

PARISH EUCHARIST
FOR PALM SUNDAY

AND THE

COMMEMORATION OF THE
LORD'S ENTRY INTO
JERUSALEM

13TH APRIL 2025
9.30AM

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood for our Parish Eucharist this morning as we celebrate Palm Sunday and the Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

Today marks the beginning of Holy week. Through participation in the whole sequence of services this week, we share in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms, which we begin this service, was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century. During the service the mood changes from one of celebration to sorrow, as the Passion Narrative is read, and the whole story of the week is anticipated.

There is no Children's Church as this service falls during the School Holidays. Children are invited to carry Palms at the beginning of the service. Frances will be doing a fun Palm Craft with Children during the service.

Our worship celebrates Christ's love for all people.

We find rest in God's presence.

The Holy Spirit empowers our lives.

We enjoy building a loving community.

We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which **celebrates and affirms every person** and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of **disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality**. We believe in a Church which **welcomes and serves all people** in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

A toilet with disabled and baby changing facilities is available next to the vestry.



If you don't already give regularly, you can support us by using the contactless donation box opposite the door as you enter or leave the church. To give regularly please take a **Parish Giving Scheme** leaflet from the rack, or sign up to the **Parish Giving Scheme** by scanning here to get started:



Private prayer of preparation

Prepare us, O God, for the worship of your house, and give us grace to serve you with reverence, joy, and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

 **This service will be live-streamed to Facebook.**

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

The congregation assembles in the churchyard.

The Cantor sings:

The children of the Hebrews, carrying palms and olive branches, went forth to meet the Lord, crying out and saying, Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour: to suffer, to die and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold up their palms while this prayer is read.

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now

approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

‘Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!’

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

During the procession all hold their palms in their hands.

Processional Hymn



Once the people are in the church then we process the palms in as we sing
(NEH 509)

***All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One.

Refrain

The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

Refrain

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.
Refrain

Words: Theodulph of Orleans c. 820
Trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

Isaiah: 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens — awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Please remain seated
(MP 85)

Come and see, come and see,
come and see the King of love;
see the purple robe and crown of thorns He wears.
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer
as He lifts the cruel cross;
lone and friendless now, He climbs towards the hill

***We worship at Your feet,
where wrath and mercy meet,
and a guilty world is washed by love's pure stream.
For us He was made sin -
oh, help me take it in.
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive.'
I worship, I worship
the Lamb who was slain.***

Come and weep, come and mourn
for your sin that pierced him there;
so much deeper than the wounds of
thorn and nail.

All our pride, all our greed,
all our fallenness and shame;
and the Lord has laid the punishment
on Him.

Refrain

Man of heaven, born to earth
to restore us to Your heaven.
Here we bow in awe beneath Your
searching eyes.

From Your tears comes our joy,
from Your death our life shall spring;
by Your resurrection power we shall
rise.

Refrain

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Passion Reading

Please stand

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Please feel free to sit, either from the start or whenever you need to.

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

And no response is made.

The Intercessions

Please sit or kneel

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

During the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy...

All: ...hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

Merciful Father...

All: ...accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table

Those that wish can make a contactless donation using the contactless donation box, or you can scan here to make a one-off donation from your phone:



Offertory Hymn

(REH 121)

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.

O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow:
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.

But O my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.

Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the prince of life they slay.

Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!

This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (c.1625-84)

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All: All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

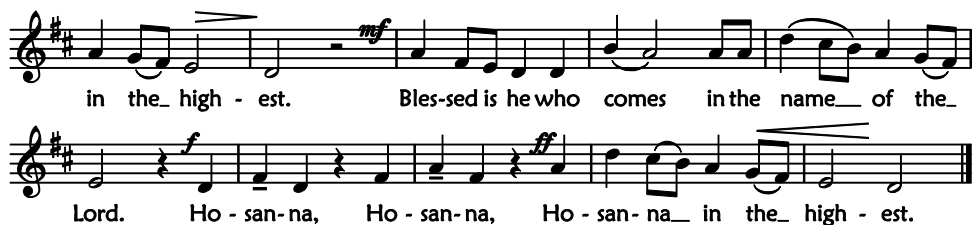
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and singing:

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[Organ] Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
Hea- ven and earth are full of your glo- ry, Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na



We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

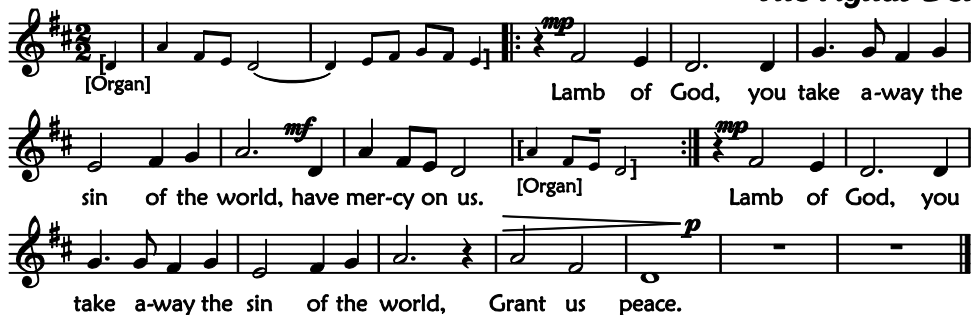
on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and for ever.
 Amen.

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei



[Organ] Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. [Organ] Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sin of the world, Grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Everyone in church is now asked to come forward
 to receive either communion or a blessing.

If you wish to receive the communion wine from the common cup, please
 receive communion at the chancel step.

If you wish to receive communion by intinction of the wafer in the
 wine please receive communion from the side-aisle.

Private devotion before Communion

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
 Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me with waters gushing from
 thy side.

Communion Hymn

(REH 123)

O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
with thorns was pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my head
that I may think for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
with nails were pierced for me;
O shed thy blessing on my hands
that they may work for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
with nails were pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my feet
that they may follow thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
with spear was pierced for me;
O pour thy Spirit in my heart
that I may live for thee.

Henry Ernest Hardy (Fr Andrew, SDC) (1869-1946)

After Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

All: Amen.

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The notices are given.

Final Hymn

Please stand
(REH 108)

The royal banners forward go,
the cross shines forth in mystic glow,
where he in flesh, our flesh who
made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was
died,
life's torrent rushing from his side,
to wash us in that precious flood,
where mingled water flowed, and
blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told
in true prophetic song of old,
amidst the nations, God, says he,
has reigned and triumphed from the
tree.

O tree of beauty, tree of light,
O tree with royal purple dight,
elect on whose triumphal breast
those holy limbs should find their
rest!

On whose dear arms, so widely
flung,
the weight of this world's ransom
hung
the price of humankind to pay
and spoil the spoiler of his prey.

To thee, eternal three in one,
let homage meet by all be done;
whom by the cross thou dost restore,
preserve and govern evermore.

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (c.530-c.609)

trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

The Dismissal

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

**Please remain standing and in your places
until the procession has left the church**

Please join us for coffee immediately after the service.

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GREAT HAMPDEN AND HOLY TRINITY NOTICES

Holy Week Services



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER **13th - 20th April**



Palm Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist, Holy Trinity
11.15am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene

Holy Monday

7.30pm Meditative Service,
Holy Trinity

Holy Tuesday

7.30pm Healing Eucharist,
Holy Trinity

Holy Wednesday

7.30pm Stations of the
Cross, Holy Trinity

Maundy Thursday, Holy Trinity

8.00pm Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altars
9.15pm Vigil
11.55pm Compline

Good Friday

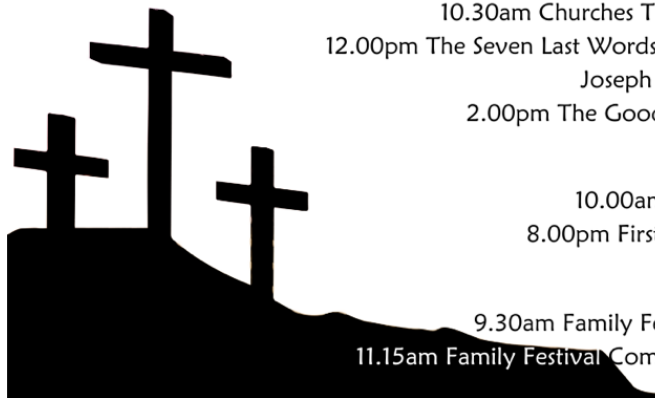
9.15am Walk of Witness (Depart from HTP)
10.30am Churches Together Service (Village Hall)
12.00pm The Seven Last Words of our Saviour on the Cross
Joseph Haydn (St Mary Magdalene)
2.00pm The Good Friday Liturgy, Holy Trinity

Holy Saturday

10.00am Craft & Praise, Holy Trinity
8.00pm First Mass of Easter, Holy Trinity

Easter Day

9.30am Family Festival Eucharist, Holy Trinity
11.15am Family Festival Communion, St Mary Magdalene



Join us throughout Holy Week as we walk the way of the cross.

All order of services will be available at

<https://www.htprestwood.org.uk/easter2025>



Easter Craft & Praise | Saturday 19th April | 10am-12pm

A colorful poster for an Easter event. At the top left, a string of four Easter eggs (blue with pink stripes, yellow with orange dots, orange with white dots, and pink with blue stripes) hangs from a string. To the right is a circular logo for 'HOLY TRINITY PRESTWOOD' with a central cross and '175th ANNIVERSARY' below it. Further right is a large, colorful cross with rays emanating from it. Below the cross are three smaller crosses. The main title 'CRAFT & PRAISE' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the word 'EASTER' is in large, pink, block letters with small illustrations of bunnies and eggs. To the left of 'EASTER' is a large purple tulip. Below the title, the text 'SATURDAY 19 APRIL 10AM-12PM IN THE CHURCH' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right of this, a list of activities is shown: '6 AWESOME CRAFT ACTIVITIES', 'PLANTING EASTER GARDEN!', 'EASTER EGG HUNT!!', 'CAKE & REFRESHMENTS', and 'INFORMAL WORSHIP TIME'. Below the list, it says 'DONATIONS TAKEN ON THE DAY.' and 'FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK A PLACE, EMAIL FRANCES:'. At the bottom right, the email address 'FAMILIES@HTPRESTWOOD.ORG.UK' is provided. On the left side, below the tulip, is a pink sign with the words 'Egg Hunt' written on it. At the bottom, there are three more tulips in pink, yellow, and purple.

Join us for Easter Craft & Praise! 6 amazing craft tables, Easter Egg Hunt, planting the Easter Garden, refreshments, the Easter Story and finally ending with fun guitar led singing. This is one you do not want to miss! Craft & Praise Easter will be a lovely morning for the whole family. Please email Frances on families@htprestwood.org.uk for more info and to book your place.

Bunny and Chicken Creme Eggs



On sale from next April 6 at Breakfast, Toddlers and Easter Craft and Praise.

£2.00 each. Lovingly knitted by the Wool Gatherers.

Readers during Holy Week

We are in need of readers for the services during Holy Week. If you are planning on attending any of them please let Kayleigh know. Readings will be available to collect after the service on Palm Sunday.

Easter Day | Family Service | HTP



Join us on Easter Day for our Family Service. This will be a joyful day as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There will be a fun craft at the front of the church for children, and the opportunity for them to help in the service. After the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.

For more information, contact Frances, families@htprestwood.org.uk.

Easter Day | Family Service | GH

Great Hampden's Family Festival Communion will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Join us at 11.15am as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This year's APCMs

This year the APCM for each church will be:

Sunday 11th May, Holy Trinity

Sunday 18th May, Great Hampden

Both will take place following the service.

This meeting may be attended by:

1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and
2. All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Further details and the relevant papers will be made available nearer the time.

Pet Service | May 18th | HTP



Family Pet Service 18 May 10 Our May Family Service is a Pet Service!

Come along with your animal friends for a fun service where we will bless your pets.

This service will be non-Eucharistic (no communion). Those wishing to receive communion are invited to attend either the 8am BCP Holy Communion, or the 11.15am Holy Communion at Great Hampden.

For more information, contact Frances, families@htprestwood.org.uk.

All pets are welcome!

The Weekly Herald

Sunday April 13th – Palm Sunday

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF PRESTWOOD & GREAT HAMPDEN

Prayer for the week

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Worship and Events at Prestwood and Great Hampden

8.00am Holy Communion (HTP)
9.30am **Parish Eucharist (HTP)**
11.15am **Morning Prayer CW (GH)**
2.30pm First Communion Classes (HTP)
4.00pm Fusion Youth Group

Monday 14	8.00am	Morning Prayer (online)
Holy Monday	9.30am	Bumps & Babies (HTP)
	7.30pm	Meditative Service (HTP)

Tuesday 15	8.00am	Morning Prayer (online)
Holy Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (HTP)
	10.00am	The Wool Gatherers (HTP)
	7.30pm	Healing and Wholeness Eucharist (HTP)

Wednesday 16	8.00am	Morning Prayer (online)
Holy Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) (HTP)
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross (HTP)

Thursday 17	8.00am	Morning Prayer (online)
Maundy Thursday	8.00pm	Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altars (HTP)
	9.15pm	Vigil (HTP)
	11.55pm	Compline (HTP)

Friday 18	9.15am	Walk of Witness (departs HTP)
Good Friday	10.30am	Churches Together Service (Prestwood Village Hall)
	12noon	Seven Last Words (GH)
	2.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy (HTP)

Saturday 19	10.30am	Craft & Praise Easter (HTP)
Holy Saturday	8.00pm	First Mass of Easter (HTP)

Sunday 20	8.00am	Holy Communion (HTP)
Easter Day	9.30am	Family Festival Eucharist (HTP)
	11.15am	Family Festival Communion (GH)

Readings for next Sunday

Acts 10.34-43	1 Corinthians 15.19-26	John 20.1-18
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