

## Holy Week 25<sup>th</sup> March – I<sup>st</sup> April



Holy Week is the most important week of the Church's year. We walk with Jesus from the triumph of the entry to Jerusalem, through the intimacy of the Last Supper, and the desolation of his death on the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Please join in this week as fully as you are able, praying that God will bring this story alive in your life today.



## Palm Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

The crowds were looking for a King, and some thought they'd found one in Jesus. They shouted 'Hosanna' as he made his way to Jerusalem, but once there they turned against him and cried 'Crucify'. Our main service today starts with a procession carrying our palm branches. Once in church the atmosphere alters as we read the Passion story. Holy Week has begun.

#### Services for Palm Sunday, 25th March

9.00am	Early Service at Holy Trinity
10.00am 10.30am	<b>Palm Liturgy</b> outside Centre Court Tesco and <b>Procession</b> to <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at Holy Trinity South Wimbledon
	<b>Palm Liturgy</b> at Christ Church Colliers Wood and <b>Procession</b> to <b>Parish Eucharist</b> at St John the Divine Merton
7.00pm	Team Lent Evening Worship at Holy Trinity With contributions from members of our Lent Group

## Monday – Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March

## Finding Grace How meeting Jesus changes us

Our evening service will look at Jesus' encounters with a woman in the Pharisees house, with Zacchaeus, and at a meal in Matthew's house. Each of whom discover that Jesus breaks through their exclusion and restores them to relationship; they discover they are loved and change.



#### Services for Monday – Wednesday, 26th – 28th March

#### MONDAY

12.15pm Eucharist at Holy Trinity South Wimbledon

 7.30pm Holy Week Service at St John's Merton *Finding Healing*  A service of healing and renewal, including a chance for anointing as a sign or God's grace and new life.

#### TUESDAY

12.15pm Eucharist at Christ Church Colliers Wood

7.30pm Holy Week Service at Holy Trinity South Wimbledon Finding Engagement A service of meditation and peace – including times of silence and contemplation.

#### WEDNESDAY

- 9.45am Eucharist at St John the Divine Merton
- 7.30pm Holy Week Service at Christ Church Colliers Wood Finding Community

A service in the context of a shared meal. Please sign the list to tell us you are coming. Please look out for details of members of each church might bring on notice sheets. We invite a contribution towards costs.



## Maundy Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

At his last supper with his disciples Jesus showed them the meaning of his life and death. He washed their feet, the act of a servant. He gave them bread and wine, signs of his life poured out for us. Today's evening Eucharist recalls Jesus' self-giving in these ways. A watch of prayer follows, to mark Jesus praying in Gethsemane – and inviting us to pray with him for one hour.

#### Services for Maundy Thursday, 29th March

- 11.00am Chrism Eucharist at Southwark Cathedral including renewal of ordination promises and blessing of holy oils.
- 7.30pm **Eucharist of the Last Supper** services at <u>both</u> Holy Trinity South Wimbledon <u>and</u> Christ Church Colliers Wood The service is followed by a **Watch of Prayer** until midnight. You are warmly encouraged to spend an hour in prayer with Jesus during this time.

## Good Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March

Jesus dies alone and in agony. The main afternoon liturgy is stark and moving. We hear again the Passion story, this time from John's Gospel. We bring ourselves to worship at the foot of his Cross. The Eucharist is not celebrated on Good Friday, but we are invited to receive communion from bread and wine consecrated the previous evening, in Paul's words, "to proclaim Christ's death".



# Services for Good Friday, 30th March10.30amChildren's Service at Holy Trinity South Wimbledon12.00pmWalk of Witness from Christ Church and ending at St John's1.30pmThe Liturgy of the Passion at St John the Divine Merton



## Easter Eve, 31<sup>st</sup> March

Jesus rose from death, overcoming darkness with God's wonderful light. Our evening liturgy is the high point of our worship throughout the year – and one of the church's most ancient services. We begin with a bonfire – the light overcoming the darkness – and light the Easter Candle. We hear stories from the Old Testament about how God saves his people. We celebrate baptism and renew our baptism promises, and we share the first Eucharist of Easter, the food of heaven, in which we meet the risen Lord.

#### Services for Easter Eve, 31st March

- 11.00am Messy Church Easter Special at St John the Divine Merton A morning of fun for children with their parents and carers. Including Easter Egg Hunt, Celebration, and Lunch.
- 9.00pm **The Easter Vigil** at Holy Trinity South Wimbledon A service of wonder, light, and praise, followed by 'choc & wine' party. Bring a bottle and/or chocolatey treat to add to the party spirit.

## Easter Day, I<sup>st</sup> April

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Services for Easter Day, I <sup>st</sup> April	
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Christ Church Colliers Wood
9.00am	<b>The Early Service &amp; Eucharist</b> at Holy Trinity South Wimbledon especially for young children.
9.30am	Festival Eucharist at St John the Divine High Path
10.00am	Festival Eucharist at Holy Trinity South Wimbledon
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Festival Eucharists in all our churches will be designed with <b>all ages</b> in mind.	

### We are an Easter People and 'ALLELUIA' is our song!