

*Easter Eve, Saturday 31st March*

**8pm The Easter Vigil, the Christian story to the Resurrection, St Andrew's (lasts 90 minutes)**

The women first visited the tomb, when they discovered it empty, in the darkness of the Sunday morning. There is an argument for holding this service at around 5am. However, we are holding it after dark on Saturday night; the spirit of the service, though, is on Sunday morning.

We gather initially outside the church, where we light the Easter fire and carry the Paschal candle into the church, and hear ancient psalms and readings, culminating in the Gospel where Jesus rises from the tomb. **This is the central service for the entire Church's year.** Come, even if you've never been before.

*Easter Day, Sunday 1st April*

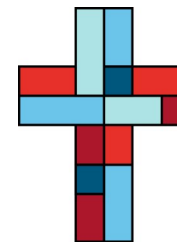
**8am Quiet traditional eucharist, St Andrew's (lasts 45 minutes)**

**9.15am The great all age eucharist of Easter, St Mark's (lasts 1 hour 10 minutes)**

**11am Morning Worship, St Andrew's (lasts 45 minutes)**

Christ is risen! We celebrate his bursting from the tomb, with a fantastic service. The church's vestments are covered in gold, the garden is strewn with chocolate eggs, and people are invited to sing out the Hallelujah chorus. The main act of worship this morning will be at 9.15am at St Mark's.

However, we will also offer acts of worship at the normal times, the 8am BCP eucharist at St Andrew's, and then Morning Worship at 11am at St Andrew's.



# St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

## Holy Week: everything you need to know

Holy Week is full of services as we mark the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This leaflet tells you when those services are happening, what happens and why and when you might want to go.

### Palm Sunday, 25th March

We have two services on Palm Sunday. The first is at 9.15am for young children and their families. We remember Jesus' journey into Jerusalem, when he was cheered by the crowds who held up palms and sang 'Hosanna'.



Because Jesus came riding on a donkey, we have a donkey too.

From 9.50am, it will be offering donkey rides in St Mark's church yard. Then, at 10.45am, we process through the streets of Surbiton behind the donkey, singing, and carrying our palms, to arrive at St Andrew's church at 11am.

At 11am at St Andrew's, we have a 'usual' choral eucharist with a Sunday Club. It includes a short drama about the last week of Jesus' life.

Services:

**8am Quiet traditional eucharist, St Mark's (lasts 45 minutes)**

**9.15am Worship for families with young children, St Mark's (lasts 35 minutes)**

**10.45am Procession, for everyone who is around (lasts 10 minutes)**

**11am Choral Eucharist, St Andrew's (lasts 1 hour)**

*Monday 26th March*

**7.30am Quiet eucharist, St Mark's, with short homily (lasts 30 minutes)**

**8pm Candle-lit compline, St Mark's, with homily (lasts 30 minutes)**

*Tuesday 27th March*

**7.30am Quiet eucharist, St Mark's, with short homily (lasts 30 minutes)**

**10am-4pm, Church open for prayer, St Andrew's**

**8pm Candle-lit compline, St Mark's, with homily (lasts 30 minutes)**

**Ladychapel open for Confession afterwards**

*Wednesday 28th March*

**7.30am Quiet eucharist, St Mark's, with short homily (lasts 30 minutes)**

**10am-4pm Church open for prayer, St Andrew's**

**8pm Candle-lit compline, St Mark's, with homily (lasts 30 minutes)**

*It is good as we prepare for Easter to have a particular focus on drawing closer to God. These services are an aid to devotion.*

*The 7.30am service is particularly aimed at early risers and/or those who commute to work, but would like to attend a service, before catching the train/ whatever. A chance to root your day in Christ.*

*The 8pm services are of 'Compline', an ancient service of the church. Psalms are sung to Medieval tunes, and there is a short reading and address. Don't worry if you haven't been before: the tunes can be picked up easily. These are probably the most peaceful services in the church's year.*

*Maundy Thursday, 29th March*

**10.30am BCP Communion, St Mark's.**

This is 'as usual' in the ladychapel on a Thursday morning

**7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper, St Andrew's, followed by the watch till midnight.**

(service lasts 90 minutes)

While we remember Jesus at the Last Supper every week, there is something particular about remembering the last supper on the day

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before we commemorate his death.

People are offered the chance to have their feet washed by the priest, in memory of Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

The service ends but does not 'finish'. The last thing that happens is that the sacrament, representing Christ, is taken to the Ladychapel, and marked in a spot with flowers, representing the Garden of Gethsemane.

While the rest of the church is stripped of all its decorations, people are invited to 'watch' with Jesus, praying in the chapel for as long as they like, in remembrance of Jesus asking his disciples to pray with him in the night at Gethsemane as he awaited his arrest and certain death. People leave in silence. The last of us will leave the church at midnight. Do come to experience this, if you have never been before.

*Good Friday, 30th March*

**10am. Easter worship for children, St Mark's (lasts 40 minutes)** followed by Hot Cross Buns.

We tell the Easter story in an interactive way, full of movement around the church, drama and songs.

Children and adults of absolutely all ages welcome.

**12 midday-2pm : Meditation, St Andrew's (lasts 2 hours)**

Jesus was nailed to the cross at midday.

From this time on, the church is open for prayer. Short homilies and prompts to prayer are given over the course of the first two hours. Feel free to drop in and out: some come in for 20 minutes; others stay all through as part of their devotion.

**2pm-3pm: The Good Friday Liturgy, St Andrew's (lasts 1 hour)**

We mark the moment of Jesus' death by reverencing the cross, and listening and singing some of the most haunting music ever written. A solemn service. We leave church in silence.

