

KEEPING HOLY WEEK TOGETHER

Holy Week this year coincides with our returning to worship in our church buildings, and we hope you'll be able to join us, either in person or on line, as we prepare together for Easter.

Even so, this Easter will feel different. Our services are likely to be simpler. Face coverings, hand sanitiser, careful distancing and well ventilated buildings all remain part of our life and worship. Though there will be music, there can't be singing together, and even in the warmth of Spring, you may want to think about bringing a rug or an extra sweater to a ventilated church.

And our usual provision continues on line, with some services streamed on our Halas Team facebook page - especially Maundy Thursday 7:30pm Eucharist from Cradley, Good Friday Evening from St John's and Easter Morning from Lapal.



Palm Sunday marks our return to Gathered Services in Church again. Public Health Dudley have suggested that this is the Sunday on which our communities should feel ready to return to public worship safely, and that fits in well with the advice from Worcestershire and Bromsgrove.

Our services will probably feel simpler than in past years - processions won't be possible in the same way for instance - and our present online provision will continue as normal on **Halas Team Facebook** and **halasteam.org** alongside our services in church.

Palm Sunday Church Services 28th March



St Peter Cradley

9:30am Churchyard Procession & Holy Communion



St John Halesowen

9:30am Passion Eucharist & the Blessing of the Palms



St Margaret Hasbury

11:00am Holy Eucharist & Blessing of Palms



St Peter Lapal

9:30am Holy Communion & the Blessing of the Palms



St Kenelm's Church, Chapel La., Romsley

4:00pm Palm Sunday Service for everyone

We are preparing a series of **Holy Week Meditations** to guide us through the story in Mark's gospel together, with each of our priests and readers taking a different moment from the story, and a different day to reflect on. They'll be available in church, included in the Holy Week postal mailing, and emailed out each day, and recordings of those meditations will be on the **Halas Team Facebook** page by 7:30pm each evening, and on the **halasteam.org** website.



In Church:

Normally, through the first days of Holy Week, all five churches would be together in one place, but this year we still need to arrange our worship in ways that don't encourage the free mixing of different households

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 29th, 30th and 31st March



St Peter Cradley

7:30pm Simple Holy Communion



St John Halesowen

6:30pm St John's open for Prayer to 7:30pm (*Simple prayers at 7:15*)

Tuesday, 30th March



St Margaret Hasbury

6:00pm St Margaret's open for to 7:00pm Private Prayer

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 1ST

Four evening services around the parish in which we recall Christ's last supper with his disciples and his prayer in Gethsemene



St Peter Cradley
7:30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion



St John Halesowen
7:30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper & watch of prayer



St Margaret Hasbury
7:00pm The Eucharist of the Lord's Supper & watch



St Peter Lapal
7:00pm Tenebrae: A service of shadows

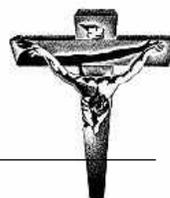
Walking the way of the Cross

Eight child-size stations of Jesus' Passion, the last three days of his life, will be in St Peter's Churchyard Cradley from 28 March to 11 April. A QR code will take you to a recording of the story and some reflection questions. Questions for discussion will be on site.

If you're visiting St John's during the hours of the cross (12 til 3) on Good Friday, there will be prayers and readings to guide you round our unique models representing the traditional episodes on Jesus' journey with his cross.



GOOD FRIDAY: 2ND



St Peter Cradley
2:00pm The Passion of Jesus



St John Halesowen
12:00 noon Church open for prayer to 3:00 pm (*Simple prayers 2:45pm*)

7:30pm Reflective Evening Service



St Margaret Hasbury
2:00pm An hour at the Cross with communion



St Peter Lapal
2:00pm An hour at the Cross



St Kenelm's Church, Chapel La., Romsley
4:00pm Prayers at the cross

EASTER EVE: 3RD



St Peter Cradley
7:00pm A Vigil of our Losses Prayers, readings & candles (*bring candles in jam jars*)



St John Halesowen
7:30pm The blessing of the Easter Fire and renewal of our baptism promises



St Margaret Hasbury
7:00pm An Outdoor Service of Light & the renewal of our baptism vows



EASTER DAY: 4TH



St Peter Cradley
9:00am The Holy Fire, renewal of baptismal vows and Easter Communion



St John Halesowen
8:00am Prayer Book Communion
9:30am Easter Eucharist
6:30pm Plainsung Evensong



St Margaret Hasbury
11:00am Easter Eucharist



St Peter Lapal
9:30am Easter Communion



St Kenelm's Church, Chapel La., Romsley
11:15am Easter Eucharist

If you received this leaflet through the letterbox you should have a small Palm Cross, made by the Massai and blessed with our prayers for you and your home. Palm Crosses will be available in church through the week too. If you've missed out, please let us know and we'll get one to you.



A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO EVERYONE!

After Easter Day we look forward to returning to a regular pattern of Sunday and weekday worship - not quite the same as a year ago, but these next three months will be a time to plan for the long term future.