

Holy Week and Easter 2014 at Salisbury Cathedral - services and concerts

Over thirty services and events focused on Holy Week and its climax of Easter Day on 20 April will take place in Salisbury Cathedral.

Canon Precentor Tom Clammer said “Holy Week will be a mix of quiet reflection and waiting contrasted with dramatic liturgy, musical performances and also worship designed especially for families and young children. We hope to welcome many hundreds of people to the Cathedral as we follow in the footsteps of Christ as he makes his journey towards the Cross, and then out into the glory of resurrection light.

“This year the Cathedral’s Dean and Residentiary Canons will be preaching at the services during Holy Week. Easter Day itself begins with vigil readings at 4.00am followed by the Dawn Eucharist at 5.00am with the Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, presiding, baptizing and confirming. Bishop Nicholas will also preside at the 10.30am Eucharist with the Dean preaching, and the day concludes with a rousing Festal Evensong at 3.00pm. Do join us for this most important week of the Christian Year.”

On **Palm Sunday, 13 April**, the 10.30am Eucharist of the Passion begins with the Liturgy of the Palms and the Palm Procession from Choristers’ Green in the Close into the Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir and Junior Choir will be singing and members of the Cathedral Sunday Club are joined by a donkey from Farmer Giles’ Farmstead re-enacting the triumphant journey of Jesus riding into Jerusalem. Those attending should assemble on Choristers Green at 10.15am. Choral Evensong, with a homily by Canon Edward Probert, Chancellor, is at 4.30pm.

On **Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 April** there are special Holy Week Devotions at 7.30pm. Monday’s devotion is a *Service of Reconciliation* with Salisbury Cathedral Chamber Choir and includes an opportunity for individual prayer for forgiveness, anointing and the laying on of hands. Canon Sarah Mullally, Treasurer, will preach. Tuesday’s devotion takes the form of ‘Tenebrae’ *Service of Shadows*, sung by the girls and men of the Cathedral Choir, with Tom Clammer, Canon Precentor, preaching.

On **Wednesday 16 April** at 7.00pm the Cathedral choir is joined by the orchestra Charivari Agreeable Simfonie in a performance of Bach’s *St John Passion* sung in German. Conducted by the Cathedral’s Director of Music David Halls, the soprano soloist is Charlotte Ashley and other solo parts are performed by the men of the choir. Tickets, £18 - £10, are available from Salisbury Playhouse box office, 01722 320333.

Confessions will be heard on Monday 14 April and Thursday 17 April at 4.30pm in the Audley Chapel, or by appointment with the clergy.

On **Maundy Thursday, 17 April**, the Bishop of Salisbury the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam presides at the 11.00am Eucharist of the Chrism and Re-affirmation of Vows to which all Clergy and Lay Ministers from the Diocese are particularly invited, and to which all are, of course, welcome. The Eucharist of the Last Supper at 7.30pm at which the Precentor will preach includes the Washing of Feet, followed by the Stripping of the Altars. This service is followed, until midnight, by the Watch of the Passion.

On **Good Friday, 18 April**, there is a special Service for Children and their Families with Salisbury Cathedral Junior Choir at 10.00am. The Good Friday Devotion is at 12 noon to 1.15pm and led by the Dean, the very Revd June Osborne, who also preaches at The Liturgy of the Day at 1.30pm.

Churches Together have arranged a Good Friday Walk of Witness which starts from the Cathedral's West Front at 11.00am and moves to the Guildhall Square, and lasts half an hour.

Easter Eve on Saturday 19 April, which begins with Morning Prayer at 7.30am, is observed as a day of waiting, watching, quiet meditation and silent prayer in the Cathedral from 10.00am - 4.30pm. The meditation ends with Evening prayer (said) at 4.30pm.

Easter Day, Sunday 20 March, begins with Easter Vigil readings from 4.00am - 4.45am. The Dawn Liturgy begins at 5.00am on the lawn at the West Front of the Cathedral where a large bonfire is lit. Canon Edward Probert will preach. Breakfast follows (tickets from Susan Branch, 01794 340204). Holy Week moves to its triumphant conclusion with The Eucharist and Blessing of the Easter Garden at 10.30am with the choir singing Mozart's *Coronation Mass, K317*, and Byrd's *Haec dies*, and the Dean preaching. Festal Evensong at 3.00pm includes Dyson in D, Shephard's *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem* and Stanford's *Te Deum in Bb*, and a homily from the Treasurer. The complete cathedral choir of boys, girls and men sing at both services, directed by David Halls. John Challenger is organist.

For full information and to download a full listing of all services and events during Holy Week and Easter Day at Salisbury Cathedral please visit: www.salisburycathedral.org.uk

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