

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025

AT HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

SUNDAY 13 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY

9:45AM – WORSHIP FOR ALL FOR PALM SUNDAY

A joyful family friendly service as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We start outside and process into church with uplifting music, prayers, and a reflective message, we will journey together in faith, welcoming Christ with palm branches and praise. This inclusive service is designed for all ages, offering a warm and engaging space to prepare our hearts for Holy Week.

6:00PM – PALMS AND PASSION

Experience the beauty of exquisite choral music and poignant readings as we reflect on Palm Sunday and stand at the threshold of Holy Week. We begin with the triumph of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, marked by joyful shouts of Hosanna!, and journey toward the depth of Christ's Passion, where the echoes of the cross grow near. This service invites us into a time of worship, reflection, and preparation, as we open our hearts to the journey ahead.

MONDAY 14 APRIL, TUESDAY 15 APRIL, WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

9:00PM – COMPLINE

A contemporary and reflective service held at night, marking the end of the day with prayers, hymns, and readings, focusing on repentance, reflection, and preparation for the solemnities of Easter, embodying a peaceful contemplation of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

THURSDAY 17 APRIL – MAUNDY THURSDAY

8:00PM – CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH WATCH

This service marks the beginning of the Triduum, recalling Christ's final meal with his disciples, the institution of the Holy Eucharist, and His commandment to love one another. Through scripture, prayer, washing of feet and the breaking of bread, we reflect on His sacrifice and our faithfulness. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar, followed by a silent vigil until midnight, remembering Jesus' agony in Gethsemane before his arrest.

FRIDAY 18 APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY

12.00 PM – THE STABAT MATER IN WORDS AND MUSIC

The Stabat Mater is a 13th-century Christian hymn dedicated to the Virgin Mary, depicting her suffering as she witnesses the crucifixion of her son. Preacher Kevin Carey offers a profound and insightful reflection on this powerful poem. The music, a cantata for countertenor and orchestra composed by Marco Rosano, will be performed by internationally acclaimed countertenor Charles Humphries, accompanied by a live ensemble. Admission is free, with a retiring collection. Join us for a stunning and immersive experience, reflecting on Mary's agony through words and music.

2.00PM – GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

A solemn and reflective service where we journey through Christ's Passion, remembering His immense love and sacrifice for the world. Through scripture readings, prayers, and moments of quiet reflection, we contemplate the significance of the Cross and Christ's ultimate act of redemption.

After the services, we invite everyone to gather at the Old School for a time of fellowship over refreshments and traditional hot cross buns.

SATURDAY 19 APRIL – EASTER EVE

6:00PM – EASTER VIGIL AT ST MARY MAGDALENE, BOLNEY

Beginning outside at the brazier, a shortened version of the traditional overnight vigil, recounting God's salvation history leading up to Jesus' resurrection, focusing on the 'light of Christ' and offering the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows. A choral service climaxing with the First Eucharist of Easter.

SUNDAY 20 APRIL – EASTER SUNDAY

9:45AM – FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST

Festal Eucharist, celebrating the resurrection of Christ with joyful worship, hymns, and Holy Communion. The service will proclaim the Easter message - "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" - emphasising renewal and hope. Afterward, enjoy fellowship over cake and a glass of fizz, sharing in the joy of the day. Children can take part in a fun Easter Egg Hunt, making it a meaningful and festive occasion for all. Come and celebrate the risen Christ with us!