



# **The Holy Week Journey**

**St. Mary's Church Potton**

**All Saints' Sutton**

**St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley**

***We invite you to travel expectantly, as we retell and relive our most important story, the story of Holy Week.***

***Through scripture, symbolic action and prayer, we seek to enter into these cosmically significant narratives. In them we see again a God who is not distant from the realities of human life, nor one that merely observes His creation passively. On the contrary, we see a God experiencing the darkest human experiences and through them winning for us victory and salvation over the dark powers.***

Attending Remotely Via Zoom

Those services marked with a \* may be accessible via Zoom. Please contact Rev. Alex on alex.wheatley.rector@gmail.com.

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## **Palm Sunday**

**29 March**

***Our journey begins as we travel with Christ, atop a donkey into Jerusalem. This is a kingly moment, but the king entering the city is sad, humble and there is an air of gloom.***

### **Palm Sunday Procession**

10am – Holy Communion - St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\*

This service begins with a procession and looks ahead to the rest of Holy Week.



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## **Watching & Waiting**

***We await to see what this week will bring for Jesus and ultimately for us.***

### **Compline (Night Prayer) Services (7.00pm)**

With our Night Prayer services we keep a spirit of watchful attentiveness.

Monday (30 March) - All Saints Sutton

Tuesday (31 March)- St. Marys Potton\*

Wednesday (1 April) – St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\*

## Maundy Thursday

2 April

***This night sees a sudden acceleration in the story. We recall the story of the Last Supper with a meal shared together. Then with the Watch we enter the silence and tension of the garden of Gethsemane.***

### The Last Supper: Agape Meal Service

7.30pm—St. Marys HALL, Potton\*

This service explores the deeper meanings behind the Last Supper through prayers, music and a simple shared meal together. (*This meal will be vegetarian, but if you have any other dietary requirements, please contact us ahead of time.*)

### The Garden of Gethsemane: The Watch

8.30pm—9.30pm— St. Mary's CHURCH, Potton

Attendees from the Agape service move from the Hall into Church in a solemn procession (though any can join us at this point if they wish). Once in church we share a quiet prayerful time in which we remember Jesus' agony in the garden, his betrayal and his arrest.

## Good Friday: Crucifixion and Burial

3 April

***As we look upon the crucified Jesus, we see defeat, we see loss and we see pain, but we also come to this scene with hindsight, knowing that this was all for us.***

### Good Friday Morning

10am Walk of Witness – Start at St. Marys Potton

We walk from St. Marys to the Salvation Army Chapel. Our walking is our telling of Christ's walk from trial to execution. Its also a witness to what we believe is 'really' happening in the story. What Jesus is really about in these sad and confusing events. The second half of the service takes place in the Salvation Army Chapel. We then share in tea and hot cross buns.

### Good Friday: Hour by the Cross

12 noon – All Saints Sutton

1pm – St. Marys Potton

2pm - St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\*

Simple services of readings from the Bible, as well as music and other readings to help us really engage with this, the saddest part of the church's year.



# Hope is Kindled: The Night Before Easter

4 April

***Hope and anticipation spreads as candle light spreads through the our darkened church.***



## Easter Vigil

8pm – Vigil & Communion - St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\*

We welcome the return of our Lord and begin to marvel at his resurrection in this moving service. It begins in darkness as we recall the story of humanity's separation from God. Then, suddenly, light returns as we celebrate for the first time the resurrection of Jesus!

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## Easter Day

5 April

***He is Risen! Jesus has returned and won a victory over sin and death! We reassess what we saw on Good Friday, realising that what looked like defeat was in fact the beginning of something new! Today we are relieved. Today we are full of wonder. Today we celebrate!***

### Easter Day at Sutton

9am – Holy Communion - All Saints Sutton

All Saints celebrates by lighting the 'Fire of Easter' and with a service of Holy Communion. After weeks of being subdued through Lent, our words take on a celebratory tone with Halleluiahs abounding! This will also be the time to come and learn what the previous week means to us!



### Easter Day at Potton

10:30am – All Age Communion & Egg Hunt – St. Marys Potton\*

St. Mary's celebrates with an All Age Communion and an Easter Egg Hunt. This is a popular service with a joyful family atmosphere. Plus a child-friendly explanation of what all the previous week means to us!

***“He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”***

(Colossians 1: 13-14)