

EASTER DAY (5 April)



**Sung Eucharist**  
at 8.30 am

An early morning celebration of the risen Christ making himself known as we break bread and share the communion wine.  
Joyful Easter hymns and music sung by the full choir.

**All Age Worship**  
at 10.45 am

An informal gathering with the opportunity for all to join in singing the *Hallelujah Chorus* by Handel and a distribution of Easter eggs.

**Holy Communion (shortened)**  
at 12.00 noon

For those who wish to stay on after All age Worship  
as well as for those unable to come to the early morning Eucharist.

**Festal Evensong**  
at 6.30 pm

A glorious choral service with a sermon to conclude Easter Day.

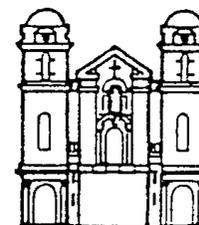
HE IS RISEN  
ALLELUIA!

**There is an Easter Carol Service**  
on the fifth Sunday of Easter  
**3 May at 6.30 pm.**

Eastertide is celebrated until **Pentecost – Whit Sunday – 24 May.**

# Holy Week & Easter 2015

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREATER



LONDON ROAD  
(opposite Victoria Park)  
LEICESTER

**KEEPING HOLY WEEK** is one of the oldest Christian traditions.

The idea of re-enacting the last week in the earthly life of Jesus goes back to a time before Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire.

This was in the first 300 years of the church when Christian festivals had no place in the calendar most people lived by. In recent years, England has been drifting back into a pagan way of life.

For most people Good Friday is just an ordinary weekday, and the 'holiday weekend' is marked by DIY projects, congested roads, boredom and even loneliness on the 'Bank Holiday' Monday.

The Alternative is to *keep* Holy Week - and to encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do so as well!

This means reckoning with the *whole* week - including the crucial fact of Jesus' suffering and death - and then the joy of God raising him from the dead. If Good Friday is missed, Easter loses its meaning.

A description of each of the days follows ...

# Holy Week

## PALM SUNDAY (March 29)

*please note – clocks go forward by an hour*

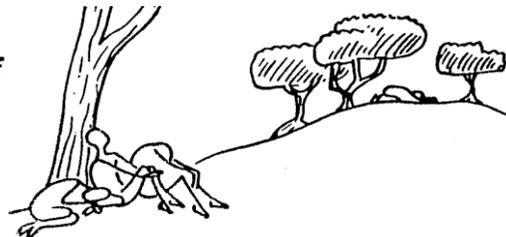
There is the usual service of **Holy Communion at 8.30 am**. The mid morning congregation is invited to assemble earlier than usual at **10.10 am** in the Church Hall. There we recall Jesus setting out from the Mount of Olives to enter Jerusalem. We shall then process to Church. In the **Eucharist** that follows at **10.30 am**, a dramatised reading of the Passion Gospel according to St Mark introduces the rest of the week. **Evensong** is sung by choir and congregation at **6.30 pm** with a sermon reflecting on the kingship of Christ.

## MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY (March 30, 31 & April 1)

The late night service of **Compline** is each evening at **7.30 pm**. Short addresses on each evening will reflect on 'Jesus – our Prophet, Priest and King'  
**Holy Communion** is celebrated on Tuesday at **7.15 am**.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 2)

There is the usual service of **Holy Communion at 10.15 am**. Everyone is welcome to attend a special service to be held in the Cathedral at 11.00 am at which the clergy renew their ordination vows. **From 7.30 pm** an observance in three parts – we shall recall Jesus washing his disciples' feet, the Last Supper, and Jesus' night of prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. The celebration of **Holy Communion** on this, of all nights, will alert us to the presence of Christ as we share bread and wine in remembrance of him. **A Watch of Prayer** continues until 10.00pm as we – latter day disciples – are in heart and mind with Jesus on the night before his death.



**Please put your name to half hour or so on the list in church to ensure continuity in the watch.**

## GOOD FRIDAY (April 3)

Working adults may feel strongly enough to take a day's *holiday* - in the sense that this is one of the holiest days for Christians.

**Leicester@theCross from 11.00am** Leicester's famous Good Friday Christian witness with readings, drama, music and singing.

**Link:** [www.leicester.anglican.org/leicester-at-the-cross](http://www.leicester.anglican.org/leicester-at-the-cross)

**Lunch is available from 12.30** for those who have come from the town centre witness as well as for those glad to share a simple lunch before the next service in church. A donation of at least £3 is suggested. **Please sign the list at the back of the church in advance.**

**An Hour at the Foot of the Cross** is to be kept from **2.00pm**. 'Regarding the face of Christ on the Cross' – meditations assisted by the writings of Julian of Norwich, hymns, prayers and shared silence.

## GOOD FRIDAY EVENING

**A Devotional Service** based on the ancient Holy Week service of Tenebrae (meaning 'darkness') is at **7.30 pm** – readings, prayers, choral music and congregational hymns in a progressively darkened church.

# Easter

## EASTER EVE (4 April)

In the morning the church is decorated by the Flower Guild.

**Please donate for Easter flowers.**

Beginning at **8.30 pm** for the lighting of the New Fire, the **Easter Watch** includes the renewal of Baptismal Vows – with the powerful reminder that our Baptism identifies us with the death of Jesus.

Candlelight spread from the Pascal Candle represents the light of Christ overcoming death and despondency.

