

DORCHESTER TEAM SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

19.00 COMPLINE – WARBOROUGH

21.00 COMPLINE – ONLINE – *see notice*

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

10:30 MORNING PRAYER – DORCHESTER ABBEY

19.00 TENEBRAE – TOOT BALDON

19.00 COMPLINE – STADHAMPTON

21.00 COMPLINE – ONLINE – *see notice*

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

9:00 MORNING PRAYER – BERINSFIELD – *followed by*

9:30 HOLY COMMUNION – BERINSFIELD

19.00 COMPLINE – LITTLE WITTENHAM

19.00 COMPLINE – WARBOROUGH

21.00 COMPLINE – ONLINE – *see notice*

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

19:30 MAUNDY THURSDAY TEAM EUCHARIST – ABBEY

including foot washing and stripping of the

sanctuary – optional Gethsemane watch

concluding with compline at 9.50pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

10:00 'WERE YOU THERE?' – DORCHESTER ABBEY

An all-age journey to the cross

12:00 MEDITATION HOUR – WARBOROUGH

14:00 THE LAST HOUR AT THE CROSS – ABBEY

14:00 ALL AGE WORSHIP – STADHAMPTON

HOLY SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

18:30 FOR 19.15 TEAM EASTER VIGIL – STADHAMPTON

Outdoor fireside vigil for all ages, with baptism.

Hot dogs served from 18.30

EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

5:30 DAWN SERVICE – BERINSFIELD (*outdoors*)

8:00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) – DORCHESTER ABBEY

9:30 EASTER CELEBRATION – DRAYTON ST LEONARD

9:30 HOLY COMMUNION – LONG WITTENHAM

9:30 EASTER HOLY COMMUNION – STADHAMPTON

10:30 EASTER FAMILY EUCHARIST – DORCHESTER ABBEY

10:30 EASTER HOLY COMMUNION – CLIFTON HAMPDEN

10:30 EASTER CELEBRATION – MARSH BALDON

11:00 HOLY COMMUNION – CULHAM

11:00 EASTER PARISH EUCHARIST – WARBOROUGH

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ST LAURENCE CHURCH, WARBOROUGH

PALM SUNDAY – 29TH MARCH

Welcome to our services today, especially any who are visiting us or are new parishioners. Please make yourself known to the clergy or those on duty.

THE COLLECT PRAYERS

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS

Matthew 21:1-11

²¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.'⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you have answered
me and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- ²⁷ The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of
the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father

HOLY WEEK COMPLINE ONLINE – MONDAY-WEDS AT 9PM

For those who don't wish to venture out in the evening, Rev'd Emma will be leading Compline in traditional language online, on Monday-Wednesday evening of Holy Week (30th March to 1st April). Starting at 9pm, this will last for about 20 minutes.

If you would like to, please join me on Zoom with your mug of cocoa!

Zoom details for all evenings:

Meeting ID: 835 4441 6790 Passcode: 704162

For Zoom issues on the day:

revemmafirth@gmail.com or 07498 762485.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Let us pray to Jesus this Palm Sunday:

Loving Christ, as you entered Jerusalem, welcomed with Hosannas and palms, we pray that we can truly welcome you into our troubled world today; please bring peace where there is war, healing where there is harm, and reconciling courage where fear divides.

As you stretch your grace across nations, we pray you soften hardened hearts, guide leaders in wisdom, justice and peace, and shelter the vulnerable.

As we remember you humbly riding on a donkey, help us to learn humility, to serve as your hands and feet in our communities, noticing need and nurturing quiet acts of compassion. We pray for all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit, praying for your healing consolation to be with them.

As you loved little children, so we pray for children, young people and families in our communities. We pray for joy and rest for students and teachers over the Easter holidays.

As we enter Holy Week, help us to travel as pilgrims with you on your journey to the Cross and to rejoice with you in the Resurrection light of Easter. In this, we remember and commit to your care all those we have loved and lost. **Amen**

WARBOROUGH NEWS

A warm welcome to all who have joined us today for our donkey-led procession and Palm Sunday Eucharist Service. Please join us in St Laurence Hall for refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome.



We have a Compline here, 7pm tomorrow.

This is a service of quietness and reflection at the end of the day.

We pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. We pray for the family and friends of Rosemary Hellas, who died last week.

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, WARBOROUGH

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday *Weave palm crosses and reflect on Jesus' humility.*
 Sunday 29th March
 11am Family Eucharist Service
 with a donkey-led procession from the Pavillion on the Green.
 Followed by refreshments.

Holy Monday *Reflect on Jesus cleansing the temple meaningfully.*
 Monday 30th March
 7pm Compline

Holy Tuesday *Reflection at the end of the day.*
 Tuesday 31st March
 7pm Compline
 at St John the Baptist Church, Stadhampton

Holy Wednesday *Perform acts of kindness to show love and compassion.*
 Wednesday 1st April
 7pm Compline

Maundy Thursday *Reflect with the wider congregation.*
 Thursday 2nd April
 7.30pm Dorchester Team Service
 in the Abbey Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Dorchester

Good Friday *Walk the Stations of the Cross and meditate on His sacrifice.*
 Friday 3rd April
 12noon: Meditation Hour

Easter Sunday *Celebrate the resurrection with worship.*
 Sunday 5th April
 11am Family Eucharist Service
 Followed by refreshments in St Laurence Hall

Dorchester Festival 2026 1-10th May

Dorchester Festival is just 5 weeks away so please do buy your tickets now! A community run 64 events over 10 days Festival based in and around Dorchester Abbey raising money for the Abbey and Be Free Young Carers, who support carers aged 12-18 with a network, fun days out and one to one support.

There is an event for everyone from big names like Jay Rayner and The Kings Singers to La Boheme opera, Streisand, art workshops and spiritual events and loads of children's fun from duck races to a Mad Science! Afternoon and scarecrow trail. Vicars will walk on custard, an MP will abseil down the tower and tea will be served madly at the Mad Hatters Tea Party. Please do come and bring family and friends!

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