

LENT HOLY WEEK & EASTER

LENT

is the period of 40 days before Easter. It is a time of reflection as we prepare to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

18 February, 11.30am and 7.30pm

On the first day of Lent, Christians mark their forehead with ash as a symbol of sorrow for their sins and as a sign of their identity in Christ. We observe this tradition in our Ash Wednesday services at 11.30am and 7.30pm, and share Communion.

'STILL' - AN INVITATION TO SLOW DOWN

Wednesdays - 25 February, and 4, 11, 18 & 25 March

7.30-8.30pm in St Mary's Church



Join us this Lent to explore different ways to slow down and be still. See the back page for more details.

LENT MESSY CHURCH

Thursday 12 March, 3.30-5pm

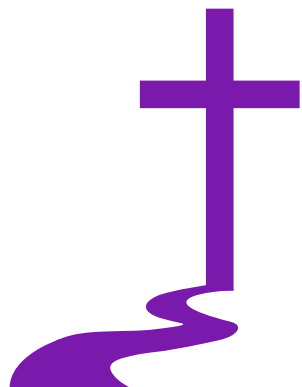


Time to explore our journey through Lent with crafts and a short service to help us prepare for Easter. Our time together ends with a meal in the Church hall.

Come and join the fun!

HOLY WEEK

We journey with Jesus to the cross



THE EASTER PATHWAY

Monday 30 March to Wednesday 1 April

Come and walk this creative prayer trail at your own pace; follow the images on the Easter Pathway carpet, with inspiring words to guide you, and gentle background music to set the scene, as you reflect on Jesus' final journey from Jerusalem to the cross. Drop in anytime between 10am-3pm from Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week, or between 7.30-8.30pm on Wednesday evening. A short time of led prayer will take place at midday each day (see below).

MIDDAY PRAYER

Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April, 12pm

Join us in church for a short time of led prayer and meditation

Monday - led by Revd Julie Partridge

Tuesday - led by Iain Whitlam

Wednesday - led by Jo Starke

Thursday - led by Revd Hugh Greer

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

Thursday 2 April, 6.30pm, £10 per ticket



A hot meal and informal Communion in the church hall. Booking is essential for catering purposes via the website or parish office. The evening will end with candles being lit and Compline being sung as we prepare to depart and sleep.

GOOD FRIDAY - 3 APRIL

Messy Church, 9.30-11am



Easter-based craft in the church hall to start, followed by a short service in church for all the family focusing on the Easter story in an interactive way.

Our time together ends with brunch in the hall.

The Crucifixion by John Stainer, 2-3pm

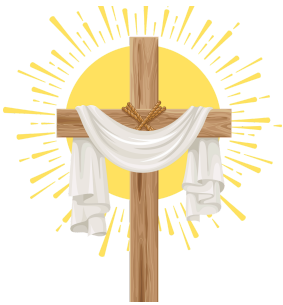
A moving musical meditation on the passion of Christ, with choir, organ and professional soloists.

EASTER SUNDAY

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

A short, traditional language, said service



10am All Together Easter Communion

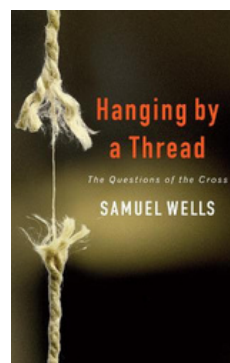
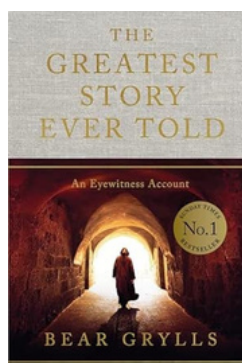
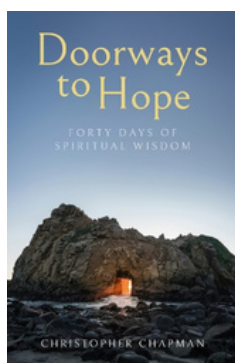
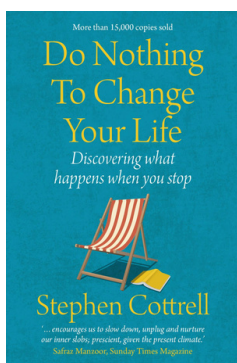
A celebratory all age communion service, with music led by a mini all-age orchestra.

The service will conclude with an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.



RECOMMENDED READING

Why not dip into a new book this Lent, Holy Week and Easter to encourage, challenge and inspire...



For more information about 'Still', our five-week invitation to slow down during Lent, read on. If you would like to know more about any of the Lent, Holy Week or Easter events and services contained in this leaflet, please contact Karen: office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

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7.30-8.30pm in St Mary's Church

Wednesdays 25 February, and 4, 11, 18 & 25 March

Still... Why? (25 February)

A short theoretical and practical introduction with Revd Leah Bates considering the benefits of being still, and practising silence.

The session will conclude with Celtic Evening Prayer.

Still... Come and 'be' (4 March)

The church will be open, gentle background music will be playing, images and meditative reading material will be available, to help us settle, stop, be still and reflect. The session will conclude with Compline.



Still... Taize (11 March)

Live meditative music from Taize, readings, and times of silence to help us slow down and aid our personal reflection.

Still... Come and 'be' (18 March)

The church will be open, live gentle worship music will be played, images and meditative reading material will be available, to help us settle, stop, be still and reflect. The session will conclude with a short time of led musical worship.

Still... Contemplative Prayer (25 March)

A time of meditative stillness with words, music, scripture and silence. Led by local spiritual director, Sharon Seal.

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