



# ST JOHN'S HOLLINGTON WITH ST PETER & ST PAUL

HOLY WEEK | MARCH 2026

Hello,

We are now well into Passiontide, the final two weeks of the season of Lent which has been preparing followers of Jesus like me to celebrate the paschal mystery; that is, the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week which heralds the beginning of Christ's passion, and our entry into the deepest place in the Church year. So, this month's newsletter (which, my apologies, comes a little later than usual) is focussed on our Holy Week services:

- **Palm Sunday United Service** – 10:30 at P&P followed by lunch
- **Holy Week Prayers** – 08:30 every morning of Holy Week at St John's and online
- **Maunder Thursday Service** – 19:30 at P&P
- **Good Friday Reflection Space** – 12 – 18:00 at P&P
- **Good Friday Service** – 19:30 at St John's
- **Easter Sunday Services** – 10:00 at St John's & 10:15 at P&P





## **PALM SUNDAY - 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**UNITED SERVICE AT  
10:30am**

Holy Week always begins with Palm Sunday which commemorates Jesus' "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem, when He was met with great hope and expectation by the crowds.

To celebrate and mark the beginning of Holy Week, both churches in the parish will be coming together at St Peter & St Paul to

worship and share in a time of fellowship over lunch after the service.

**NB: The service will start at 10:30am, and there will be no service at St John's.**



## **HOLY WEEK PRAYERS EVERY MORNING AT**

**08:30AM**

**Monday to Saturday**

Each morning of Holy Week, St John's will be open for 30mins of morning prayer using the pattern for Daily Prayer in Common Worship (we have books you can use or there is a mobile app available to download from the App Store).

This is an opportunity to not let Holy Week pass us by, but to really slow down and contemplate the mystery of our faith through prayer and attentiveness to the Scriptures.

If you are unable to attend in person, but you would like to join virtually, you can find the link to join online via our website – [www.stjohnswithpandp.org/easter](http://www.stjohnswithpandp.org/easter).



## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL AT  
P&P | 19:30

The first day of the ‘Paschal Triduum’, Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning a mandate or an injunction, reflecting the words of Christ at the last Supper, “A new commandment, I give unto you, that you love one another, as I have loved you.” Maundy Thursday is a remembrance of

several other things too; Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, the institution of the Eucharist, His agony in the garden of Gethsemane, His betrayal by Judas Iscariot, and His subsequent arrest. We will be gathering at P&P for a contemplative candlelit service of Holy Communion.





## **GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION SPACE**

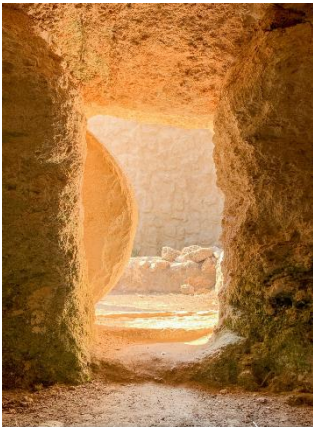
FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL AT P&P |  
12-18:00

P&P will be open during the afternoon of Good Friday as a space for prayer and contemplation. We will have prayer stations that you may work through based on the seven last words spoken from the Cross (taken from each of the four Gospels).

## **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL AT ST JOHN'S | 19:30

Join us for another contemplative candlelit service at St John's as we celebrate the Christ's victory on the Cross over Sin and death.



## **EASTER SUNDAY - 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

SERVICES AT BOTH  
CHURCHES

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.

To celebrate the joy of Easter we have services in both churches at the usual time. We'll be celebrating Holy Communion and a baptism at St John's, and at St Peter & St Paul we'll have a family friendly service of the word.



That's all for now, I hope to see you at some (if not all) our services next week, otherwise have a blessed Holy Week and Easter, and as ever, thank you so much for taking the time to read this newsletter and for the part you in play - however great or small - in making this parish what it is.

Grace & Peace,

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### **A prayer of Margaret Cropper (1886-1980)**

O greater and yet more simple than our dreams of You,  
be thanked by Your creatures for Your very being;  
for the thing that is beyond us and yet in us, beneath us and above  
us.

Be thanked, because You are not only beautiful but beauty,  
not only good but goodness,  
not only true but truth.

Be blessed, O God, in Your doing and Your refraining,  
in Your creating and Your sustaining,  
in Your making and Your rest.

Quiet at the centre of movement:

joy at the centre of pain;

peace at the centre of strife.

Be blessed by Your creatures.

He had a name written, that no one knew but He Himself.

Amen.