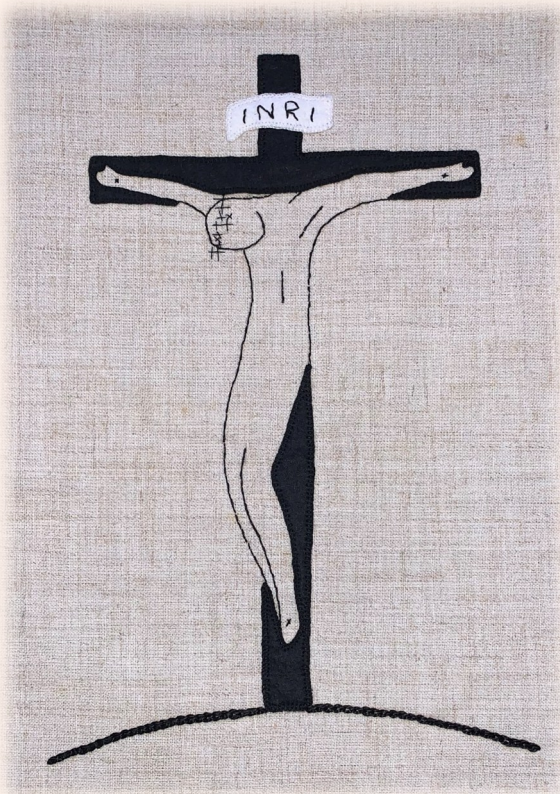


# The Holy Week Journey

St. Mary's Church Potton  
All Saints' Sutton  
St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley

This is a personal invitation, inviting you to travel expectantly as we retell and relive the last days of Jesus' life. Through scripture, symbolic action and prayer, we seek to enter into these cosmically significant narratives.

In them we see again a God who is not distant from the realities of human life, nor one that merely observes His creation passively. On the contrary, we see a God experiencing the darkest human experiences and through them winning for us victory and salvation over the dark powers.



## Family Friendly Services & Events

**Peoples of all ages are very welcome at all of our services**

However, the light purple boxes indicate those services & events which are specifically geared towards young families and we hope are experiences young children will engage with well.

## Unable to Leave Home or Work?

The following services marked with a \* can be aired on zoom upon request . Please contact Rev. Alex, no later than the day before a service, in order to get the log-in details.

## **Palm Sunday** (13 April)

*Our journey begins as we travel with Christ, atop a donkey into Jerusalem. This is a kingly moment, but the king entering the city is sad, humble and there is an air of gloom.*

### **Palm Sunday Procession** (13 April)

**10am – Holy Communion - St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\***

This service begins with a procession and takes us right through to the events of Good Friday. Nevertheless it is better to walk the whole



### **Palm Sunday at Breakfast Church** (13 April)

**10am – Breakfast Church—All Saints Sutton**

This will be a gentler approach to the important start of Jesus journey through Holy Week. Join us for Breakfast and a short family friendly service which will include a craft and/ or discussion about this festival and Holy Week generally.

### **Considering the Theme ‘Sacrifice’ at Nightlight** (13 April)

**7:15pm for Tea & Coffee—7.30pm start—St. Mary’s Potton**

Nightlight is St. Mary’s monthly contemplative evening service, falling on Palm Sunday in April. In anticipation of the rest of Holy Week they will be considering the theme of ‘Sacrifice’, what it means to them and to this important week.

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## **Start of Holy Week: Watching & Waiting**

We await to see what this week will bring for Jesus and ultimately for us.

### **Compline (Night Prayer) Services (7.00pm)**

**Monday (14 April) - All Saints Sutton**

**Tuesday (15 April)– St. Marys Potton\***

**Wednesday (16 April) – St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\***

With our Night Prayer services we keep a spirit of watchful attentiveness.

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## **Maundy Thursday: A Goodbye Meal** (17 April)

This night sees a sudden acceleration in the story. We recall the story of the Last Supper with a meal shared together. Then with the Watch we enter the silence and tension of the garden of Gethsemane.

**7:30 – Agape Meal Service & The Watch – St. Marys Potton\***

A service including a meal, songs and vigil in the lady chapel.

## **Good Friday: Crucifixion and Burial** (18 April)

*As we look upon the crucified Jesus, we see defeat, we see loss and we see pain. And we come to this scene with hindsight knowing that this is all for us.*



### **Good Friday Morning** (18 April)

#### **10am Walk of Witness – Start at St. Marys Potton**

We walk from St. Marys to the Salvation Army Chapel. Our walking is our telling of Christ's walk from trial to execution. Its also a witness to what we believe is 'really' happening in the story. What Jesus is really about in these sad and confusing events. The walk concludes with some refreshments and a service in the Salvation Army Chapel.

### **Good Friday: Hour by the Cross** (18 April)

**12 noon – All Saints Sutton**

**1pm – St. Marys Potton**

**2pm – St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\***

Simple services of readings from the Bible, as well as music and other readings to help us really engage with this: the saddest part of the church's year.

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## **Saturday Film: Remembering Jesus** (19 April)

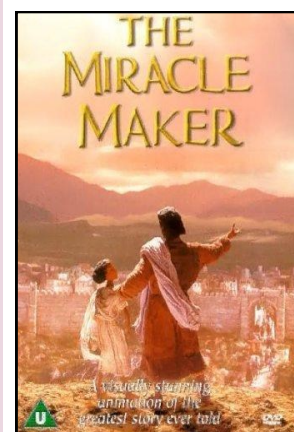
*The day after Jesus' death, his friends likely gathered to remember him. In a similar way we come together to watch a film of his life.*

### **'The Miracle Maker'** (19 April)

#### **3pm, Film Showing at St. Marys Potton**

This powerful yet child-friendly film tells the story of the life of Jesus Christ (as voiced by Ralph Fiennes). It mainly utilizes stop-motion techniques, but hand-drawn animation is also used to distinguish flashbacks, parables and visions. It's a 'must see' for all ages in Holy Week.

We will be showing this on our big screen in a cinema-like fashion. This is a free family event, but we will be selling cake and other treats to accompany your viewing!



## Hope is Kindled: The Night Before Easter (19 April)

*Hope and anticipation spreads as candle light spreads through the church of our Easter Vigil service.*



### Easter Vigil

**8pm - Vigil & Communion - St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\***

We welcome the return of our Lord and begin to marvel at his resurrection in this moving service. It begins in darkness as we recall the story of humanity's separation from God. Then, suddenly light returns as we celebrate for the first time the resurrection of Jesus.

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## Easter Day (20 April)

***He is Risen!*** *Jesus has returned and won a victory over sin and death! We reassess what we saw on Good Friday, realising that what looked like defeat was in fact the beginning of something new! Today we are relieved. Today we are full of wonder. Today we celebrate!*

### Easter Day at Sutton

**9am - Holy Communion - All Saints Sutton**

All Saints celebrates by lighting the fire of Easter and with a service of Holy Communion. After weeks of being subdued through Lent, our words take on a celebratory tone with Halleluiahs abounding! This will also be the time to come and learn what all the previous week might mean to us!



### Easter Day at Potton

**10:30am - All Age Communion & Egg Hunt - St. Marys Potton\***

St. Mary's celebrates with an All Age Communion and an Easter Egg Hunt. This is a popular service with a joyful family atmosphere. Plus a child-friendly explanation of what all the previous week might mean to us!

***“He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”***

*(Colossians 1: 13-14)*