

Holy Week and Easter 2024

Special Services and Events



All are welcome to join us for our Holy Week and Easter services.

Palm Sunday Sun 24 March

- 08:00 Holy Communion
10:45-10:55 Prayer Gathering for Palm Sunday, with a donkey and palms in Yeomanry Memorial Garden (opposite Nationwide), followed by procession to the Cathedral for Eucharist
11:00 Blessing of Palms, Procession and Eucharist in the Nave*
17:30 Choral Evensong with reflection on praying the Passion*

Holy Week

Mon 25 March

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
08:00 Holy Communion
12:30 Taizé Lunchtime Prayer, in the Eastern Crypt - A way of worship based on simple meditative chants, scripture reading and silence.
13:00 Organ Meditation
17:30 Choral Evensong*
19:30 Holy Week Reflections*, *hosted by the Dean of Canterbury and the Bishop of Dover; to include plenary, night prayers and a talk on:*
Prayer and Gender Justice with Bishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London

Tues 26 March

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
08:00 Holy Communion
12:00 Chrism Eucharist, in the Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft in the Crypt
President and Preacher: The Bishop of Richborough.
17:30 Choral Evensong*
19:30 Holy Week Reflections*, *hosted by the Dean of Canterbury and the Bishop of Dover; to include plenary, night prayers and a talk on:*
Prayer and Racial Justice with Bishop Lusa Nsenga Ngoy, Bishop of Willesden

Wed 27 March

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
08:00 Holy Communion
10:00-16:00 Fasting and prayer drop-in with Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover, in the Holy Innocents Chapel in the Crypt
12:30 Holy Communion, in the Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft in the Crypt
17:30 Choral Evensong*
19:30 Holy Week Reflections*, *hosted by the Dean of Canterbury and the Bishop of Dover; to include plenary, night prayers and a talk on:*
Prayer and Social Justice with Bishop Rob Wickham, former Bishop of Edmonton and CEO of the Church Urban Fund.

Maundy Thursday Thurs 28 March

Maundy Thursday is the day during Holy Week when we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and his washing of their feet.

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
08:00 Holy Communion
11:00 Chrism Eucharist with Renewal of Vows and blessing of Oils*
Preacher: The Archbishop of Canterbury
17:30 Said Evening Prayer, in the Crypt
19:30 Eucharist of the Last Supper with watch and foot washing invitation*
Preacher: The Bishop of Dover
A silent vigil follows, until 22:00

Good Friday Fri 29 March

On Good Friday we remember the crucifixion of Jesus and the sacrifice he made for us with a solemn day of services.

- 09:15 Morning Prayer
10:00 Good Friday Family Service
- An inclusive 45-minute service of readings, hymns and prayers for children and their carers.
12:00-13:30 Preaching of the Cross: Prayers and the Passion* with Dean David Monteith.
Three half-hour sections including readings, poetry and music to include Bach, Pergolesi and Purcell.
13:45-15:00 The Liturgy of the Cross, led by Dean David Monteith*, concluding in the Precincts with a short Act of Witness (not live streamed).
17:30 Said Evening Prayer, in the Crypt



Holy Saturday 30 March

The Easter Eve Vigil marks the first celebration of Eastertide. This atmospheric candlelit service moves from darkness to light as we rejoice at Christ's resurrection.

- 09:15 Morning Prayer
17:30 Said Evening Prayer, in the Crypt
19:30-22:00 Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter*

***Live streamed service, available on our YouTube channel.**

Easter Day - Alleluia! Christ is risen!

31 March

Please note all service times and entry arrangements. Regretfully, latecomers cannot be admitted.

8:10 Holy Communion in the Quire.

Preacher: The Archbishop of Canterbury. Broadcast live on BBC Radio 4.

This service is not ticketed, but everyone must be seated by 07.40.

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10:00 Easter Sunday Eucharist, in the Quire, with The Archbishop's Easter Address.

Broadcast live on BBC One.

Free to attend, but pre-booking essential as spaces are limited.

****Please note, this service is now fully booked****

Due to broadcast requirements, the congregation will be seated on a first come, first seated basis. Some seating will have poor to no sightlines of the service.

Doors open at 9:15 - those pre-booked must be seated by 9:40, after which any people queuing will be admitted to remaining spaces, on a first come, first seated basis. **LATECOMERS CANNOT BE ADMITTED.**

This service will be live broadcast on BBC One between 10:00-11:00.

The service will then continue past the broadcast length and finish around 11:25.

12:00 Said Holy Communion in the Crypt. *This service is not ticketed.*

15:00 Choral Evensong, in the Quire. Broadcast live on BBC Radio 3.

Not ticketed but everyone must be seated by 14:40

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For full details of our services, visit canterbury-cathedral.org/holy-week

Twinning our Toilets

In Lent, as well as fasting we are encouraged to give attention to doing good.

The Cathedral is supporting Toilet Twinning, a charitable initiative to twin a toilet and fund a project in a community that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

There are 95 toilets in workplace or public spaces within the Cathedral Precincts, and we are hoping to raise enough money to twin them all. Each toilet costs £60 to twin, and our Cathedral staff have already started to pledge donations.

If you would like to join in and support this amazing cause, please place your donation (Cheques to Canterbury Cathedral) in an envelope in the service collection or leave with Cathedral House Reception, clearly marked 'Twinning our Toilets'.