

Holy Week



Holy Week and Easter 2024

Through Holy Week the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday** to the empty tomb on **Easter morning**. The procession with palms is followed by the reading of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of Holy Week is anticipated.

Maundy Thursday contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After keeping vigil ("*Could you not watch with me one hour?*") Thursday passes into **Good Friday** with the **veneration of the Cross** and often the sequence of meditations and music known as the Three Hours' Devotion.



There is not a celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday; instead, consecrated bread and wine remaining from the Maundy Thursday eucharist are given in **communion**.

The churches remain bare and empty through the following day (Saturday), which is a day without a liturgy. There can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of Our Lord, other than in silence and desolation.

But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the **Easter Vigil with the Ceremony of Lights** draws near.



Services

Palm Sunday **Sunday 24th March**



8 a.m. **Eucharist (BCP)**
The Minster.

9.30 a.m. **Palm Sunday Eucharist** with blessing of palms,
procession and Passion Reading
At the Minster, St John's and
St Aldhelm's, Bishopstrow

11.15 a.m. St Mary's, Upton Scudamore

Monday to Wednesday in Holy Week (25th – 27th March)

7.30 p.m. **Compline** with Address at the Minster

Maundy Thursday: Thursday 28th March

6.30 p.m. **Agapē** (shared Eucharistic meal) with
taking of reserved sacrament to the
altar of repose, stripping the Church
and **vigil** to 9 p.m. – at the Minster



Good Friday - Friday 29th March

9.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (from the reserved sacrament)
At the Minster

10.30 a.m. **United Walk of Witness** (Churches Together)
Walking from St George's Church followed by

11.00 a.m. Service at St Lawrence's Chapel

2 p.m. **The Way of the Cross with Veneration
of the Cross**
At St John's Church



Easter Eve - Saturday Evening, 30th March

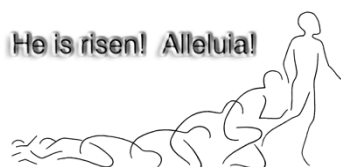
8 p.m. **Ceremony of Lights, Easter Vigil** and
Renewal of Baptismal promises. At St
Mary's, Upton Scudamore



Easter Day - Christ is risen!

Easter Day - Sunday 31st March

8 a.m. **Eucharist** (BCP) At the
Minster.



9.30 a.m. **Easter Festival Eucharist** with welcoming of the
Paschal Candle. At the Minster, St John's and
St Aldhelm's, Bishopstrow.

11.15 a.m. **Easter Festival Eucharist**
At St. Mary's, Upton Scudamore.