

Your Guide to Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2018

This leaflet invites you to a journey through Lent, Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter. There are opportunities for worship, exploration of your faith through study, and renewal of your understanding of what it means to belong to the Christian Community. We shall welcome Bishop Jonathan on our journey through Holy Week and Easter.

The Lent Groups

are meeting as follows. You are welcome to join any of the groups.

‘Love is the Meaning’: The Groups will run on Monday afternoons at 2.00 at 1, Outwick Cottage, Breamore, SP6 2BU, and Wednesday Mornings at 10.00 at the Rectory, 71, Church Street, Fordingbridge. SP6 1BB.

‘The King’s Speech’: Thursday evenings at 7.30 in Frogham Chapel at Hyde, SP6 2HZ.

‘40 Days of Hope’: Monday afternoons, organised by the URCs, at the UR Church in Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge SP6 1AB.

Details in the weekly boxes below and in Partners, the weekly newsletter of the Avon Valley Partnership.

Thursday Mar 1st

Lent Group (Session 2)

7.30pm

Frogham Chapel, Hyde

Sunday Mar 4th**Third Sunday in Lent****Symbols of the Passion (3) – The Money Bag**

Holy Communion	8.00am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion	8.30am	St Mary's, Breamore
Sung Communion	9.30am	Holy Ascension, Hyde
Sung Eucharist	9.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge <i>(NB, earlier time than usual on a 1st Sunday)</i>
Holy Communion	10.00am	St Mary's, Hale
Morning Service	10.45am	Sandleheath Church

Monday Mar 5th

Lent Group (Session 3)	2.00pm	Outwick, Breamore
Lent Group (Session 3)	2.30pm	URC, Fordingbridge

Wednesday Mar 7th

Lent Group (Session 3)	10.00- 11.15am	The Rectory, 71, Church Street, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion	11.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Lent Lunch	12.15- 1.30pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge

Thursday Mar 8th

Lent Group (Session 3)	7.30pm	Frogham Chapel, Hyde
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Sunday Mar 11th**Fourth Sunday in Lent****Mothering Sunday: Symbols of the Passion (4) –
The Crown of Thorns and the Purple Robe**

Holy Communion	8.00am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Mothering Sunday Service	9.00am	St Giles', Godshill
Mothering Sunday Service	9.30am	Holy Ascension, Hyde
Mothering Sunday Service	10.00am	St Boniface, Woodgreen
Allsorts Mothering Sunday Service	10.30am (Note time)	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Mothering Sunday Service	10.45am	Sandleheath Church
Mothering Sunday Service	11.00am	St Mary's, Breamore

Monday Mar 12th

Lent Group (Session 4)	2.00pm	Outwick, Breamore
Lent Group (Session 4)	2.30pm	URC, Fordingbridge

Wednesday Mar 14th

Lent Group (Session 4)	10.00- 11.15am	The Rectory, 71, Church Street, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion	11.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Lent Lunch	12.15- 1.30pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge

Thursday Mar 15th

Lent Group (Session 4)	7.30pm	Frogham Chapel, Hyde
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(You might like to colour in the page overleaf, and give it to someone who would appreciate it. You can write your message below.)

with love on
Mothering
Sunday



Sunday Mar 18th**Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)****Symbols of the Passion (5) – The Whip**

Holy Communion	8.00am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion & Breakfast	8.30am	Holy Ascension, Hyde
Sung Eucharist	9.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Worship for All	10.00am	Holy Ascension, Hyde
Morning Service	10.00am	St Mary's, Hale
Uniting Anniversary Morning Service	10.45am	Sandleheath Church, with the Bishop of Southampton
Holy Communion	11.00am	St Mary's, Breamore
Evening Service	6.30pm	St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Monday Mar 19th

Lent Group (Session 5)	2.00pm	Outwick, Breamore
Lent Group (Session 5)	2.30pm	URC, Fordingbridge

Wednesday Mar 21st

Lent Group (Session 5)	10.00-11.15am	The Rectory, 71, Church Street, Fordingbridge
Holy Communion	11.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Lent Lunch	12.15-1.30pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge

Thursday Mar 22nd

Lent Group (Session 5)	7.30pm	Frogham Chapel, Hyde
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CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK

In the Late 300s, a Spanish pilgrim to the Holy Land called Egeria kept a diary of her travels, which has survived in a rather fragmentary form. The most fascinating parts are her descriptions of the Services and events which took place in Holy Week in Jerusalem – and this was just a few decades after Christianity had become the official religion of the Roman Empire under Constantine the Great. Hers is the earliest account we have of what happened in Jerusalem in Holy Week and at Easter.

By that stage, and probably much earlier, the pattern of processing into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, with palms and donkeys, and the meal on Maundy Thursday, and the Procession following the Way of the Cross (the Via Dolorosa) on Good Friday, and the Vigil at the Empty Tomb on the Saturday evening, and the early Easter Day Service on Sunday Morning, were all well established. The Jerusalem Christians were following as closely as they could what Jesus himself did in Holy Week.

As Egeria's writing spread across Europe, and as others came back with their own stories of Jerusalem at Easter, so people who couldn't go to Jerusalem itself began to follow a similar pattern – as we shall do in Holy Week this year again across the Partnership.

On Palm Sunday, in a Benefice Service at Hyde at 9.30, beginning at the School, we'll process with donkeys and palms to the Church for a Palm Sunday All-Age Service, which will be led by Bishop Jonathan of Southampton, who will be in the AVP for the whole of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday will see the Footwashing, Maundy Eucharist and Watch at St Mary's, Fordingbridge, at 7.30p.m. Good Friday, along with other Services in our Churches, will also have what looks like is going to be a wonderful Easter Play, starting at the Fordingbridge Rec at 10.30, and ending up at the Cross in the Market Square by 12.00, organized by Churches Together as part of 'We ♥ SP6'.

Easter Eve, there is a Baptism, Confirmation and Renewal of Vows in St Mary's Fordingbridge at 7.30p.m., (Let Gary know if you or anyone might interested in being a part of that), and Easter Morning begins with the Dawn Service, this year at 6.30a.m. at Godshill Cricket Pitch – a wonderful way of celebrating the Risen Christ on Easter Day – followed by breakfast there. And then we have Easter Services in our Churches, as we would expect.

By taking part in some or all of these things, we are walking the way of Jesus, and joining in the celebration of Holy Week with the worldwide Church; we have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the story, and reflect anew on its meaning for us; and we can refresh our own faith, and pray for God's blessing on our journey with him, as well as witnessing to the world around.

Sunday Mar 25th

Palm Sunday

Symbols of the Passion (6) – The Palm Branch

Holy Communion	8.00am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Palm Sunday Procession and Family Communion for All Ages	9.30am	Hyde School, then processing to Holy Ascension, Hyde
Film for All	4.00pm	St Boniface, Woodgreen, followed by
Meet the Bishop	6.00pm	at the Horse and Groom next door
(From Monday to Wednesday, during the day)	Lots of help needed	Holy Week Activities with children in our schools – see Partners for details)

Monday Mar 26th

Meet the Bishop	7.30pm	at the George Inn, Fordingbridge,
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Tuesday Mar 27th

The Easter Story (See Friday below) – for those unable to join on Good Friday	6.00pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge
Meet the Bishop	7.30pm	at the Bat & Ball, Breamore

Wednesday Mar 28th

Holy Communion	11.30am	St Mary's, Fordingbridge
Lent Lunch, including Traidcraft Stall	12.15-1.30pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge
Meet the Bishop	7.30pm	at the Foresters Arms, Hyde

Thursday Mar 29th

Sung Eucharist and
Renewal of Ordination
Vows

Maundy Ministry

Maundy Thursday
Footwashing, Communion
& Watch

Maundy Thursday

11.00am Winchester Cathedral

3.00-5.00pm Shoe cleaning outside
the Co Op – all
welcome to be a
presence on the street.

7.30pm St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Friday Mar 30th

Good Friday Service

The Easter Story – a
Passion Play, organised by
Churches Together

Good Friday

9.00am Sandleheath Church

10.30am Fordingbridge Rec,
moving through the
Town to the Market
Square



Good Friday Service

2.00pm

St Mary's, Breamore

Good Friday Service

2.00pm

Holy Ascension, Hyde

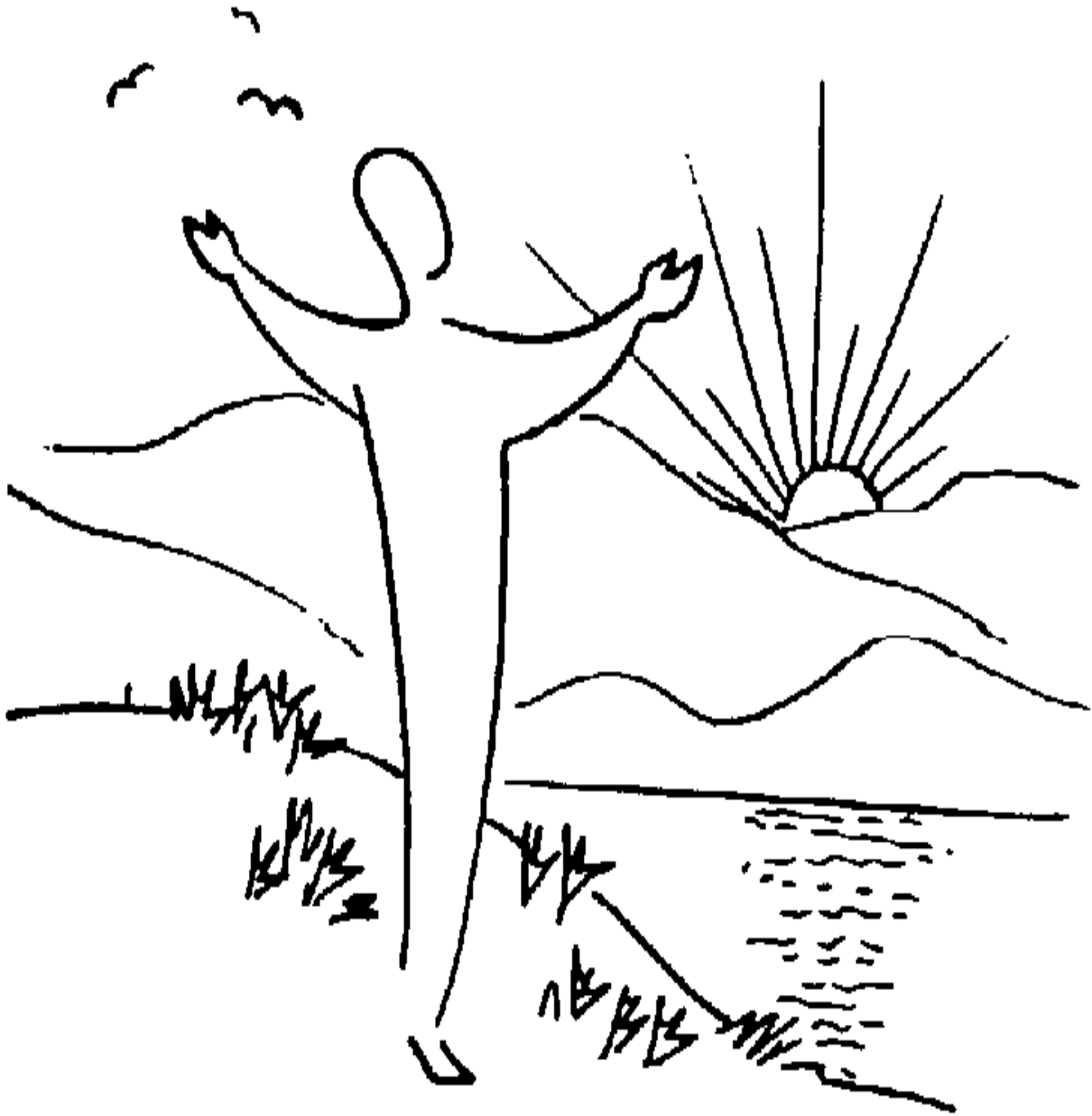
Good Friday Evening
Service, with Choir and
String Quartet - Haydn's
Seven Last Words

6.30pm

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

(Retiring Collection)

Easter Eve and Easter Day



And 'Yippee' (Alleluia!) we shout and sing on Easter morning, as we greet once more the presence of the risen Christ among us. We break bread as the dawn breaks on Godshill Common and in the Liturgies of the Churches of the Benefice. We celebrate that love is stronger than is death and that the divine love shown in the life of the man Jesus is ours forever.

Saturday Mar 31st**Easter Eve**

Easter Vigil &
Confirmation Service, with
Renewal of Baptism Vows
for All

7.30pm

St Mary's,
Fordingbridge, starting
in the Glebe Field

Speak to Gary or any of the Staff Team, or to Bishop Jonathan during the week, if you would like to be Baptised or Confirmed, or Renew your Confirmation Vows at this Service.

Sunday Apr 1st**Easter Sunday**

Sonrise Service, followed
by breakfast

6.30am

St Giles', Godshill

Holy Communion

8.00am

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Easter Communion

9.30am

Holy Ascension, Hyde

All-Age Easter Communion
& Allsorts

10.30am

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Easter Communion

10.00am

St Mary's, Hale

Easter Communion

10.45am

Sandleheath Church

Easter Communion

11.00am

St Mary's, Breamore

We wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

***We'll continue to celebrate Easter for fifty days
until Pentecost on May 20th.***

***ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.
HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!***

***This Paschal (Easter) Season also includes our
ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATIONS,
when we look back over the past year and look
ahead to the coming one.***

***All meetings include Elections of Churchwardens and PCC
Members (please think about standing for election, and
encouraging others to do so), and also refreshments.***

All are welcome:

Wednesday, April 11th, 7.00p.m., Breamore School.

Thursday, April 12th, 7.30p.m., Fordingbridge Church Hall.

Sunday, April 22nd, 10.00a.m., Woodgreen Church.

Tuesday, April 24th, 7.00p.m., Hyde Church.