



Palm Sunday 13th April 10am

We usually bring branches to the Palm Sunday service but this year we will read Luke's gospel where the disciples don't lay branches on the floor - they use their cloaks.

SO.... this year instead of bringing a branch, please bring an extra coat / cloak / piece of material to lay on the floor as a 'road' in front of Jesus. - you can take it home after the service.

As always we will be reading the dramatised passion gospel - if you would like to take part please contact Felicity. There are big and little parts. Brief rehearsal at 4pm on Saturday 12th for those who can make it.

There will be the usual monthly prayer breakfast at St John's (9.30am) leading into the Eucharist at 10am. Do come and join us.

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion
(St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion
(St Mary's and Livestream on
www.youtube.com/@KidHPChurch)

10am Holy Communion
(St John's)

10am Holy Communion
(Hampton Poyle)

9pm Compline (Chancel in St
Mary's)

**Please find the list of Services
and all the details of Holy
Week on the following pages**

Don't forget our service sheets are downloadable and online. Feel free to bring a tablet to the service to help the environment.

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

All services in the parish for Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday are shown here. Please feel free to come to any of these as part of your Holy Week journey.

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| Palm Sunday | St Mary's K | 8am | Holy Communion |
| | St Mary's K | 10am | Holy Communion |
| | St John's | 10am | Holy Communion |
| | St Mary's HP | 10am | Holy Communion |
| | St Mary's K | 8.45pm | Talk and Compline |
| Monday 14th | St John's | 7.30pm | Evening Prayer |
| | St Mary's K | 8.45pm | Talk and Compline |
| Tuesday 15th | St John's | 7.30pm | Iona Communion |
| | St Mary's K | 8.45pm | Talk and Compline |
| Wednesday 16th | St Mary's K | 11am | Holy Communion |
| | St John's | 7.30pm | Stations of the Cross |
| | St Mary's K | 8.45pm | Talk and Compline |
| Maundy Thursday | St Mary's K | 7pm | Maundy Agape Service with Foot Washing and meal Vigil until midnight |
| | St John's | 8pm | Maundy Holy Communion with Foot Washing Vigil until midnight |
| Good Friday | St John's | 9.45am | Start of Walk of Witness |
| | St Mary's K | 12noon | Three hour devotions |
| | St John's | 2pm | Service of Reflection |
| | St John's | 4pm | Family Service |
| Holy Saturday | | | NONE |
| Easter Sunday | St Mary's K | 5am | Dawn Service |
| | St Mary's K | 10am | Holy Communion |
| | St John's | 10am | Holy Communion |
| | St Mary's HP | 10am | Holy Communion |
| | St Mary's K | 5.30pm | Choral Evensong |

Services for Holy Week and Easter

You can see above details of all the services offered in our churches from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. Some will be familiar to many people, but there are probably others that you've never heard of or tried before. Please do feel free to explore these as ways of helping you on your journey this week.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

- We will continue the Lenten Compline services in the Chancel at St Mary's Kidlington. The service is at 9pm, preceded by a talk at 8.45pm on the theme 'Are You the Messiah' tracing the concept from its ancient origins to Jesus himself.
- At St John's there is a different service at 7.30pm each evening. On Monday this is the BCP Evening Prayer, which somehow still seems very fitting for this solemn week. Tuesday we will have the usual weekly service of Communion in the Iona tradition, with a special Holy Week litany. Wednesday sees the Stations of the Cross, when we reflect on the fourteen traditional "stations" or events of the day of Jesus' death, with short readings and prayers before each image around the walls of St John's.

Maundy Thursday

- At St Mary's Kidlington, the service starts at 7pm, with readings, songs and (optional) foot washing in the church, followed by a simple Agape meal in the Refectory. This is followed by a quiet return to the church for music and the stripping of the church furnishings.
- At St John's the service at 8pm will be a more traditional Holy Communion, including (optional) foot washing and the stripping of the church furnishings.
- There will then be a vigil in each Lady Chapel until midnight (no-one is expected to be there the whole three hours, but do come along for a time of quiet however long that is).

Good Friday

- Churches Together in Kidlington (CTK) will be holding their Walk of Witness this morning. It starts at St John's at 9.45am and moves up to the High Street, stopping at St Thomas More Church and the Methodist Church with prayers and readings at each. This is a powerful way to mark and remember a seismic day as we carry the wooden cross past cars, commuters and shoppers, stopping off to sing Easter songs and tell the story again of Jesus' journey to the cross and all that it means to us together. In the High Street there will be a dramatic re-enactment of the Passion (with many people taking part) before adjoining to the Methodist Church for refreshments (hot cross buns of course).
- At St Mary's Kidlington, the three hour devotion will start at 12noon. There will be a range of different forms of reflection, music etc during that time and you are welcome to come for however long you want.
- St John's will hold a one hour service of reflection at 2pm.
- Also at St John's there will be a 4pm service sharing the story of Good Friday for all the family – followed by more refreshments.

Holy Saturday

- We don't have any services in our churches today, but this is a very special peaceful time as people prepare for the Easter Day celebrations – putting back furnishings, doing flowers, preparing fires,

Easter Sunday

- If you are an early riser do join the atmospheric Dawn service at St Mary's Kidlington at 5am. The lighting of a fire and walk round the outside of the church as dawn comes is always very moving.
- There will be celebration services of Communion in all three churches at 10am. **If going to St Mary's Kidlington do take along a flower (any size, shape, colour) to decorate the cross with Easter joy.** At St John's the service will start with the lighting of the fire (in the wilderness soon to be transformed into a Community Garden). There will also be Easter egg hunts after the services in both Kidlington churches.
- And to round off the day we have a special Choral Evensong in St Mary's Kidlington at 5.30pm.

Youth Weekend Away 2025!!

We are delighted to be able to share that we are running the Youth Weekend away again in October this year, following the huge success of our weekend away last September.

We have a good number of young people already signed up to go.

The weekend away is a chance to encourage our young people in their faith journeys, to continue to build friendships, and to make memories together.

This year some of the costs have gone up (with inflation), so we are fundraising to help pay for the weekend, making it more manageable for families. Here are the details of events currently planned:

Cake / Bake Sale Sunday 27th April

After the main service at St Mary's, the young people will be providing cakes and bakes to sell at tea/coffee time, before the Big Church Party - see separate notice for more about the party...!

Quiz night Saturday 7th June

..sees the return of the St John's Big Quiz!

Save the date for our quiz night - being hosted by Team Tupling - more information will follow with details regarding booking tickets and registering teams...

Donations are welcome!

Perhaps you would like to give a small financial contribution towards the weekend?

Do get in touch with the Parish Office - office@kidhp.org.uk

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the team.

We look forward to seeing you at the bake sale and the quiz night.

Diana Davis, Paul Charles, Scott Cheeseman, Kt Tupling

SUMMER SUNDAY TEAS AT ST MARY'S

11th May - 14th September 2025.

All volunteers welcome.



Afternoon Teas 3- 5pm in the Refectory at the back of the church.

Serving the Community

Weddings at St Mary's

Gemma and Peter 12th April 1pm

Beth and Eliot 6th May 1pm

In our Prayers this Week

(This list will be updated after Easter)

Peter, Eirian and James, Graham, Sheila, Lorna, Sarah and Vassilis

Rosemary, Aodhagan

Bridget, David and Tricia, Charlotte, Peter J,

J...a teenage girl, Clare, Janet, Indie,

Vilma and Mike, Mike and Anne, Robert, Sue S

Marguerite, Pat, Diana C,

Jane, Michael, Diane, Pam

Those who have died: Oenwen, Paul G

We continue to pray for the people of the Middle East and all places in conflict at this very difficult time.

PARISH OF KIDLINGTON AND
HAMPTON POYLE

Church

FAMILY PARTY

SUNDAY | APRIL
27 | 12:00-4:00PM
2025

St Mary's Church, Kidlington.

Bring and share lunch and cake

Gentle fun and fellowship for all.

Take time to enjoy being with our church family.
Play games altogether and in small groups.

Watch or join in.

Have fun with old friends and make new friends.
Enjoy co-creating a celebration banner with David and
Rosemary Meera. There will be something for everyone aged 5
To 95.

Please RSVP by signing upon the sheets in
St John's, St Mary's Kidlington and St Mary's
Hampton Poyle.

Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society



Spring Concert

Peasants, Nobles and Nuns

**Popular opera choruses by Rossini,
Tchaikovsky & Massenet**

Musical Director: Richard Strivens

**Friday 9th May
Saturday 10th May
7:30pm**

St. Mary's Church, Kidlington

Adult £15, 11-17 yrs £10, under 11 yrs free

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