

EASTER EVE (4 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 (5 APRIL)

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

A service of Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer, with Eastertide hymns.

10.00am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST FOR EASTER DAY

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

Our principal Eucharist for Easter Day, with joyful music, and the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham's Easter sermon. Following the service, there will be a Blessing of the Easter Garden – and also our ever-popular Easter Egg hunt for children! This year's Easter celebrations will be extra special as today we bid farewell to our Interim Dean, the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans.

3.30pm FESTAL EVENSONG

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



“Christ is Risen – Alleluia”

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT 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. Our preacher throughout Holy Week this year is the Revd Prof Alison Milbank, the Minster's Canon Theologian.

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



PALM SUNDAY (29 MARCH)

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 on Halam Road 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.

7.30pm 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 Tristan Moore (tenor) and Nic Beamster (bass). Entry is free.



MONDAY TO THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (30 MARCH - 2 APRIL)

12.15pm HOLY COMMUNION

A simple celebration of the Eucharist.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (31 MARCH)

7.30pm TENEBRAE

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

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (1 APRIL)

7.00pm EUCHARIST WITH BLESSING OF OILS AND RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO 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 (2 APRIL)

7.30pm THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

The first of the three major 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 (3 APRIL)

10.00–11.30am GOOD FRIDAY JOURNEY TO EASTER

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, this journey through the cathedral is an interactive and accessible telling of the Easter Story suitable for all ages - with crafts and hot cross buns.

12.00pm THE THREE HOURS

A series of reflections on the Passion of Jesus by Canon Prof Alison Milbank, 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.