



St Edward the Confessor

The Parish Church of Romford
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Welcome to St Edward's!

The Order of Service for the Sung Eucharist is found in 'The Eucharist' booklet. Today's Hymns, Collect and Readings are found in the accompanying-coloured sheet.

QR codes for you to access the 08:00 and 10:00 services via your phone are available on the reverse of this sheet.

Sunday 22 March 5th Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins

08:00 Said Eucharist

10:00 Sung Eucharist

Readings: Ezekeil 37: 1-14

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45

12:00 Baptism – Harley-John and
Gracie-May McCallum

Vicar:

Fr Jordan Palmer

Retired Priest:

Fr David Perry

Parish Administrator:

Mrs Angela Butt

Church Wardens:

Mrs Alex Quinn

Mrs Johanna Hardy

Services & Special Events this Week

Tuesday 24 March

10:00 Caterpillars

Wednesday 25 March

09.00 Morning Prayer

10:00 Said Eucharist

Thursday 26 March

09.00 Morning Prayer

09:30 Playgroup

10:00 Lent Course

13:30 Phoenix Group

19:00 Lent Course

Friday 27 March

09.00 Morning Prayer

13:10 Said Eucharist

18:00 Choir Practice

Saturday 28 March

Sunday 29 March

PALM SUNDAY

08:00 Said Eucharist

10:00 Sung Eucharist

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

The Passion Reading –

Matthew 26.14-27, 44

Easter Egg Appeal from S.M.I.L.E and Lennox

Thank you all so very much for all your support and generosity with this appeal so far! We have just over a week to go for the S.M.I.L.E deadline of March 25th, and the Lennox deadline is 31st March. We are doing so well, Thank you all again!

Hornchurch Passion Play – Join us

A number of us from St Edward's are planning to attend the *Hornchurch Passion Play on the Green*, next to the Queen's Theatre, on **Saturday 4th April at 7.30pm**. A few of us will be travelling by bus (as parking is limited), meeting **outside Romford Library bus station at 6.30pm**. If you would like to join us, please do come along – everyone is very welcome. It will be a wonderful opportunity to share in this powerful retelling of the Passion together.

Parents Please Note Junior Church Drop-off and Collection.

Please drop your child off at **Church House**, where the Junior Church team will be waiting to **sign your child in**. You will receive a card with your child's name — **please keep hold of this and return it when collecting your child**.

Collection will not be at Church House. Children will be brought into the church toward the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. Please go the **back area of Church** to collect your child by returning the card given. Collection will happen during the *Agnus Dei* (when the servers form a semi-circle at the front), so that you can receive the Holy Eucharist or a blessing together as a family, and release the Junior Church team to rejoin theirs.

Holy Week at St Edward's – What is it all about?

As we approach Easter, Christians around the world enter into what is known as **Holy Week**. It is the most important and meaningful week in the Christian year.

Holy Week tells the story at the very heart of the Christian faith: the final days of Jesus' life, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. Across the week, we don't just remember these events – we walk through them together, step by step, allowing the story to shape us, challenge us, and draw us closer to God.

- **Palm Sunday**, we begin by **gathering outside** (Iceland's) before **processing into Church with palms**, remembering Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. The service then moves from celebration to reflection as we hear the Passion Gospel, setting the tone for the week ahead.
- **Maundy Thursday**, we gather for a **Eucharist recalling the Last Supper**. As part of this, the priest **washes the feet** of those who wish to take part, following Jesus' example of humble service to his disciples. At the end of the service, the altar is stripped and we **keep watch** – this means remaining in quiet prayer for as long as you feel able, reflecting on Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane before leaving in silence.
- **Good Friday** is a solemn and prayerful time. Over the course of three hours, we journey through the events of the cross with **biblical readings, hymns or music, short reflections (a series of homilies), and space for silent prayer**. The service concludes with the option to **venerate the cross** – a simple act such as coming forward to touch or bow before the cross as a sign of reverence and gratitude – followed by Holy Communion.
- **Holy Saturday** is a day of stillness. **There are no services**, as the Church waits quietly, remembering that Jesus lies in the tomb.
- **Easter Sunday**, everything changes. We gather to celebrate the **joy of the resurrection** with uplifting worship, liturgy and the Eucharist, marking Jesus risen from the dead. **Junior Church** for children will be gathering in Church house, and after the service we will continue celebrating with our families and children with a **egg rolling race and easter egg hunt!**

Full details and times of all our Holy Week and Easter services can be found elsewhere in this notice sheet. Whether you've been part of church for years or are just exploring, you are very warmly invited to come and be part of this powerful journey.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

29th March – Palm Sunday

29th March – Easter Messy Church @ 12 pm

2nd April – Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30

3rd April – Good Friday – Foot of the Cross from 12 noon

*4th April – Passion Play – On the green next to Queens Theatre @ 7:30pm
– this event only happens every 5 years – it gets chilly, but worth it.*

5th April – Easter Sunday Dawn Service @ 7am,

Bacon and Sausage rolls served after the 8 am service

Easter Sunday Sung Eucharist @ 10:00am

Easter Messy Church (Volunteers needed)

Messy Church is happening on Sunday 29th March, after the Palm Sunday Service from 12noon. If you are a family, we would love to see you there. Come and enjoy lots of crafts and games, there is lots of fun to be had. We are looking for volunteers to help with various games and crafts for a couple of hours, as a parent if you would like to help out, or you have a little time to can give, please let Fr Jordan, Megan or Angela know if you would be able to assist. Thank you all so much!

Thank you!

We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to Margaret Wilkinson and Angela for all their work in knitting so many ducks for the Easter Egg sales. So far we have raised over £250.00 on the cash sales, and are waiting to see how much more has been raised via card payments. Thank you both, and thank you all for buying them!

Linen Volunteers Needed

After Easter, we are looking for additional people to join a small team who wash and iron the white linen used during communion services. If you feel you are able to offer your assistance or would like to find out more, please let the parish office know so I can arrange a short information session. Many thanks, Marion Richards

Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick

Luke Wilkinson, Glen, Ian Wingham, Brenda Clark, Pam Lawrence, Pam Prittle, Henry Jeeves, Mark Wingham, Brian Breeze, Elaine, Jane Uxford, John Wolfe, Faye Nunn, Sarah Slade, Andy McGill, Helen Brown, Sue and Bob Lucas, Stuart Norman, Baby William Rutland, Carole Avery, Martin Crean, Issac Ribbons, Matthew Venner, Peter Quinn, Angie Dutton, Baby Adam Sharoon.

The Departed

Those who have died recently, especially John Holland and all those whose anniversary occurs about this time especially Phillip Lendon and Carol Lendon

May all the faithful departed in Christ rest in peace ☩ and rise in glory.

The **Parish Office** is open **Tuesday – Friday 09:00 - 13:00** for telephone enquiries only. Enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, the Wykeham Hall, or other matters may be made during those hours or at any time via email. If you would like to discuss any topic, large or small, with the Vicar, please contact:

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Address:.....



