

THE GREAT WEEK: HOLY WEEK & EASTER at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Rishton



COME AND WALK THE JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

Holy Week is the most important week of the Christian year. During these sacred days we do more than simply remember events from the past—we enter into them. Step by step, we follow Jesus through joy, sacrifice, silence, and finally the glory of resurrection. By gathering each day, we allow the story of our salvation to unfold around us and within us.

*Come and make this **The Great Week**—a week that deepens faith, renews hope, and fills our hearts with the joy of Easter.*

PALM SUNDAY – THE JOURNEY BEGINS

On Palm Sunday we recall Jesus entering his own city of Jerusalem, welcomed with joy and praise.

For us, the church becomes Jerusalem for a week. Together we begin the journey with Jesus—walking with him toward the Cross, the tomb, and the triumph of the Resurrection.

Come and take your place in the crowd, waving palms and opening your heart to the story that will change the world.

*Preacher: Reverend Doctor Mark Jason
Minister at Rishton Methodist Church*



MAUNDY THURSDAY – LOVE IN ACTION

On this holy night we remember the final evening of Jesus' earthly life.

We gather as his disciples did. Members of our church have their feet washed as a sign of humble service. We share in the Eucharist of the Last Supper, where Jesus gives himself to us in bread and wine.

Then we remain with him into the night, keeping watch in prayer just as the disciples were asked to do in the garden. During this time the church is stripped, reminding us that the hour of suffering is drawing near. Come and watch with the Lord.

*Preacher: Father Calum Crombie
Senior Chaplain - His Majesty's Prison Service*



GOOD FRIDAY – THE CROSS

On Good Friday we stand before the mystery of the Cross.

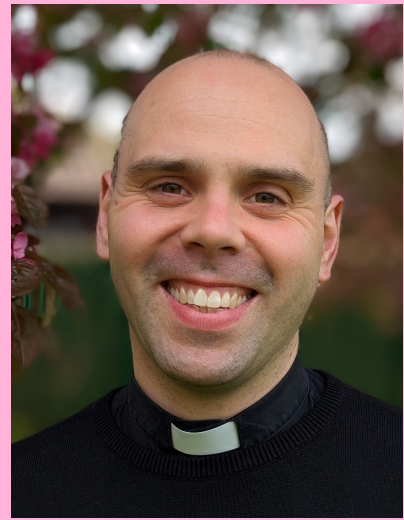
The church is bare. The service is simple and solemn. Together we hear again the story of Christ's passion and we come forward to honour the Cross—the sign of God's love poured out for the world.

We receive the Lord's Body and worship in quiet reverence, remembering the sacrifice that brings us life.

Come and kneel at the Cross.

Preacher: Reverend Doctor Andy Meeson

Bishop of Blackburn's Chaplain & Biblical Scholar



HOLY SATURDAY – THE EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil is **the greatest and most powerful service of the year.**

In darkness we gather around the new fire. The light of Christ is carried into the church, and the darkness is slowly overcome by candlelight. We listen to the great story of salvation and proclaim with joy that Christ is risen.

It is a service filled with hope, beauty, and deep meaning—the night when the Church rejoices in the victory of life over death.

Come and experience the wonder of the Resurrection beginning.

Followed by a party at the Vicarage!

Preacher: Fr Steven Martin

Vicar: Bamber Bridge & Walton-le-dale



EASTER DAY – CHRIST IS RISEN!

Easter is the day of resurrection and joy! The sorrow of the Cross gives way to the glory of the empty tomb. Death has been defeated. Sin is forgiven. New life has begun.

On this day the Church bursts into celebration, proclaiming the greatest truth of our faith: **Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!**

Come and share in the joy of Easter.

**WALK THE WHOLE JOURNEY. LIVE THE WHOLE STORY.
CELEBRATE THE VICTORY OF CHRIST.**