

# ALL SAINTS'



## This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

### Services for Holy Week and Eastertide

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)

##### 10.00 Family Eucharist on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87271593002?pwd=Um5QT3Z2ZEZXS0VLa3pTaG13cUxTZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 7159 3002

Passcode: 967985

##### 11.30 Said Eucharist in All Saints

We will follow the government guidelines of distancing, sanitising, facemasks and no conversation.

##### 6.30 Meditation for Palm Sunday

See

<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/worship.php#PSpm>

#### Monday of Holy Week 29<sup>th</sup>

##### 19.00 or later Compline

A Compline for Monday of Holy Week specially recorded by our choir, see

<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/worship.php#HMpm>

#### Tuesday of Holy Week 30<sup>th</sup>

##### 11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88015708219>

Meeting ID: 880 1570 8219

##### 19.00 or later Compline

A Compline for Tuesday of Holy Week specially recorded by our choir, see

<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/worship.php#HTpm>

##### 19.30 Live Lent Session 6

*Finding echoes of the story of Jesus in our world today*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84970984521>

Meeting ID: 849 7098 4521

#### Wednesday of Holy Week 31<sup>st</sup>

##### 19.00 or later Compline

A Compline for Wednesday of Holy Week specially recorded by our choir, see

<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/worship.php#HWpm>

#### Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

##### 20.00 Holy Communion (said) in All Saints

#### Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

##### 14.00 An Hour at the Foot of the Cross on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83733477987?pwd=RUhUR0M2cVYR3MzcDVaQlcxemY5UT09>

Meeting ID: 837 3347 7987

Passcode: 549242

#### Easter Day 4<sup>th</sup>

##### 10.00 Family Eucharist on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87271593002?pwd=Um5QT3Z2ZEZXS0VLa3pTaG13cUxTZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 7159 3002

Passcode: 967985

##### 11.30 Said Eucharist in All Saints

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#### Tuesday of Easter Week 6<sup>th</sup>

##### 11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88015708219>

Meeting ID: 880 1570 8219

##### 19.30 Live Lent Session 7

*Stories of finding Jesus*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84970984521>

Meeting ID: 849 7098 4521

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 11<sup>th</sup>

##### 10.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87681359483>

Meeting ID: 876 8135 9483

##### 11.30 Said Eucharist in All Saints

We will follow the government guidelines of distancing, sanitising, facemasks and no conversation.

##### 'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

Call 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131460 1196 and use meeting id followed by #

### Change your clocks!

We move to British Summer Time at 1.00am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to move you clocks FORWARD when you go to bed on 27<sup>th</sup>!

# Passion, suffering and triumph

Dear Friends,

This year there could be no clearer illustration of the message of Passiontide and Easter than the Covid crisis which we are living through. If we ever allowed ourselves to imagine that death and resurrection were remote from our experience or immediate concern, they surely aren't now.

We have now lived through a year of passion and suffering, noting the escalating number of extra deaths and for many of us dealing with the onset of the illness with our loved ones or in our own lives. The physical suffering is accompanied by the feeling of isolation and remoteness, with the challenge of living with the need to keep ourselves together.

In the Gospel story, we see that Jesus encounters pain and suffering as he is arrested, scourged and crucified, and mental torment in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the Cross at Golgotha. He is isolated from his disciples, none of whom is there for him in his time of need.

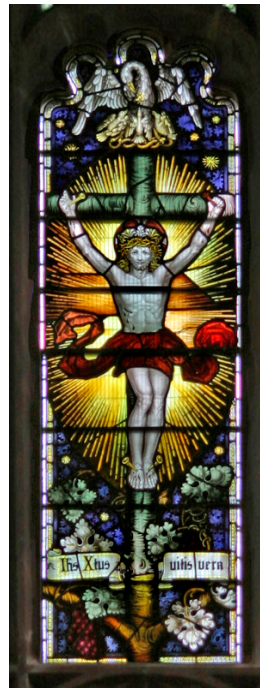
The Passion chimes in with our own lives, for this has been a tough time for most of us. It brings home the reality of our mortal state and the fact that there can be threats to our health and well-being. Is it not part of our faith, that we accompany Jesus on his journey to the cross because it mirrors our own need to feel that God understands our suffering and pain?

We are now in a place where we dare to hope that this long period of suffering and uncertainty is coming to an end. The virus may not be entirely eradicated, but it is under control. The numbers infected, hospitalised, dying are all decreasing week by week.

At times it has looked as if we could be stuck in this time forever. But while we can never forget the Passion, for it teaches us so much, we are entering the time of the resurrection. It is odd and interesting that there is currently a lot of preoccupation with who can go to the pub or on holiday. There is so much more to

finding freedom to live our lives without the danger of infection and its result. Hospitality and vacations are good things, but living a fulfilled life is ultimately so much more.

The Passion and Resurrection are there in our own personal stories, and within the nationwide and worldwide drama of the pandemic. The pain and mortality are brought home all too clearly, and we all need to learn from that, but now we can experience more of the wonder of hope. We can begin to find new life, for Easter is about dying to the old life and rising to the new.



Jesus' life is one with ours, in the depths of sadness and now in the joy of triumph. Our Christian story is about Christ conquering over the powers of death, and if we have felt the threat of those powers more acutely than before, we can turn to him afresh to embrace the glorious freedom and hope which God gives us, perhaps more than in our previous Easters.

Yes, perhaps like the first followers and disciples who, shocked and stunned after the crucifixion, hardly dared to believe that Jesus had been raised, we can begin to trust in God more securely and dedicate our lives afresh to loving and serving him in our troubled world.

Love, Jo

## Annual meetings

These will be held after the 10.00 am service on 25<sup>th</sup> April by Zoom. More information in our newsletter on 16<sup>th</sup> April. This will include all the statutory reports and plans for the future.

As the last APCM was held in October 2020 we feel it is too soon to expect a fresh round of reports from individual groups.

## Holy Week/Retreat

There are many ways we can use Holy Week to prepare for the Joy of Easter.

Our choir have created musical commentaries for each day. These can be found, along with much else, on our worship webpage at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/worship.php>

This webpage also includes links to services from the Diocese and the Church of England and will be updated during the week as more materials are released.

There are also a number of sequences/events/materials that you can use for individual or family events:

### Walking the Way of the Cross



Reflections on all fifteen Stations by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, Canon Dr Paula Gooder and Bishop Philip North.

The Stations of the Cross have formed part of Christian devotion for many centuries because they offer a particularly vivid way of following in the steps of Jesus on the way of the Cross.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/stations-cross>

## Exploring Prayer with Archbishop Justin

Over five lessons, Archbishop Justin explores different ways of praying. From asking for things and giving thanks, to expressing deep sadness and anger, Exploring Prayer helps you begin – or develop – your conversation with God.

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/exploring-prayer>

### Six reflections on the theme **Be Still:**

(<https://revrhona.wixsite.com/website/scripture-prayer-stations>)

- 1 And all these things shall be given to you...
- 2 Clothe yourself with compassion....
- 3 But how far will they go among so many....
- 4 How great is God...
- 5 How majestic...
- 6 Look at the birds of the air

## BBC4 services

### Sunday

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds>

### Daily Service

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

### Jesuits - Knowing Jesus

<https://www.onlineprayer.net/>

BBC4 support for this course

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3gGFW2dW4dqbsFxmJqzdmD/pathways-to-prayer-lent-retreat-2021>

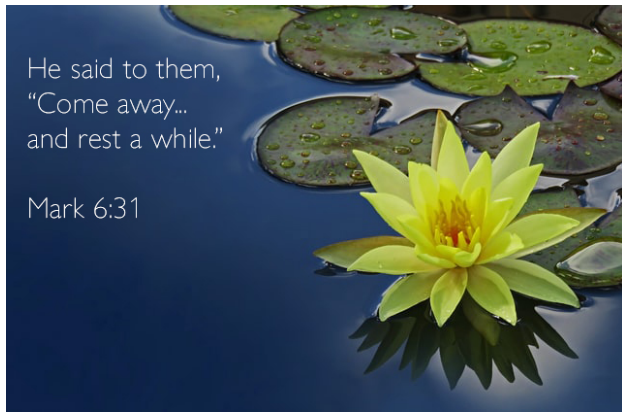
## Short Retreats

### 'Come Away' with the Diocese

"Come Away..." – with so much of work, life and ministry based from home at the present, we need to try that bit harder to come away from it all. Be encouraged to turn off your email notifications, switch your phone to silent, and set aside some time from the busyness to spend time in God's presence, reading and reflecting on his Word and in fellowship with others.

These short retreats, based on The Feeding of the Five Thousand, from the gospel of Mark, are planned on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (29-31 March 2021).

Open to everybody, the retreat will be a combination of personal and group guided reflections and prayer. We hope they will provide an opportunity to listen to God and to minister to one another.



Format - 2 hours during Holy Week, 1st hour - personal Bible reading and reflection on Mark's account of The Feeding of the Five Thousand (Mark 6:30-44) 2nd hour - join your selected Zoom group to share in some further discussion and prayer about this passage.

Find out more and share the invitation with others:

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/holy-week-short-retreats-come-away/>

### Events from the cathedral

As Lent progresses and we enter Holy Week, we contemplate Christ's suffering and death before the celebration of his resurrection at Easter. With services and activities online and in person, we look forward to welcoming you to worship with us.

Our full Holy Week and Easter programme is available at  
<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Listing/Category/holy-week-and-easter>

### Events/ideas for Children

Learn how to make donkey's ears and link in to other events at the cathedral at  
<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/childrens-easter-activities>

### Messy Church at home - Lent)

The 40 days of Lent is the period leading to the joyful celebration of Easter. Let us use this

time to reflect, contemplate and pray. Let us stop, and be still. 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.' Psalm 46:10

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/messy-church-home-be-still-lent>

### Messy Church at home - Easter

In the northern hemisphere, Easter happening in springtime seems like just the right time of year, with signs of new life springing up all around us. This time of year can help direct us to a message of hope that we can find in Jesus within the Easter story.

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/messy-church-home-easter>

### Holy Week Journey

A journal format covering each day from Palm Sunday to Easter Day

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/16641/holy-week-journey-for-young-people.pdf>

## Worship at Home from the Church of England

**Maundy Thursday** - Rev Adam Beaumont and his family will be leading worship at home

**Good Friday** - Suzanne Matthews and her family will be leading worship at home

Join us at 9am on Thursday 1st April and Friday 2nd April. They will premiere here on the Church of England website, Facebook and YouTube.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/worship-home-easter-sunday-and-holy>

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