

Avon Valley



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*Serving the Parishes of Fordingbridge (with Sandleheath and Godshill),
Breamore, & Hale with the Charfords (including Woodgreen).*

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Holy Week and Easter

2017

(Revised Version)

Very Sadly, Bishop Jonathan of Southampton is due to have an operation at the beginning of Holy Week, and will not be able to be with us as planned. We send him our best wishes for the operation and a speedy recovery, and will continue to hold him, Christine and all of their family in our prayers.

The Revised Programme for Holy Week follows.

Holy Week-‘That was the week that was!’

Holy Week starts with the Church re-enacting the events of the first Palm Sunday as we wave our palms to greet the coming Saviour. ‘Hosanna’ we cry. But those cries soon turn to a sombre ‘Crucify him’ as we hear the Passion read in the Eucharist. This reminds us of our fickleness when push comes to shove.

As we follow Christ’s final journey to the Cross on Good Friday maybe a few moments can be spent each day recalling those in our world who are persecuted, those who are marginalised from society those who are different from us, the betrayed, the victims of violence and a cry for the unity of all humankind, religious, political, and economic.

Sunday Apr 9th

Holy Communion 8.00am
 Palm Sunday Procession and Eucharist 10.00am
 10.30am
 Morning Service 10.45am
 Lunch for those being confirmed next Sunday 12.30pm

Palm Sunday

St Mary's, Fordingbridge
 St Boniface, Woodgreen, then processing to
 St Mary's, Hale
 Sandleheath Church
 At the Rectory, Fordingbridge

Monday Apr 10th

Holy Week Reflective Service 7.30pm

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Tuesday Apr 11th

Holy Week Reflective Service 7.30pm

St Mary's, Breamore

Wednesday Apr 12th

Holy Communion 11.30am

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Lent Lunch, including Traidcraft Stall 12.15-1.30pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge

Holy Week Reflective Service 7.30pm

St Boniface, Woodgreen

Meditation Group 7.45pm

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Thursday Apr 13th

Sung Eucharist and Renewal of Ordination Vows 11.00am

Winchester Cathedral

Maundy Ministry 3.00-5.00pm

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

Maundy Thursday Communion & Meal 7.00pm

Hyde Church Centre
(Please book a place)

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

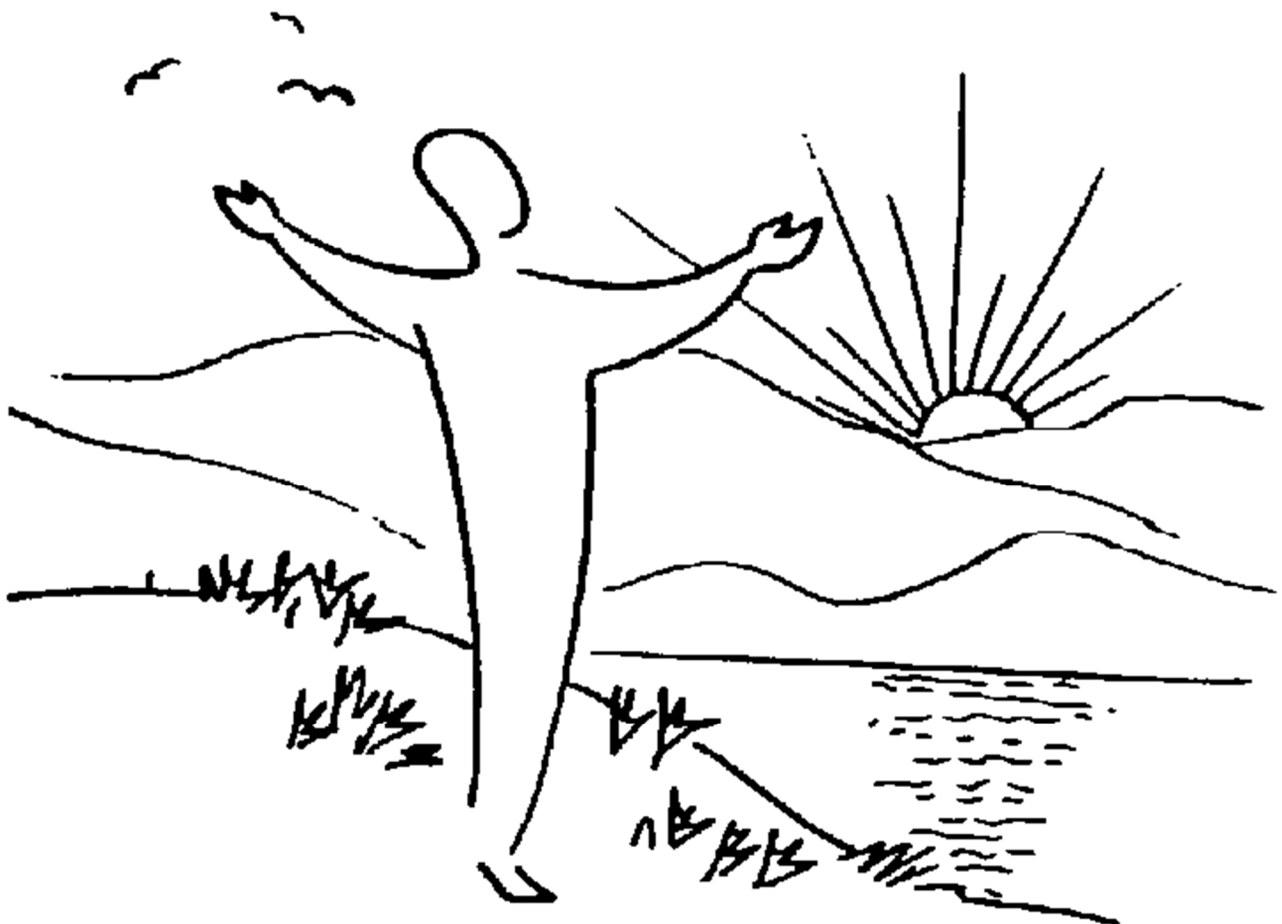
Now follows a celebration and re-enactment of a mystery beyond our understanding-an invitation to love the unlovable, to wash the feet of one another as would a slave (Maundy Thursday), to die a criminal's death outside the scared city (Good Friday), and finally to be placed in an ordinary grave and wait in anticipation (Holy Saturday).

Maundy Thursday offers us the opportunity to connect with the divine mystery as clergy renew their ordination vows in the Cathedral and gather oil for anointing at Baptisms, Healing and anointing the dying; to allow our feet to be washed and to wash one another's feet as a sign of our servanthood; for us to share in a meal in which Christ's presence is recalled; and in which the ornaments of the church are laid bare for the relatively sombre events of Good Friday.

Good Friday sees the cross carried through the streets of Fordingbridge as we recall Christ's final journey to Golgotha, lifting up in our hearts all who suffer in our world with the promise of being eternally held in God's love.

Easter Day

And yippee (alleluia) we shout on Easter morning, as we greet once more the presence of the risen Christ among us. We break bread as the dawn breaks on Hyde 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.



Friday Apr 14th

Good Friday Service

A Short All-Age Service for
Good Friday

Walk of Witness

Walk of Witness Service

Good Friday Service

Good Friday Evening Service,
with Choir – A Service of
Tenebrae, as the lights are
extinguished.**Good Friday**

10.00am

11.00am

11.40am

12.00noon

2.00pm

7.00pm

St Mary's, Hale

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Leave St Mary's,
FordingbridgeTown Centre,
Fordingbridge

St Mary's, Breamore

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Saturday Apr 15thEaster Vigil &
Confirmation Service, with
Renewal of Baptism Vows for
All**Easter Eve**

8.00pm

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

Sunday Apr 16thSonrise Service, followed by
breakfast

Holy Communion

Easter Communion

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Cream Tea at the Rectory

Easter Evening Service

**Easter
Sunday**

6.30am

8.00am

9.00am

9.30am

10.00am

10.45am

11.00am

2.30-6.00pm

6.30pm

Hyde Cricket Pitch

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

St Giles', Godshill

St Mary's, Fordingbridge

St Boniface, Woodgreen

Sandleheath Church

St Mary's, Breamore

Gary's 60th Birthday Party
– all welcome - no presents –
please let me know (via list in
Church) if you are coming

St Mary's, Fordingbridge