HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday 14 April
Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem. At our morning services, palm crosses will be blessed signifying our willingness to take up our own cross and follow Jesus. Choral Eucharist at 11am begins with a procession through Tom Quad with a donkey.

HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS
On each day of Holy Week, Canon Foot offers a reflection on Christ's Passion and Crucifixion, taking paintings from the Christ Church Picture Gallery as her inspiration. Images ranging from a late 15th-century icon of 'The Agony in the Garden' to Daniel da Volterra's celebrated depiction of the Descent from the Cross on Good Friday focus her meditations on Christ's suffering, as we each make our own journey towards the foot of the cross.

ST JOHN PASSION
Wednesday 17 April • 7.30pm
The Cathedral Choir performs Bach's St John Passion as part of our devotions for Holy Week. Choir and orchestra conducted by Steven Grah. FREE

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday 19 April
The Cathedral is stripped of all decoration, marking this as a day of desolation and dereliction. The Good Friday Liturgy at 10am is punctuated by silence and music allowing us to meditate upon the crucifixion. For children and families, our interactive Journey to the Cross takes place at 12noon. The Cathedral is open all afternoon for prayer and devotion and there will be a reflective service of readings and music at 6pm.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday 18 April
On this day the Church remembers the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples, before his night of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Choral Eucharist with Footwashing at 7.30pm is followed by an invitation to keep watch in the Lady Chapel until midnight. The annual diocesan Chrism Mass takes place at Dorchester Abbey this year, rather than the Cathedral, because of the building works. The service begins there at 11am.
EASTER EVE
Saturday 20 April

Holy Saturday begins in the shadow of the Cross. A day of waiting, the Cathedral remains bare and quiet as we linger between death and resurrection. But at the heart of Easter Eve is the Easter Vigil, beginning at 9pm, with Baptism, Confirmations, and the celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter.

EASTER DAY
Sunday 21 April

On Easter Day we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and his victory over death, rejoicing in our salvation through him.

8am  Holy Communion
9.45am  Choral Matins
11am  Choral Eucharist
6pm  Choral Evensong

Services throughout Easter Week continue the celebration of the Resurrection.

The daily offering of worship to God is at the heart of Christ Church Cathedral’s life. Everyone is welcome to join our worshipping community, whether for a single service, or more regularly.

Sundays
8am  Holy Communion (1662)
9.45am  Matins and Sermon (1662)
11am  Choral Eucharist (CW)
6pm  Choral Evensong (1662)

Weekdays
7.15am  Morning Prayer (CW)
7.35am  Holy Communion (CW)
1pm  Holy Communion (Wednesdays only) (1662)
6pm  Evening Prayer – Choral Evensong (1662)