



**Holy Week—A lot can happen in 7 days**

**What does it mean to be Easter People?**

It means being people who proclaim a King who defies expectations; who doesn't court popular opinion; who doesn't use his power to get what he wants.

It means being people who are willing to give him the things that are most precious to us, out of love for him.

It means being people who are willing to serve and love one another as selflessly as he did.

It means being people who live out our remembering of what he has done for us in a way that connects us to him and to one another.

It means being those who know we let him down; who know that, in our moments of weakness, we deny him in our words and actions—but who know he renews and restores us again and again.

It means being those who know we worship a Saviour who understands every pain and sorrow we bear, because he bears them too; every feeling of abandonment and anguish, because he feels them too.

It means being those who know that whatever we are facing we have hope, because he has conquered death itself. The tomb is empty. He is risen!

*Catherine*



**Thank you...**

... the amazing team of people who keep our churchyard looking so good. They've been working hard over the past few weeks to get everything ready for Easter and we really appreciate all their efforts.



**Messy Easter Journey**

In a slight change of plans there will be no Messy Easter service on Palm Sunday afternoon, but craft bags will be available to pick up from church between 3.00-4.30pm for those who have ordered these. There may be a few spares bags, if anyone knows any children who would like to join in, these will be available from the Vicarage after Sunday.

There will be a short service in the churchyard on **Easter Saturday afternoon (3rd April 3.00pm)**, where children can bring some of their crafts and celebrate the true meaning of Easter.

**Church Keys**

If you have any keys, whether they are for the church doors, tower, shed, bookshop, parish rooms, etc, please would contact the church office at 01630 653505 or [stmarysmarketdrayton@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmarketdrayton@gmail.com) or Avril Innocent at [avrilinnocent@btinternet.com](mailto:avrilinnocent@btinternet.com)

**Prayer**



Please pray for the people of northern Ethiopia, particularly the innocent civilians caught up in struggle between government and regional forces. Wyn Faulkner would value your prayers.

Pray for the true hope of Easter to be known through Christians everywhere.



## Holy Week Services

### PALM SUNDAY

9.00am Holy Communion in Church (BCP)

10.30am ZOOM (Breaking Bread)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Readings: Psalm 118.1-4, 13-end; Mark 11.1-11

### MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENING

7.00pm Compline (Zoom)

Using the usual Compline Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUZUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09>

Meeting ID: 783 2122 9825 Password: 3164610

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

Using the usual Morning Prayer Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

### MAUNDY THURSDAY (1st April)

7.00pm Iona Holy Communion in Church

Plus optional Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82527895295?pwd=S3VGyU54SHNBWxkzMGZHREUyUjZnUT09>

Meeting ID: 825 2789 5295 Passcode: 995646

### GOOD FRIDAY (2nd April)

2.00pm Good Friday Reflective Video

Available to watch on Facebook and

YouTube from 2.00pm <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3RShnzNqIS-bTomDxAxqJA>

### EASTER SATURDAY (3<sup>rd</sup> April)

3.00pm Messy Easter Journey service in churchyard

7.00pm Tenebrae Service

Pre-recorded and available to watch on Facebook and YouTube from 7.00pm (see YouTube link above).

### EASTER DAY (4<sup>th</sup> April)

6.15am Sunrise service in churchyard

*Please note you will be required to wear a mask and observe social distancing for this service.*

9.00am Holy Communion in church

10.30 Breaking Bread Zoom

Please use the usual Sunday Zoom link for this service as for Palm Sunday.

You can join any of the above services by phone using any of the following numbers and the meeting IDs and passwords above: 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240 / 0203 901 7895

0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874



## Spring Harvest Home '21

4th April—8th April

This year Spring Harvest will be streamed on a brand new platform. Watch and interact with exciting live worship celebrations, transformative teaching, insightful bible study, fun kids sessions and so much more, all from the comfort of your own home. Please follow the link below to book now.

Churches are offered a 10% discount when booking using the code SH21CCL. <https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21>

## Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required



Rice Pudding -No Stock

Sponge Puddings/Slab Cake-No Stock

Tinned Spaghetti—Low Stock

Tinned Fish(not Tuna)-Low Stock

Cooking & Pasta Sauces—Low Stock

Cereal (not porridge)

Long-Life Cartons of Fruit Juice

Antibacterial Wipes/Spray

Laundry Washing Liquid/Tablets/Pods

Local Supermarket vouchers-Morrisons/Lidl/Aldi/Asda/Sainsburys

Biscuits - Low Stock

Coffee –Low Stock

Cat Food-Dry

Toilet Rolls

Washing-up Liquid

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Rooms on Tuesdays and Fridays 9-11am. If you are unable to bring donations to the Parish Rooms or to the drop-off points in our local supermarkets, please contact Catherine McBride or Carol Corney, who can arrange to have someone come and pick up your donations.

## Lichfield Diocese Christian Aid Coronavirus Appeal

If you would like to donate to this appeal please follow this link for details <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/news/give-thanks-for-your-vaccination.php>

## Staying in Touch

Our Church Office is not staffed at the moment, but e-mails and phone messages are being picked up regularly:

**Phone:** 01630 653505 **E-mail:**

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We will continue to post information to our website and Facebook page:

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