



**Saint Bartholomew's Church
Holy Week and Easter**



'Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?'

Holy Week is a very special time in the Christian calendar that culminates in the celebration of Easter; the most important and most glorious feast in the whole of the Christian year. From the earliest of times, Christians throughout the world have gathered to mark the three great feasts of Holy Week on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings before the joyful celebration of the Eucharist on Easter Morning. I would like to encourage you to make time to observe Holy Week and Easter; to enter deeply into the passion of our Lord, and know the joy of resurrection on Easter Day.

Outlined below are the services throughout Holy Week with a brief description of each one.

Palm Sunday 20th March at 9am

A short, said Eucharist in the Chapel of Remembrance.

Palm Sunday 20th March at 11am

Solemn Eucharist of Palm Sunday with the blessing of palms, and the reading of the passion.

Palm Sunday 20th March at 6pm

A service of Solemn Evensong with Benediction.

Monday 21st March at 7.30pm

A short, said service of Late Evening Office with a read reflection.

Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm

A short, said service of Evening prayer with a read reflection.

Wednesday 23rd March at 10am

A Said Eucharist in Christ Church Leeson Park.

Wednesday 23rd March at 12.45

A Said Eucharist in the Chapel of Remembrance in Saint Bartholomew's Church.

Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm

A short, said service of Compline with a read reflection

Maundy Thursday 24th March at 7.30pm

This sung service marks the Institution of the Lord's Supper and the events that followed when Jesus finished the meal with his disciples. The altar is stripped and the mood changes from one of celebration to a sober watchfulness. The service ends in darkness, but you will be invited to stay for a while in prayer and watchfulness around the altar of repose. The Watch shall end at midnight.

Good Friday 25th March at 12.00

The observance of Good Friday begins with the men of the choir singing Choral Matins. After Matins ends the church will remain open for silent reflection and prayer.

Good Friday 25th March at 1.30 – 3pm.

Later on Good Friday the liturgy of the day begins which will include the reading of the passion, the litany of Good Friday, the veneration of the cross and Communion from the reserved sacrament.

Holy Saturday 26th March at 7.30pm

The Great Vigil of Easter begins around the Paschal fire and the lighting of the Easter Candle. On this night we renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the Eucharist together as we keep the Vigil and await the morning joy of Easter.

Easter Day 27th March at 9am

A short, said Eucharist in the chapel of Remembrance.

Easter Day 27th March at 11am

Solemn Eucharist of Easter Day. The Great Vigil of Easter ends in the joy of greeting the resurrection and the morning service continues to celebrate this joy. This year again we will have timpani and trumpets with the choir and organ as a musical expression of that joy and celebration.

There will be no service of Choral Evensong on Easter Sunday.