

St Paul's Church, Wokingham
St Nicholas' Church, Emmbrook

Holy Week and Easter 2021



There are clearly significant changes to the way we can keep Holy Week this year. Numbers in Church will be limited. We will have to wear face masks and only two or three members of the Choir will be allowed to sing in the services.

Other great traditions, like the Palm Procession from St Paul's Junior School and Footwashing on Maundy Thursday, will not be possible. But what matters is that we will be able to gather in St Paul's Church for worship, and we will be able to be in the same space to travel the road together with Jesus, and we will be able to use YouTube and Zoom to make sure that everyone is able to join in.

In the midst of so much uncertainty there is a lot here to be thankful for, not least the chance to hold worship in the Church building.

Whether you are planning to come in person or to join in online, Holy Week is Holy Week and we are all invited to journey with Jesus and his disciples from the triumphal entry to the upper room, and from there to Gethsemane, and to Golgotha and then on to the break of dawn on Easter Day.

It is Christ's invitation. We dare not refuse.

[The links you need for everything are given at the bottom of this document- single-use links are in the main body of the text]

Palm Sunday: March the 28th (clocks go forward)

9.30am Please join in on YouTube or come along in person, after you've booked at Eventbrite.
You can collect your Palm Cross from the Church porch now.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

12pm Stations of the Cross, in person, at St Paul's
8pm 30 min service: Encountering Jesus at the table at the Parish Zoom Address
8.30pm followed by Deanery Compline, at the Deanery Zoom Address

Maundy Thursday April the 1st (YouTube and in person)

7.30pm Meditative and reflective organ piece:
Chorale Partita by J S Bach
8pm Mass with Stripping of the Altars
c.9.15 to midnight Keeping Watch with Jesus

Good Friday

- 11am Holy Week for Primary School Children, on YouTube
- 12pm Churches Together release their Good Friday video dramatically retelling the story of Jesus' ministry, death and rising <https://youtu.be/KcLU4PH5vHw>
- 2pm Last Hour at the Cross, from St Paul's (YouTube and in person)
- 3.30pm Watching at the Cross at St Nicholas', on Zoom (gather from 3pm)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82327765817?pwd=ek9hZWVhRVhETG54RlVyZ0FaZi83Zz09>
Meeting ID: 823 2776 5817 Passcode: 593609

Easter Eve

- 8pm Service of Readings and Reflection, on Parish Zoom

Easter Day

- 6am First Mass of Easter (YouTube and in person)
- 9.30am All Together Mass for Easter
YouTube, and in person with a booking through Eventbrite



Some Helpful Notes

If you have any questions at all then please email Louise in the Church Office at church.office@spauls.co.uk or ring 0118 979 2122.

Lighting a candle as the service starts in your own home is a great way of helping you to focus and prepare for worship.

If you are coming on **Maundy Thursday**, please either arrive before 7.30 to listen to the organ piece or come at 7.55 so that there is minimum disruption during the music. You will also need access to a bowl of water if you're joining in from home.

On Easter Day, why not come along in your **best Easter bonnet**? Or send in a photo? And do please bring along **percussion instruments** (or make one) for the two services on Easter Day- we might not be allowed to blow a bugle or shout a lot but we can still make a joyful noise with other things!

Links and Addresses

To book a place in person for Palm Sunday or Easter Day at 9.30am:

[Wokingham, United Kingdom St Paul Wokingham Events | Eventbrite](#)

The answer to any questions will be here, including the Orders of Service you need to join in fully: [St Paul's Parish - St Paul's Wokingham with St Nicholas and Woosehill \(stpauls-wokingham.org.uk\)](#)

To find any of our online Services on YouTube:

[St Pauls Wokingham - YouTube](#)

Any Zoom activities during the week from St Paul's will be here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75320064518?pwd=aGhMVIRVamozZkI4QWI4WmZJVFRXUT09> Meeting ID: 753 2006 4518 Passcode: 024453

Compline is a Deanery Event, and is available here:

<https://zoom.us/j/6712844089?pwd=R0dyRksvZ3p3RW9LNII3V0NZb3dGZz09> Meeting ID: 671 284 4089 Passcode: cT9Han