



Holy Week and Easter at St Nicholas'

*All are welcome to join our
special celebrations*

Sunday 14 April - Palm Sunday

10.30am: Procession of Palms from St Paul's School
followed by Parish Eucharist in Church

7.30pm: The Hanover Band and Chorus sing Bach's St John Passion
To book tickets - <http://thehanoverband.com/concert/>

Thursday 18 April - Maundy Thursday

8.00pm: Eucharist of the Lord's Supper
followed by vigil until midnight

Friday 19 April - Good Friday

10-10.30am hot cross brunch
10.30am short talk and prayers for children

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The Three Hours' Devotion

12.00pm: The First Hour

1.30pm: The Liturgy of the Passion

Sunday 21 April - Easter Day

5.30am: The Great Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter
10.30am: All Age Parish Eucharist
followed by community Easter Egg hunt

Parish Church of St Nicholas of Myra, Church Street, BN1 3LJ



Holy Week starts on **Palm Sunday, 14 April.**

The Parish Eucharist at 10.30am will begin with the blessing of palms and a procession – complete with donkey - from St Paul's school. We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and hear a dramatic reading of his crucifixion.

At 7.30pm the Hanover Band and Chorus will perform J.S. Bach's masterpiece, the St John Passion. Tickets can be booked online at: <http://thehanoverband.com/concert/>

Holy Week is a time for prayer, stillness and reflection, as we remember the last days before Jesus' death. These are our worship times from Monday-Wednesday:

Monday	8.00pm	Eucharist with address
Tuesday	8.00pm	Eucharist with address
Wednesday	10.30am	Eucharist with address
	8.00pm	Eucharist with address and corporate liturgy of Reconciliation

A priest will be available to hear confessions after every mass in Holy Week. The sacrament of healing (laying on of hands and anointing) will be available at both Wednesday masses; in addition, the 8.00pm mass will include a corporate liturgy of Reconciliation.

The **Paschal Triduum** - the 'three days of Easter' which form the centre of the Christian faith – begins on Maundy Thursday and ends on Easter Day.

On **Maundy Thursday, 18 April**, the **Eucharist of the Lord's Supper** takes place at 8.00pm. We remember the last supper, at which Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and instituted the Eucharist. At the end of the service, the church is stripped bare and we keep vigil until midnight, remembering Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane and request: 'Can you not wait and watch with me one hour?'



On **Good Friday, 19 April**, we remember Christ's passion and death.

The day begins in church at 10am, with hot cross buns, tea and coffee. At 10.30am, there will be a simple act of worship especially suitable for young children.

At 12 noon, we keep Three Hours of prayer in church. You are welcome to come and stay for as long or short a time as you wish.

The First Hour is formed of a series of hymns, meditations and silence.

At 1.30pm, we celebrate **The Liturgy of the Passion**. This ancient and solemn service includes the dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Easter Day, 21 April, begins at 5.30am with the **Great Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter**. We gather outside in darkness around a fire, and process into church by candlelight, to hear the story of salvation from the beginning of time to Jesus' resurrection. We renew our Baptismal Vows and celebrate the Eucharist as the light of dawn fills the church. This beautiful service is followed by a festive breakfast, to which all are welcome.



The **Easter Day Parish Eucharist** takes place at 10.30am, and includes a procession, the blessing of the Easter Garden, and an address suitable for all ages.

From 11.45am-12.30pm, there will be a Community Easter egg hunt for children in the churchyard. Everyone is invited!

*Easter continues for forty days after Easter Day:
you are welcome to join us at any of our
services and events.*