



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 13th April

8.00 am Holy Communion Service (Traditional)
10.30 am All-Age Service

Monday 14th - Tuesday 15th - Wednesday 16th April

8.00 pm Compline – Night Prayer

Maundy Thursday - 17th April

6.30 pm Supper and Holy Communion

Good Friday - 18th April

11.00 am Walk of Witness from St Edmund's Church
11.30 am CTiB Service on Beckenham Green
2.00 pm Images at the Cross at St Paul's Church

Easter Sunday - 20th April

5.15 am Dawn 'Fire' Service and Holy Communion
6.30 am Breakfast
10.30 am All-Age Celebration with Communion

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Easter at St Paul's

'God's power is made perfect in weakness'

2 Corinthians 12:9

Recovering from surgery and reflecting during Lent, I've been drawn to the themes of weakness and power in our world. Prime Ministers, Presidents, and Populists use power to influence global events, for better or worse. While power is vital for change, history's most influential figure, Jesus, transformed the world with a very different kind of power.

Jesus came to earth and embraced humility, teaching us the value of serving others and loving the unlovable. His healing went beyond physical restoration, bringing spiritual wholeness to individuals and communities. Jesus revealed the transformative power of love—a love that **forgives** rather than retaliates.

At the heart of Easter is the profound truth that Jesus allowed himself to be crucified, taking humanity's wrongdoings to the grave... but leaving them there when he rose to life again.

Romans 5:8 reminds us: 'God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners'.

In a world often dominated by power-hungry individuals, Christ's living presence offers the greatest hope. God calls us to embrace the power of love, where even in our apparent weakness, we find strength. This Easter, may you encounter Christ's love and saving power.

Blessings — Reverend Rachel

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Celebrating Easter at St Paul's

**You are invited to join us for the awesome spiritual journey of Holy Week
...a life-changing experience**

Palm Sunday



We recall Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, welcomed by the same crowds who will soon turn against him. We hand out palm crosses and decorate the church with palm leaves.

Compline/Night Prayer on Mon/Tues/Wed



We follow the ancient tradition of the church by ending the day with a short service of prayer, reflecting on the Easter story.

Maundy Thursday



Just as Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples, so the church community gathers to share a meal. Elements of the Jewish Passover lead into a service of Holy Communion, where we share bread and wine as Jesus instructed. Finally we strip the church altar of its finery to reflect the bleakness of the days to come, and leave the building in silence – a truly moving experience.

Good Friday



Recalling Jesus's agonising sacrifice on the cross, we join other churches in Beckenham to walk from St Edmund's Church to Beckenham Green for an act of worship. Later, at St Paul's, we share an hour contemplating Images at the Cross, with readings, times of silence, songs, and prayers given by members of the church family.

Easter Sunday



We celebrate Jesus's resurrection – a wonderful message of hope for all humanity.

For the first time at St Paul's we revive the tradition of lighting an Easter fire outside at dawn, followed by Holy Communion and a shared breakfast. Later in the morning the community comes together for a joyful, uplifting Family Communion.

Easter Garden Competition

We are holding a competition to make a miniature Easter Garden, with a base no larger than 40 x 40cm (16" x 16"). This can be made from any material, and should include an Easter cave with a stone rolled away. Entries may be submitted at any time until until Palm Sunday (13th April), and there will be a prize for the winner after the Palm Sunday All-Age service. There will be tables at the back of church for your creations!

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The church office is open Mon, Tue & Thu, 9.15 am to 2.15 pm