

# *Building a community on love*

## *Holy Week 2022*



At the heart of our community of faith is the journey to the Cross and then the empty tomb of Easter Day. This is a **journey of love** – God’s love for us shown in the sacrifice made by Jesus. It is this love that shapes us and which we are called to reflect and be a sign of in our lives both as individuals and as a community.

Each year **we are invited to share that journey** and reflect on what it means for us, as we share in the special service of Holy Week and Easter. Over the last 2 years our celebrations have been affected by the COVID lockdown and the restrictions that have been necessary. This year we will continue to be aware of the need to make the churches as safe a space as possible so as many as possible can be with us – and we will stream as much as we can on Facebook and You Tube to enable others to reflect with us.

We will be welcoming some **guest preachers** to help us reflect on this journey and how we have over last months been building communities on love. On **Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>** – at the end of **the 7pm service** – **Revd Dawn Banting**, who leads the QA Chaplaincy team, will reflect on her experiences of COVID. **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – at the same time – we welcome **Revd Tracey Ansell**, from North End Baptist church, will speak from her experience of leading Hope into Action in the city and establishing the North End Pantry. Finally on the **Wednesday**, **Revd Bryan Stevenson**, from St Luke’s, will consider our theme in the light of his work with Bridgeway, a project for young people.

At **St Mary’s** from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day **our Archdeacon, Jenny Rowley, will join us as our preacher**. St Wilfrid’s and St Faith’s will have their own pattern for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – but those who wish will be able to celebrate the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday together at St Mary’s at 8.30pm.

*Please see below for full details and consider what you might do and how you may share that journey of love and help us build a community together during Holy Week this year.*

### **Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 10am – Noon Messy Easter at St Mary's**



An opportunity for young families to come and explore the Easter story with us with art and craft and ending with **a free lunch. If you know of someone who might be coming can you let Revd Marcus know so we can ensure there is sufficient food!**

### **Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**



**9.30am** Those who can please **join us at St Wilfrid's Church in George Street** as we walk with **Palm crosses**, streamers and a band and begin the journey to the Cross ...



**10am** We gather as a Parish at **St Mary's** to 'welcome' Jesus as the crowds welcomed him into Jerusalem. We also hear the Passion Narrative to help us recall the events that we are about to share in through the week,

### **Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> 11am Stations of the Cross at St Mary's**



We will use the 14 images around the Church to reflect on the journey made on Good Friday from Pilate to the Cross and the tomb – and the journey we make through life with Jesus

**7pm Mass and Reflection at St Mary's**

### **Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm Mass and Reflection at St Mary's**

**Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> Noon Mass** followed by final discussion on our Lent Book at St Mary's

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## Maundy Thursday April 14th



At our services we reflect on the events of the Last Supper – the washing of the disciples feet; Jesus breaking bread and sharing the cup inviting us to do this in remembrance of him and then he asks us to ‘watch and pray with him’ in the Garden of Gethsemane till he is betrayed by Judas.

**At St Faith’s 6pm Eucharist of the Last Supper**  
ending with a short watch and vigil of prayer

**At St Wilfrid’s 2pm a Quiet afternoon**



This will begin with the Eucharist of the Last Supper and will end with a watch or prayer till Sunset (8pm)  
There will be Tea and coffee available – please bring your own food to eat and drink in silence. Contact Revds Sam or Kate for details

**At St Mary’s 7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and watch of prayer till Midnight.** Please sign list n Church if you can cover some of the watch of prayer ...be good to have 2 or 3 people for every 15 min slot



**Good Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>**



Our churches are stripped and empty – our focus is on the Cross and all it stands for and means. We hear the reading of the events of the first Good Friday in John’s Gospel; we reflect on the cross, pray at the foot of the cross and end in stillness receiving the Body of Christ

**At St Mary’s I am Young Families gather** to share in activities and art and craft to reflect on the day – ending with Hot Cross Buns



**1pm A series of reflections – interspersed with silence – on the Cross**

**2pm The Liturgy of the Cross (ends at 3pm)**

**At St Faith's 2pm The Liturgy of the Cross**

**At St Wilfrid's Noon a Quiet afternoon**

starting with 'An hour before the cross' led by Revd Kate. There will be Tea and coffee available – please bring your own food to eat and drink in silence

**2pm Liturgy of the cross**

**Holy Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>**

If you are able to help prepare our churches for Easter – please contact Revd Sue for St Faith's; Revd Sam for St Wilfrid's – or for St Mary's come along from 9am and there will be plenty to do!



As a Parish we all gather for one of the most beautiful and special service of the year as we gather in darkness and then welcome the coming of the light of Christ as we with joy and light celebrate his new life!

**8.30pm The Vigil of Readings  
and First Mass of Easter (ends about 10pm)**

**Easter Day April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**At St Faith's 9am Mass of Easter Day**

**At St Mary's 8am Book of Common Prayer Eucharist**

**10am Sung Mass for Easter and Baptisms**

**4pm Choral Evensong and Benediction**

**At St Wilfrid's 11am Mass of Easter Day**

*For further information contact any of the Ministry team  
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