

Holy Week & Easter 2017
Chesterfield Parish Church—The Crooked Spire
Witnessing to New Life through Jesus's Death & Resurrection

Palm Sunday 9th April

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| 9.30 a.m. | Matins | Saint Leonard's, Spital |
| 10.30 a.m. | Procession of Palms & Choral Mass | |
| 6.30 p.m. | Choral Evensong & Address | <i>The Bishop of Repton</i> |

Monday 10th April

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| 12.15 p.m. | Mass | |
| 7.30 p.m. | Compline & Address | <i>The Bishop of Repton</i> |

Tuesday 11th April

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| 9.30 a.m. | Mass | |
| 7.30 p.m. | Compline & Address | <i>The Bishop of Repton</i> |

Spy Wednesday 12th April

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| 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion (BCP) | |
| 7.30 p.m. | Compline & Address | <i>The Bishop of Repton</i> |

Maundy Thursday 13th April

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| 11.00 a.m. | Chrism Eucharist | Derby Cathedral |
| 7.30 p.m. | Choral Mass of the Lord's Supper | <i>The Vicar</i> |
| | <i>followed by watching until Midnight (Holy Cross Chapel)</i> | |
| | <i>(reading of the Last Discourse at 11.00 p.m.)</i> | |

Good Friday 14th April

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| 11.00 a.m. | Ecumenical Walk of Witness & Service | |
| 1.30 p.m. | Stations of the Cross | <i>The Vicar</i> |
| 3.00 p.m. | The Liturgy | <i>The Vicar</i> |
| 7.00 p.m. | An Hour of Sacred Music for Good Friday | |

Holy Saturday 15th April

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| 8.30 p.m. | The Easter Vigil | <i>The Vicar</i> |
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Easter Sunday 16th April

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| 9.00 a.m. | Mass | Saint Leonard's, Spital |
| 10.30 a.m. | Procession & Solemn Choral Mass | |
| 6.30 p.m. | Festival Choral Evensong & Procession | |

CHESTERFIELD
Saint Mary & All Saints
PARISH CHURCH



Lent 2017

Parish Visits

The Vicar would like once more to **visit** as many households as possible during Lent.

The visit should take about an hour, and will consist of a short service with a prayer for God's blessing on the home, and a chance to share and celebrate hopes for the growth of the parish.

A cup of tea (but no more) will be very welcome.

Families or friends may prefer to gather together in one house for this, and family members who attend other churches or no church at all are encouraged to take part.

You'll find a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please complete all requested details to make the process as simple as possible. (The sheets will be placed in the Sacristy during the week so your contact details will not be available to the general public!)

Lent Course

This year's **Lent Course** is organised ecumenically, and will follow the acclaimed *York Course* for this Lent, entitled *Receiving Christ*.

The course examines five ways in which Christ comes to us, and it uses both written and spoken material.

Please sign up by contacting Hilary (from the Methodists) on 857846, or at lyndonfamily@hotmail.com

Bishop Alastair is also offering a Lent course in the Deanery, entitled *The Way of the Kingdom and the Challenges of Today*. It will be offered on Tuesday evenings: 7th March at Creswell; 14th March at Newbold; 21st March at Barlborough; 28th March at Brimington; and 4th April at Ridgeway. More details on the notice board.

Evensong Addresses

The Vicar will give a series of addresses at **Evensong** on the first five Sundays of Lent, where the themes will reflect the York Course.

- ✦ **Receiving Christ: as children of God**
- ✦ **Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy**
- ✦ **Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion**
- ✦ **Receiving Christ: through prayer and fellowship**
- ✦ ***Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1.27)***

Stations of the Cross

Parishioners will lead Stations of the Cross devotions during Lent

1.00 p.m. every Monday at Saint Leonard's, Spital

7.00 p.m. every Friday at the Parish Church

The Vicar will also lead Stations of the Cross at 1.30 p.m. on Good Friday.

Confessions

The Vicar is very happy to hear **confessions** by appointment. Making a formal confession of sin in the presence of a priest has been a part of the life of the Church of England all the way through the Reformation and to the present day.

Please be assured that all clergy are bound to respect the **confidentiality** of what is heard in the course of a formal confession.

Lent Reading

The **Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book**, *Dethroning Mammon: Making Money serve Grace* by Justin Welby himself, is available from the Church Shop. It explores how material wealth needs to serve the purposes of God. You may also like to buy Bishop Alastair's Lent Book *The Challenge of our Christian Calling*.

Lenten Discipline

Many people like to observe Lent by giving something up or some other formal **penance**. Please consider how your discipline will serve your own spiritual growth or can be of service to others.

The traditional **Fast Days** in Lent are **Ash Wednesday** and each **Friday**. If you feel able to go without a meal on these days, you may wish to donate the money you would have spent to others who are in need.

Lent Appeal

As you know, the Diocese is very engaged in the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking, and there will be a box in the Narthex to enable us all to donate toward the cost of this effort.

Holy Week and Easter

Weather permitting, the **Procession of Palms** will begin at the Saints Parish Centre, moving across the churchyard into the church.

The **Bishop of Repton** will offer us a short series of addresses on the evenings of Palm Sunday and of the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, aimed at focusing our attention on the awesome events we are commemorating.

On Maundy Thursday, the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** will include the **Washing of Feet** in commemoration of our Lord's commandment of love and service. The **Watching** in the Holy Cross Chapel will conclude with the reading from John's Gospel of the **Last Discourse of Christ**, starting at 11.00 p.m.

On **Good Friday**, in addition to the **Walk of Witness** in the morning, the Vicar will lead a Stations of the Cross devotion from 1.30 p.m., followed by the **Liturgy** at its traditional time of 3.00 p.m., and in the evening there will be an hour of suitable **sacred music** to help bring Good Friday to a close.

The **Easter Vigil** will begin after sunset, at 8.30 p.m. on Holy Saturday. It should end at around 10.00 p.m., when champagne and chocolate eggs will be on offer to round off the celebration!