergy as you enter the site.*

**Dates:**

**1st, 8th, & 22nd March**

**On the day:**

Please enter via the pedestrian gate which is immediately opposite St Wulfram's on Castlegate, between the House and the Stable Block.



The Parish of St. Wulfram, Grantham

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*a self-guided walk with Christ*

## Regular Services during Lent

### St Wulfram's

#### Sundays

8am Said Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am Choral Eucharist  
*(1st Sundays only)*

6.30pm Choral Evensong  
or Evening Prayer

#### Weekdays

Morning Prayer is said Tuesday—Friday at 9am at St Wulfram's

#### Tuesdays

12noon Eucharist

#### Wednesdays

10am BCP Communion

#### Thursdays

10.30am Eucharist

#### Fridays

5.15pm Choral Evensong  
*(During School Term Time)*

### Manthorpe

9.30am Sunday Service

1st Sunday Worship 4 All

2nd Sunday Eucharist

3rd Sunday Morning Prayer

4th Sunday Eucharist

### Spitalgate

6pm Choral Evensong

*(1st Sunday only)*

9.30am Morning Prayer

*(2nd Sunday only)*

11am Parish Eucharist

*(3rd Sunday only)*

## Key Diary Dates

## St Wulfram's

## Manthorpe

## Spitalgate

### Ash Wednesday

18th February

10.30am Eucharist with Ashing

7.30pm Choral Eucharist  
with Ashing

10am BCP Eucharist  
with Ashing

7pm Eucharist  
with Ashing

### Mothering Sunday

Saturday 14th March

Preparation Morning

10.30-11.30am (St Wulfram's)

*Please come along to church  
and help make all our posies of flowers*

Sunday 15th March

8am Eucharist

9.30am Eucharist

11am Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong  
and Benediction

### Passion Sunday

Sunday 22nd March

8am Eucharist

9.30am Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

## Holy Week

### St Wulfram's

**Palm Sunday**  
**29th March**

**8am Eucharist**  
**9.30am Procession**  
*from Little Gonerby School*  
**10.00am Parish Eucharist**  
  
**6.30pm Special Service**  
**for Palm Sunday**

**Holy Monday**  
**30th March**

*6pm Servers' Rehearsal for*  
*Maundy Thursday*  
**7.30pm Eucharist &**  
**Stations of the Cross**

**Tuesday**  
**31st March**

*6pm Servers' Rehearsal*  
*for Good Friday*  
**7.30pm Compline**

**Wednesday**  
**1st April**

*6pm Servers' Rehearsal*  
*for Holy Saturday*  
**7.30pm Healing Eucharist**

### Manthorpe

**10.00am Liturgy for Palm Sunday**

**7.30pm Compline**

**7.30pm Healing Eucharist**

**10am BCP Eucharist**

**7.30pm Compline**

### Spitalgate

**11am Eucharist**

# The Triduum

## Maundy Thursday

2nd April

### St Wulfram's

7.30pm Choral Eucharist with foot washing and vigil until midnight

### Manthorpe

10.00am Eucharist for Maundy Thursday

### Spitalgate

10.30am Eucharist for Maundy Thursday

## Good Friday

3rd April

10.00am—12.30pm  
**THE GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP**  
A morning of creativity and Reflection with our young people.

*Separate information will be available soon.*

1.15pm **Walk of Witness** from St John's, Spitalgate to St Wulfram's

2pm The Liturgy

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6pm Good Friday Act of Worship

## Holy Saturday

4th April

**Joint celebrations at St Wulfram's with all our communities.**

**5.30pm Easter Basket Blessing** *The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter has been part of the Easter tradition for centuries, especially across Eastern Europe. On Holy Saturday, families prepare their Easter Baskets with food for their Easter Day meal. Join us in this rich tradition by bringing your baskets to church to be blessed during this short service.*

6pm **The Family Meal** (Further details can be found on the next page)

8pm **Easter Vigil** (Please bring any bells, horns or anything to make a joyful noise)

## **EASTER DAY!**

Sunday 5th April

### St Wulfram's

8am Said Eucharist  
9.30am Procession from the Market Place  
10am Choral Eucharist & Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
**NO Evening Service.**

### Manthorpe

10.00am Eucharist

### Spitalgate

11am Eucharist

## **The Family Meal**

We are having a Family Meal together on Holy Saturday, rather than a Seder Meal.

It's still very much an opportunity for the whole of our church family to come together to anticipate the resurrection; and all ages are very welcome.

We gather in church at 6.00pm and we'll share some wonderful food, listening to some acoustic music while we prepare to celebrate the Easter Vigil and service of new fire at 8.00pm.

We very much hope that you'll make this a priority, along with all the other opportunities during Holy Week.

**Tickets must be purchased before Palm Sunday (29th March) so we know how many people to cater for.**

*£5 per person to cover costs (children under 16: no charge). Everyone attending (including children) must have a ticket. Tickets are available on Sunday mornings, online, or from the Parish Office.*

