

HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2024 at St. Mary's Parish Church, Pulborough



We will be very pleased to welcome **Bishop John Ford** who will lead us through our keeping of Holy Week and our celebration of the Easter Festival. Bishop John is an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese having retired from full time ministry. Previously he served as the Bishop of Plymouth in the Diocese of Exeter and then as the Diocesan Bishop of the Murray in the Anglican Church of Australia. Before serving as a Bishop he was the Canon Precentor at our cathedral in Chichester.

Sunday 24th March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

8am The Holy Eucharist – Said

**10.15am THE PARISH EUCHARIST with
Palm Procession**

The Eucharist begins outside the church (*location to be confirmed*) and we will then process into the church building.
(Please note earlier time)



25th March Monday of Holy Week

7pm Coffee, Cake and Conversation with Bishop John at 86 Glebelands

26th March Tuesday of Holy Week

9.30am The Holy Eucharist

12noon Stations of the Cross

The earliest of pilgrims to Jerusalem sought to establish the route, the way, Jesus took with his cross to Calvary. There will be an opportunity to follow the Stations of the Cross using the paintings from the Nuns of Turvey Abbey.

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27th March Wednesday of Holy Week



12noon The Chrism Eucharist

The Bishop of Lewes will preside at the Eucharist and bless the oils at St John's, Preston Park, Brighton

This diocesan liturgy includes the blessing of the Holy Oils and the renewal of commitment to ministry by the bishops, priests and deacons of the Diocese.

6pm The Holy Eucharist

7pm Coffee, Cake and Conversation with Bishop John at 86 Glebelands

EDUCATION WEST AFRICA

This year we are supporting Education West Africa as our Lenten Appeal.

St Mary's School has strong links with the school in Kenema in Sierra Leone

Education West Africa helps school pupils in Sierra Leone get a better start to life.



Though education, young people can strive to escape poverty and get a job, earn money, live a healthier life, become independent and contribute to their family and the economy of their country. The charity asks children, teachers and headteachers what their greatest needs are, and set up projects to fulfil those needs. Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world. Education is key to changing this for future generations.

Donations can be left on the plate at the back of the Church

The Easter Festival Begins Tonight

28th March, MAUNDY or Holy THURSDAY March at 7.30pm

Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Supper, followed by the Watch until 11pm



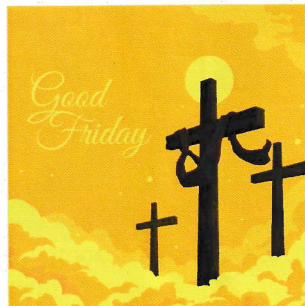
In our evening service we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, during which he instituted the Eucharist. The evangelist John also recorded that Jesus washed his disciples' feet. In our service we re-enact this foot-washing

Toward the end of the service we also remind ourselves that Jesus and his disciples left the city to go into the garden of Gethsemane to watch and pray

29th March GOOD FRIDAY

12noon Liturgy of the Cross

This special liturgy takes place at the time of the Crucifixion on the first Good Friday and helps us enter into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death for the sake of all humanity.



Saturday 30th March at 8.00pm EASTER EVE

The Easter Vigil with Service of Light, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and first Eucharist of Easter.

The special Easter Eve Service of the Light begins at 8pm in which we welcome the amazing news of Jesus' resurrection



At the end of the service as we continue celebrating with wine, soft drinks and refreshments. If you are able to bring with some savoury or sweet nibbles this would be so helpful.

31st March EASTER DAY

8.00 am The Holy Eucharist – Said

10.30 am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

We celebrate the Eucharist of The Resurrection. Eastertide is made up of fifty days until Pentecost (or Whit Sunday)

