



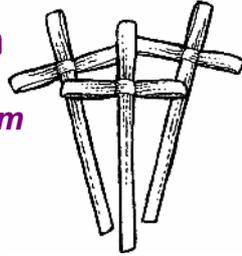
Holy Week and Easter in Shirley Parish

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St James Church, Church Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 2AX

Sunday 29th March - Parish Communion at 10.30am

Jesus, amid the cheering crowd, rides a donkey into Jerusalem
We will read the Passion Narrative from Matthew's Gospel and take palm crosses home with us



**Monday 30th March - we meet together for
Compline at 7.30pm**

Jesus visits his friends in Bethany and Mary anoints the feet of Jesus
A short, contemplative service to end the day, focusing on quiet reflection, repentance, and protection

**Tuesday 31st March - we meet together at 7.30pm to reflect on the
'Stations of the Cross' - Jesus' journey during his final days on earth**

Jesus foretells the betrayal of Judas and the denial of Peter

**Wednesday 1st April - we welcome members of our Home Communion
Community for a service of Holy Communion at 2pm**

and we meet together for a Reflective Worship service at 7.30pm

Judas makes a deal with the high priests; he turns Jesus over for thirty silver coins



Thursday 2nd April - Holy Communion service at 7.30pm
The Last Supper takes place, Jesus institutes the sacraments of the Eucharist and priesthood, and washes his disciples' feet

There will be a symbolic washing of hands for those that wish to take part.
After the service there will be a time of quiet reflection using Psalm 88 while the altar is stripped to symbolise Jesus being stripped of his garments before the crucifixion

**Friday 3rd April - we join with the other churches in Shirley on
a 'Walk of Witness' starting at Our Lady of the Wayside
Church at 10.30am and processing to Parkgate**

Jesus is sentenced to death by crucifixion, he died on the cross and was laid in a tomb

The church will be open for private prayer and reflection during the afternoon

At 7.30pm we meet together for a Taize Service

Meditative worship, characterised by candlelight, long periods of silence, and simple, repetitive songs designed to foster contemplation and reconciliation.

**Saturday 4th April - we meet together at 7.30pm in the garden
at St John's Church, 176 Tilehouse Lane, Tidbury Green,**

Shirley B90 1PW for an Easter Vigil

As the sun sets we will share communion, renew our baptism vows and light the Paschal Candles

Sunday 5th April - Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

**We celebrate together with a service of Holy Communion
and Kid's Church at 10.30am**

All are welcome to join us for any or all of these services

