



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park

Sunday 10th April 2022
Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and the journey towards the cross. The week begins on a joyful note, with Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The crowds acclaim him as king, and Jesus tells the Pharisees: 'I tell you, if these [the crowd] were silent, the stones would shout out.' Jesus is king and all the world must know it! And, of course, the week ends with joy, as this king rises from the dead on Easter morning.

Two great pinnacles of the drama of Holy Week, but between them we walk with Jesus into the deep valley of betrayal and rejection and trial and death. We follow Jesus through his last supper and his agonised prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane on Maundy Thursday; his arrest and crucifixion on Good Friday; and the dark empty day of waiting that is Holy Saturday. As we enter this most holy of weeks, we follow Jesus on a journey from the pinnacle of Palm Sunday to the deep valley of Good Friday, before we reach Easter.

It's a trajectory that Paul wonderfully writes of in his letter to the Philippians, a passage often set for Palm Sunday, and which we'll use as our affirmation of faith. Jesus goes from glory to greater glory, but through the downward path of self-emptying, self-giving, sacrificial love. This Holy Week, we follow Jesus on that path.

though he was in the form of God,
he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *(Phil 2.5-11)*

Holy Week and Easter at St Aidan's 10th – 17th April



Mon 11th April 7:30pm:
Stations of the Cross 1-5

Tues 12th April 7:30pm:
Stations of the Cross 6- 10
(at St Columba's Church)

Wed 13th April 10.00am,
Church: **BCP Midweek**
Eucharist

Wed 13th April 7:30pm:
Stations of the Cross 11-14

Thurs 14th April 7:30pm: Maundy Thursday A celebration of Jesus' final meal with his disciples. The service will be a Eucharist with foot-washing and will be followed by the stripping of the altars. Those who wish to stay are invited to a time of silent prayer from c.8.30-10pm as we watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. To view online <https://bit.ly/MaundyThursday2022>

Fri 15th April 10:00am: Good Friday Family Worship We welcome everyone to our family worship, which will be very informal and aimed to engage children and families with craft, music, refreshments and a journey through the last week of Jesus' life.

Fri 15th April 2:00pm: An Hour Before the Cross As we fully immerse ourselves in the events of Good Friday, we come together in this sombre service spending time reflecting on the hour before Christ died upon the cross. To view online <https://bit.ly/Hourbefore2022>

Sun 17th April 5.30am: Sunrise Service Join us bright and early on Easter morning as we join together for our 5:30am sunrise service celebrating that Christ is Risen.

Sun 17th April 9:30am: Easter Sunday Eucharist Service

On Easter Day we celebrate that Christ is Risen. There will be music, hymns, singing, along with the sharing of communion. While more formal than our usual family services, this is still a lovely service for families, where there will be the chance to help decorate our cross, there will be crafts in the community room and an Easter egg hunt in church at the end. A true service of celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 19th April, 2pm: **Bowmont House, Bowmont Easter Communion**

Wed 20th April, 12pm: **Lunch Group at the Rugby Club**

Tues 26th 10.30am: **Tynemouth Crematorium, Funeral for John MacLeod**

Thurs 28th April, 2pm: **Chat and Craft in the Community Room**

Thurs 5th May, 2pm: **Prayer and Praise in the Community Room**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live broadcast link is <https://bit.ly/Palm2022>

FUNERAL OF JOHN MACLEOD – will take place on Tuesday 26th April at 10.30am at Tynemouth Crematorium (NE29 9NJ). Afterwards there will be refreshments, from 11.30am at the Lighthouse Room, Spanish City (NE26 1BG). All are invited.

LUNCH GROUP - will meet on 20th April at 12pm at the Rugby Club. Names to Pat or Pauline please if you wish to join us.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – had their last service of term on Friday. It will return on the 29th April where it will continue to run as a weekly service at 5pm on Friday's throughout the Summer Term until 22nd July. The exception is during the Queen's Jubilee week (3rd June). The service is on Zoom (see link below) apart from the 3rd Friday of the month when it is in Church with the Youth Group, having a joint service with them. This service starts at the later time of 6pm. Join Zoom Meeting ID: 757 377 8713 Passcode: StAidan or link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDsm1KOURtQT09>

ZOOM CODES – all our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDsm1KOURtQT09> Meeting ID: 757 377 8713 Passcode: StAidan

BOOKING ZOOM MEETINGS: if you would like to use the St Aidan's Zoom account for a church meeting, please contact Janice

CHURCH CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS – face masks are optional, please sanitise your hands on entering church, and maintain at least a one metre distance.

USED STAMPS – if you have any used stamps, please save them and put them in the box at the back of church to raise fund for St Oswald's Hospice.

CHURCH OPENING – church is now open during the day, every day. Please come in at any time for some quiet time or prayer.

FOOD BANK – a little reminder that we still collect for the foodbank. There is a box at the back of church for donations.

DONATIONS - to make a donation to St Aidan's, please use the following link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8a599239-a9bd-4136-8b4b-1dcabb0a2c65>

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church – Particularly for St Nicholas' Cathedral along with Churchwardens and all involved in looking after our building

For the community – Groups using our Community Room and the Community Centre

For the world – Particularly during the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, for her people, refugees and the Ukrainian community in the UK, and our own national and political life.

For those in particular need - Gladys Johnston, Sheila Lonie

For those who have died and those who grieve – John Macleod, Carol Fox. On their anniversaries: Kenneth Johnson, Doris Walton, Reginald Morgan, Arthur Fenning, Morris Robinson, Christine Simpson, Stephen Eden, Benita Brown, Raymond Edwards



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