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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

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WELCOME TO HOLY WEEK AND EASTER at Winchester Cathedral

This is the most demanding, challenging and exciting week in the Christian year. Throughout the events of Holy Week, across time and eternity, Christ reaches to us, with healing, forgiveness and love.



This year we welcome the **Revd. Dr Gillian Straine**, priest, former research physicist, cancer survivor and now CEO of the Guild of Health and St Raphael as our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday preacher.



Our Holy Week Chaplain is **Canon Gary Philbrick**. He is responsible for the pastoral care and support of Cathedral staff, volunteers and regular worshippers. He will lead a short Thought for the Day at 7.50am each morning.



"You are warmly invited to travel through Holy Week and Easter with Winchester Cathedral following in the steps of Christ. We will be reflecting together on healing, humanity and holiness. Please join us!"

The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle
Dean of Winchester

PALM Sunday | 24th March

PALM SUNDAY TAKES US ON A PROFOUNDLY POWERFUL JOURNEY

First we share in the joy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as the King of Love riding on a donkey. Then, in the reading of the Passion narrative, we join in as the crowd shouts 'Crucify!'

Here at the start of the week, through celebration, remembrance and sacrament, we are brought into the heart of the story and the depths of human experience. We stand with Christ in his sufferings and the Passion begins.

10.10am: Hosanna!

Gathering at the Great Hall we set off in joyful procession, led by the cathedral choir and clergy. Accompanied by a donkey, we sing hymns and distribute crosses made from palm leaves.

10.30am: The Palm Sunday Liturgy

The Procession arrives at the Cathedral and the Liturgy of Palm Sunday begins. The mood changes from joy to solemnity, as we hear the Gospel of the Passion and celebrate the Eucharist in the context of Christ's trial and passion.

3.00pm: Buxtehude Membra Jesu Nostri

Offering a meditation on the whole body of Christ. Buxtehude Membra Jesu Nostri sung by Winchester Cathedral Chamber Choir.

6.00pm: Taizé Service

A meditative and moving act of worship.

'Healing and human flourishing'

About our preacher,
Revd. Dr Gillian Straine:

"I grew up on the North East coast of Scotland and went to London in 1997 to pursue my dream of being a research scientist.

Between my degree and PhD in Physics, I was diagnosed with advanced lymphatic cancer, and went through chemotherapy treatment. I went into remission in February 2000, but found that this was my cure but not my healing.

Indeed, over years of recovery from the physical, spiritual and psychological impact of serious illness, I found my vocation to be a priest, I discovered a love of theology and I started down a road that ultimately led me to leading a health and faith charity, working in communities and with senior leaders to help churches and individuals realise the power of faith for finding healing and human flourishing."

HOLY Monday | 25th March

On Holy Monday Christ travels to Jerusalem and stops at the home of his friends Lazarus, Martha and Mary. In a prophetic action, Mary anoints his feet.

Reflecting on the gospel for the day **Canon Tess Kuin Lawton** speaks about the importance of relationship in healing.



7.15pm: Ten minutes silence

7.25pm: Talk by Canon Tess Kuin Lawton

7.45pm: Monday Night Prayer
The Seven Last Words of Christ
Free entry, retiring collection.

HOLY Tuesday | 26th March

Jesus reaches Jerusalem for Passover and teaches that unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit.

Reflecting on the gospel for the day, **Dean Catherine Ogle** speaks about how we might find healing in the cross of Christ.



7.15pm: Ten minutes silence

7.25pm: Talk by Dean Catherine Ogle

7.45pm: Tuesday Night Prayer
Tenebrae
Experience all the emotional drama of Holy Week in this unique service. Darkness falls gradually and decisively but does not have the final word. A dramatic, explosive ending anticipates the Easter miracle.
Free entry, retiring collection.

HOLY Wednesday | 27th March

Jesus tells them that one of them will betray him. Judas goes out into the night.



Reflecting on the gospel for the day, **Canon Roland Riem** speaks about the overruling providence of God.

7.15pm: Ten minutes silence

7.25pm: Talk by Canon
Roland Riem

7.45pm: Wednesday Night Prayer
Compline
Sung by Index Cantorum.
Free entry, retiring collection.



You are invited to join in daily worship

Life at the Cathedral is anchored in a centuries-old pattern of daily worship, enriched by glorious choral music. Join Cathedral worship in person or by live-stream and the Cathedral Channel.



MAUNDY Thursday | The Holy Triduum | 28th March

Maundy Thursday takes us into the heart of the City of Jerusalem for the Passover supper. We are also led to the heart of love, by the Saviour who serves and washes the feet of his friends. After supper they go out to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus asks his disciples to stay awake while he prays. Judas, the betrayer, comes with soldiers and Jesus is arrested.



Join in an intensely moving and significant Eucharist, with foot washing, followed by stripping of the altars and a quiet vigil before the beautiful Garden of Repose.

Experience the beauty of Christ's presence as the cathedral, in semi-darkness, remains open until 9.30pm for prayer and reflection, when the final gospel of the day is read and Christ is left alone.

11.00am: Diocesan Chrism Eucharist

Christians from across Winchester Diocese gather for the annual Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Vows. Preacher and President: The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Winchester.

7.00pm: Eucharist of the Last Supper

The great Three Days begins tonight with washing of feet, the Last Supper and a dramatic stripping of the cathedral. Preacher: Reverend Dr Gillian Straine.

8.30pm: The Watch

The altars are stripped and we gather in the silence of the dark cathedral around the Garden of Repose. We wait with Christ in Gethsemene.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds | Psalm 147:3

GOOD Friday | 29th March

Good Friday is a day in which profound emotion is expressed within quiet and solemn worship, as we journey with Jesus through the pain and anguish of false trial and condemnation, to carrying his cross through the streets to crucifixion and death.

10.00am: The Cross

Story-telling around the cross in the Cathedral Outer Close led by Churches Together in Winchester.

12.00pm-3.00pm: The Three Hours

You are welcome to come and go, staying as long as you are able. This year, the Revd. Dr Gillian Straine leads reflections interspersed with silence and music.

1.30pm-3.00pm: Music and prayer led by cathedral musicians and clergy. There is an opportunity for you to walk to the cross and pray before it.

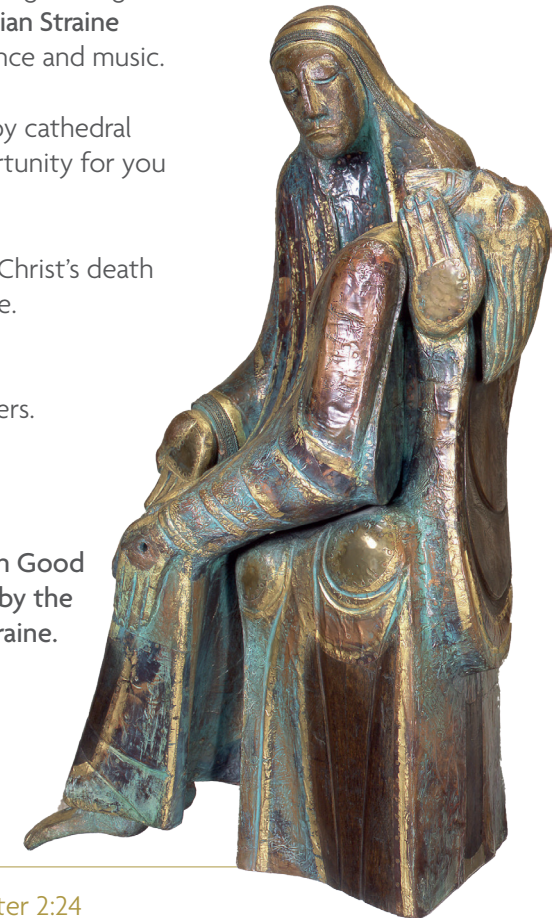
3.00pm: With the commemoration of Christ's death the service ends and we leave in silence.

7.30pm: Pergolesi Stabat Mater

Sung by Winchester Cathedral Choristers.



We are led through Good Friday meditation by the Revd. Dr Gillian Straine.



By his wounds you have been healed | 1 Peter 2:24

HOLY Saturday | 30th March

Holy Saturday is an interval. There are few words. We wait in hope. Christ is buried in his tomb. We remember his words:

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies; it bears much fruit...”

This is a quiet day in the Cathedral. Come and sit for a while as the Cathedral is prepared, by virgers, flower-arrangers, musicians, clergy and volunteers for Easter Day.

7.30pm: Easter Vigil

We prepare for the resurrection with a short vigil of readings and prayers.

8.00pm: Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter

For centuries Christians have gathered on Easter Eve, ready for a spectacular service. From darkness to light, in sight, sound and song, the Church bursts into life.

Preacher: The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester.
President: The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Winchester.



The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings | Malachi 4:1

EASTER Sunday | 31st March

On Easter Sunday we celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. This is the turning point in history. We now live in the light and truth of the resurrection.



Because of the resurrection, we know that human hatred, cruelty and death never have the final word.

God's love and life are unstoppable. Christians gather in worship to experience this new life, healing and hope, together.

Come and join in the glorious Easter celebration. Everyone is welcome!

Alleluia! He is risen! Alleluia!

8.00am: Holy Communion

Celebrating the greatest news with quiet joy.

9.45am: Festal Mattins

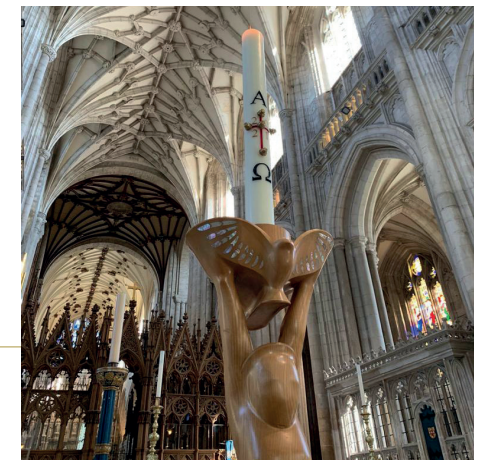
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Andy Trenier, Precentor and Sacrist.
Easter joy in the traditional language of the Book of Common Prayer.

11.15am: Festal Eucharist

President: The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester.
Preacher: The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Winchester.
A joyful and beautiful sung service for all ages.

3.30pm: Festal Evensong

Closing a momentous day with music and reflection.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER *for children and families*

Winchester Cathedral seeks to welcome and work with more children and families. Our regular Sunday worship in this extraordinary Cathedral is full of things to look at and listen to and everyone is always welcome (we have toys and colouring for little people and the building is large enough to walk round or escape to a side chapel and watch the service on screens).

Come and join the Cathedral Learning Team after the Easter weekend as we offer Easter craft workshops in the beautiful surroundings of the Undercroft.

Each workshop has a different craft activity – you can see an example of what we will make on the website page www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/event/lent-holy-week-and-easter

The workshops last up to one hour - which includes the craft activity followed by story time.

Spaces at the family craft workshops must be booked in advance via the webpage or in the cathedral box office. A modest payment is required to cover the cost of the materials.

Live the day

Help children to see the true meaning behind bunnies and eggs – you might be surprised!



ACTIVITIES at a glance

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5.30pm: Evening Prayer

6.00pm: Taizé Service

HOLY MONDAY | 25th March

7.50am: Thought for the Day

8.00am: Silence and Morning Prayer

12.00pm: Eucharist

5.30pm: Evensong

7.15pm: Ten minutes silence and Talk

7.45pm: Monday Night Prayer

HOLY TUESDAY | 26th March

7.50am: Thought for the Day

8.00am: Silence and Morning Prayer

8.30am: Eucharist

5.30pm: Evensong

7.15pm: Ten minutes silence and Talk

7.45pm: Tuesday Night Prayer

HOLY WEDNESDAY | 27th March

7.50am: Thought for the Day

8.00am: Silence and Morning Prayer

12.00pm: Holy Eucharist

5.30pm: Evening Worship

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7.45pm: Wednesday Night Prayer

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Happy Easter from the Winchester Cathedral Chapter!



An Easter Blessing

May the power of the cross,
The joy of the resurrection,
And the presence of our risen Lord
Be with you, now and always.

Amen.

Angela Ashwin

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