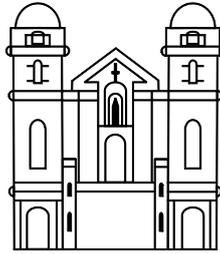


# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREATER



LONDON ROAD

(opposite Victoria Park)

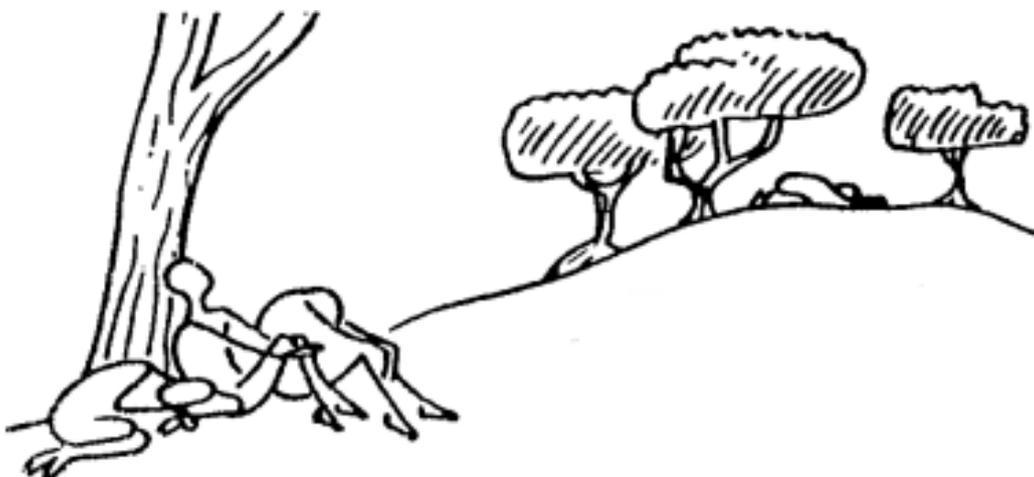
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**KEEPING HOLY WEEK** is one of the oldest Christian traditions. Through a rich variety of services, words, music and symbolic acts it gives us the chance to enter into the events at the heart of the Christian story, shaping our whole way of life.

To appreciate this fully it is good to participate in the whole sweep of Holy Week Services, especially the Triduum, encompassing Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and only then the celebration of Easter itself.

If Good Friday is missed, Easter loses its meaning.

**A description of each of the days follows ...**



# Holy Week

## **PALM SUNDAY (March 25th)**

There is the usual service of **Holy Communion at 8.30 am.**

For the mid morning service, the 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.

In place of **Evensong** at 6.30 pm there will be a performance of **The Crucifixion** by Stainer by the Choirs of St James the Greater.

## **MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**

The late night service of **Compline** is each evening at **6.30 pm.**

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY (29th March)**

The Diocesan Chrism Eucharist, during which the clergy of the diocese renew their ordination vows and Holy Oils are blessed, is at the **Cathedral at 11 am** – all are welcome. ***Please note there will not be a 10.15am service at St James the Greater so that we can join Andrew at the Cathedral.***

**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.

Volunteers' feet will be washed by the Vicar and 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 (March 30th)

### DAYTIME

**Leicester@theCross** from **11.00am** in the **City Centre** Leicester's famous Good Friday Christian witness with readings, drama, music and singing.  
[www.leicester.anglican.org/leicester-at-the-cross](http://www.leicester.anglican.org/leicester-at-the-cross)

**Good Friday Reflection** is from **1.00pm**.

A simple service of words, prayer and silent reflection.

### 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 (31st March)



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.

## **EASTER DAY (1st 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.

### **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

**29th April at 6.30 pm.**

Eastertide is celebrated until Pentecost – Whit Sunday – 20th May.