

**King Charles the Martyr Church
Mutton Lane, Potters Bar**

Holy Week and Easter 2008

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE SERVICE AT ST ALBANS ABBEY

Monday 24 March – begins at 3pm – all welcome

This annual event attracts thousands from across the Diocese. Gathering takes place on the Orchard from 1pm. The Procession enters the Cathedral from 2.30pm, with worship beginning at 3pm.

HOLY WEEK is, and always has been, the most important week of the year for Christians. For many, it is seen as a Pilgrimage, which we walk with Christ.

It may seem to you that there are a lot of services, but Holy Week is the most important festival to observe, so please plan carefully how you will spend the week and try to come to a least one of the services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. It is very important to realise that we can only truly celebrate our Lord's resurrection on Easter Day if we have also walked and suffered with him during Holy Week.

Holy Week asks the vital question to which Easter is the only answer

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2008

PALM SUNDAY, 16 March

On this day, we celebrate the triumphal entry Jesus made into Jerusalem. We carry palms and walk in procession. The celebration is full of hope and joy – but the mood is short-lived, for Palm Sunday foreshadows the suffering and humiliation. So the reading of our Lord's Passion stands by itself, with no sermon needed.

9.15 am **Sung Eucharist** with Procession and the blessing of Palm Crosses.

11.00 am **Morning Worship attended by the Uniformed Organizations** with Procession and the blessing of Palm Crosses.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK, 17 March

9.15 am Morning Prayer

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm Compline (Night Prayer) + Address

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, 18 March

10.00am Holy Communion

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm Compline (Night Prayer) + Address

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, 19 March

9.15 am Morning Prayer

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm Celebration of God's Forgiveness with Holy Communion

This special service gives a chance for each of us to take stock of our lives. With time for reflection and general confession, we are given the opportunity to fully prepare ourselves in Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 20 March

This is the day when we give special thanks to God for the gifts of Holy Communion. At the final meal, Jesus commanded his friends 'Do this in remembrance of me.'

9.15 am Holy Communion

1.30pm - 1.50pm Open Door Holy Week Service

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm **Sung Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar**

and then a **Silent Vigil of Prayer** will follow as we remember Jesus' watch

of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Please feel free to quietly come and go during the Vigil which will last till about 10.00 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 21 March

Today, we try to picture the Cross-and what it means to us as we follow Christ today on his Way to the Cross

9.30am **Procession of Witness** from the United Reformed Church in Darkes Lane to St John's Church in Baker Street for a short Service lasting from 10.15am to 10.45am.

12 noon **Following Jesus on his way to the Cross** – This service will be appropriate for all ages and will last 45 minutes

The Church remains open between these services for prayer

2.00 pm **A Reflection for Good Friday in Words and Music** led by the Choir under the direction of William Reeve. The Service will end at 3.00pm

EASTER EVE, 22 March

8.00 pm **A Service of Light, Music, Words and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

This Service anticipates the joy to be found on Easter Day. First, a new light is lit, symbolizing God's light. This light, the Paschal Candle, is carried into the darkened Church. Then we hear, through Bible readings, the story of how God has always been caring for and leading his people. Then we all renew our baptismal vows – our statement of faith in the risen Christ. The service ends quietly, yet with a sense of hope, as we go home to await Easter

Easter Day, 23 March 2008

9.15 am **Sung Eucharist for Easter**

11.00 am **Morning Worship Holy Communion for Easter with Children's Groups and Crèche**