



Holy Week and Easter 2023 at Southwell Minster



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WITH SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Join us this Holy Week and Easter, as we celebrate the events at the heart of the Christian faith – of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

All services indicated with  will be live-streamed on the Minster's YouTube channel, and at www.southwellminster.org/worship-online



PALM SUNDAY (2 APRIL)

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

A traditional service of Holy Communion for Palm Sunday, from the Book of Common Prayer.

10.00am THE LITURGY OF PALM SUNDAY

Meet us at 10am at Our Lady of Victories as we process to the Minster for our principal service - friendly donkeys will lead the way! The service includes the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, as well as the Passion Gospel sung in dramatic form.

3.30pm EVENSONG

Solemn music and readings as we begin our journey through Holy Week.

7.00pm STAINER: THE CRUCIFIXION

Full of beauty and invigorating drama, as well as much-loved Passiontide hymns for all to join in with, John Stainer's famous oratorio *The Crucifixion* is a musical staple of the build-up to Easter for many, and is presented as a devotion at the beginning of Holy Week. The Minster Chorale is joined by soloists Matthew Spillett and Matthew Jordan, both Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir.

Free entry: this performance forms part of an atmospheric service.

MONDAY TO THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (3 – 6 APRIL)

12.15pm HOLY COMMUNION

A simple celebration of the Eucharist.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (3 AND 4 APRIL)

5.30pm EVENSONG

A sparse and reflective service of Evensong, sung by the Cathedral's Choristers.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (4 APRIL)

8.00pm TENEBRAE

A unique, unforgettable service of psalms and readings that marks, and even celebrates, Holy Week's descent into darkness.



WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (5 APRIL)

7.00pm EUCHARIST WITH THE BLESSING OF OILS AND RENEWAL OF MINISTRY



A very special occasion on which clergy and lay ministers of the diocese gather with the bishops to renew their ministerial vows and bless holy oils to be used in the coming year – all are welcome.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (6 APRIL)

7.00pm THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY



The first of the three services of the 'Sacred Triduum' (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Liturgy), which take us deep into the mystery of Holy Week. Following a joyful commemoration of the Last Supper, with the washing of feet recalling Jesus doing the same for his disciples, the mood then changes with the dramatic stripping of the altars. The service ends with Watch, waiting with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. For those who wish to stay, the Watch continues until 10.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY (7 APRIL)

12.00pm THE THREE HOURS

The Rt Revd Stephen Oliver leads us in a series of Good Friday reflections, before our devotions culminate in The Liturgy of Good Friday, beginning at 1.30pm.

1.30pm THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY



Music, prayers, silence, the solemn singing of the Passion Gospel, and Holy Communion at the foot of the Cross.

5.30pm EVENSONG

The traditional pattern of Evensong provides a space for reflection on the solemn and dramatic events of Good Friday.

EASTER EVE (8 APRIL)

8.00pm THE EASTER LITURGY

The lighting of the Easter fire, the proclamation of Easter, the renewal of baptismal vows, and a joyful celebration of Holy Communion in the most liturgically important service of the Christian year.

EASTER DAY (9 APRIL)

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

An Easter service of Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer.

10.00am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST FOR EASTER DAY – ALSO BROADCAST LIVE ON BBC ONE AND IPLAYER!

Preacher: The Rt Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham

We are delighted that our principal Eucharist for Easter, with joyful music, and Bishop Paul's Easter sermon, will be broadcast live on BBC One and iPlayer. We are looking forward to being joined from home by people up and down the nation for our Easter worship – but all are invited to join us in the Minster for this very special service. And if you're local, why not come to our ever-popular Easter egg hunt in the Palace Gardens, straight after the service?

3.30pm EVENSONG

We gather to hear Easter readings and music, giving voice to the joy of the Resurrection.

And don't forget...

MOTHERING SUNDAY, 19 MARCH, 10am

A service to celebrate our mothers, and all those who mother us. With fabulous music, well-known hymns, and traditional posies for mums and all carers.

BBC STUDIOS

EVENTS

PRODUCTIONS



“Christ is Risen – Alleluia”

Full details of all our services, including music, are available on the Cathedral website:
southwellminster.org/services