

St James' Church, Uplands



This Sunday - Palm Sunday

Our service seeks to enter into the events of Holy Week. We will congregate either by the front gate (if dry) or in the hall for the start of the service, hear the Palm Sunday

story and then process singing into church. In church, we take part in a dramatised Passion narrative. There will be a 'self serve' craft in the children's area.

Holy Week with Brunswick Methodist

It is our pleasure to join again with Brunswick as we live out the Holy Week events together.

Mon 11th April	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross online*
Tues 12th April	7.30pm	Compline online*
Weds 13th April	10.30am	Holy week reflections (Parish centre)
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	The Last Supper - Holy Communion
Good Friday	12.30pm	Walk of witness, St Mary's Church**
	2pm	At the foot of the Cross - reflections

*<https://zoom.us/j/83415374083?pwd=U2NGNEhES1BIUStvUC9HUmJYSFFydz09>

Meeting ID: 834 1537 4083; Passcode: 355450

Zoom link will be on St James Facebook page and will take you straight to both online meetings.

**Meet at St Mary's 12.15pm for 12.30pm start. We will march to Oxford St, and sing Good Friday hymns with the Salvation Army band.

We have enjoyed journeying through Lent together and look forward to joining forces more in the future!

NEWSLETTER - 10th April 2022

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services

For Maundy Thursday, we try to replicate the feeling of the Last Supper, as we consider its meaning. Then we enter into the Gethsemane scene. Rev Andrew Pearce from Brunswick will be speaking.

On Good Friday, we hear a series of dramatised reflections from characters who were at the foot of the Cross. We marvel at our Lord's passion, and think about our responses through prayers and hymns.



Easter Sunday

Join us for our celebration of the greatest event in history! For children, there will be an Easter trail and an Easter egg hunt after the service. There

is also a Welsh service at 9am.

Holy Communion

You may be aware that it is now permitted for churches to share the common communion cup, but it is down to individual churches to make this decision. In common with other churches in our ministry area, the PCC does not feel that now is the appropriate time to return to sharing the cup - case rates are very high, and we feel that most are not prepared to return to sharing a cup yet. We will review this at Pentecost.

Nicholaston House retreat - Saturday 21st May

We're looking forward to a day retreat to the beautiful Nicholaston House! Full price is £38 per person, which includes a hot dinner. If you're

able to pay full price, please do - but we acknowledge the cost is steep. We're very keen for all possible to attend so will happily subsidise based on what you feel you can pay, and we will subsidise children's places. There will be excellent children's activities on the day led by Rachel Bunting and Sian Parkhouse, children's workers for the diocese. More details of theme for the day and leaders to be confirmed! If interested, please give your name to Margaret or Dreena.

Electoral Roll, PCC Nominations and Vestry Meeting

If you haven't yet done so, please complete an electoral roll form at the back - some of our regulars have not yet done so. If you have made St James your spiritual home, even if you are likely to move away within a year or two, or if you don't come every week, please do complete a form. Please return these today if possible. Please also prayerfully consider if you wish to be nominated for the PCC - it is a very positive group to be part of! Our Easter Vestry meeting will be after the Sunday service at

FAN - Friends and Neighbours group - Weds 11.30am

FAN groups are a friendly and relaxed way for local people and those from around the world to meet, talk and listen to each other. One is going to be set up as part of Swansea Asylum Seeker Support drop in on Friday evenings at St James, and the FAN group is very keen for people from the church to be involved in this. If you'd like to explore it, she will be running a taster session on Wednesday 6th April at 11.30 in the church hall. It sounds great!

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