

ST-PETER'S-CHURCH

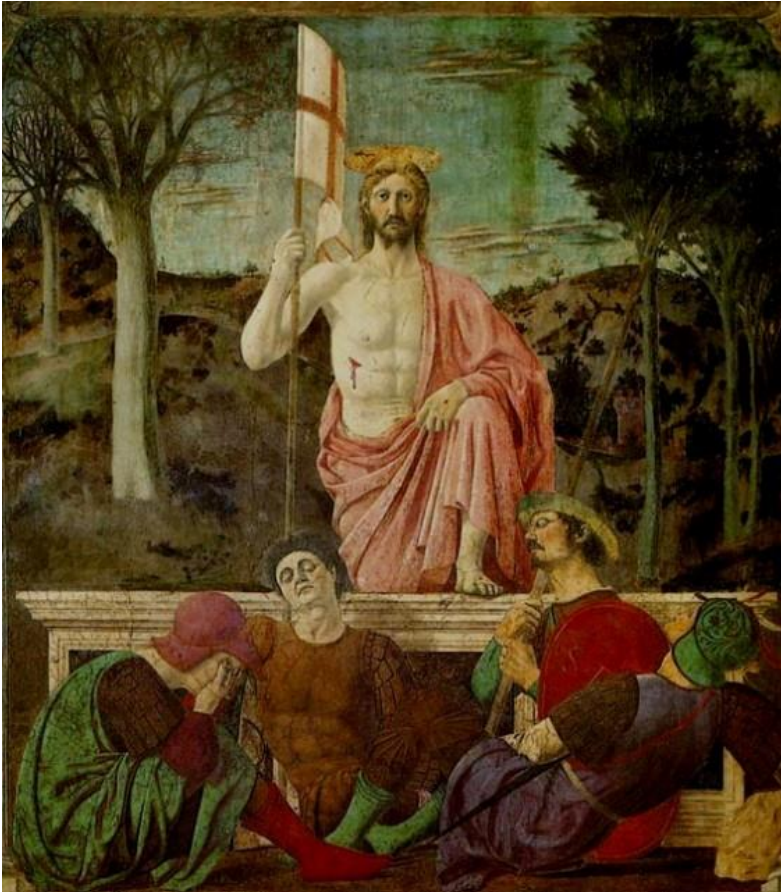


WESTHAMPNETT

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# **HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

## **2 April to 9 April 2023**



## **Introduction**

We are approaching the holiest point of the Christian year, when the services are varied and beautiful and speak to us of the depth and richness of our Christian faith. The period from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday ('Holy Week') is an important spiritual journey and I warmly encourage you to make time to experience that journey for yourselves.

Through participation in the whole sequence of services in Holy Week we are able to share in Christ's own journey, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through his arrest, suffering and death on the Cross, to the empty tomb and the resurrection joy of Easter morning. We cannot fully experience this resurrection joy unless we have also shared in the darker moments of Passiontide which precede it. This is an important spiritual experience for all Christians and I commend it to you.

If you have not been to St Peter's before, do come and join us – we would be delighted to welcome you.

With every blessing,

**The Reverend Rachel Hawes**  
**Associate Rector, St Peter's, Westhampnett.**

**Front Cover:** *The Resurrection* by Piero della Francesca (1463)

# Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday – 2 April**

**9.30 am Blessing of the Palms and Procession**

We remember how, before his arrest, Jesus rode in triumph into Jerusalem on a donkey, with the crowds waving palms and shouting 'Hosanna'.



**We will start our service on the village green at Westhampnett where we will bless our palm crosses. We will then process to St Peter's Church for the Parish Eucharist. Children are invited to come dressed as Disciples and take part in the procession.**

**9.45 am - Palm Sunday Eucharist**

The Procession will be followed immediately by the Palm Sunday Eucharist in which we give a Dramatised Reading of the Passion Gospel (the story of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion).



## **Wednesday – 5 April**

### **10.00 am Eucharist**

This simple, said, service will be followed by coffee and hot- cross buns in the church.

## **Maundy Thursday – 6 April**

### **6.00 pm Eucharist of Maundy Thursday**



We remember how Jesus washed his Disciples' feet at the Last Supper and we keep watch (as he asked his disciples to do) in the Garden of Gethsemane with a **Vigil** until midnight.

## **Good Friday – 7 April**

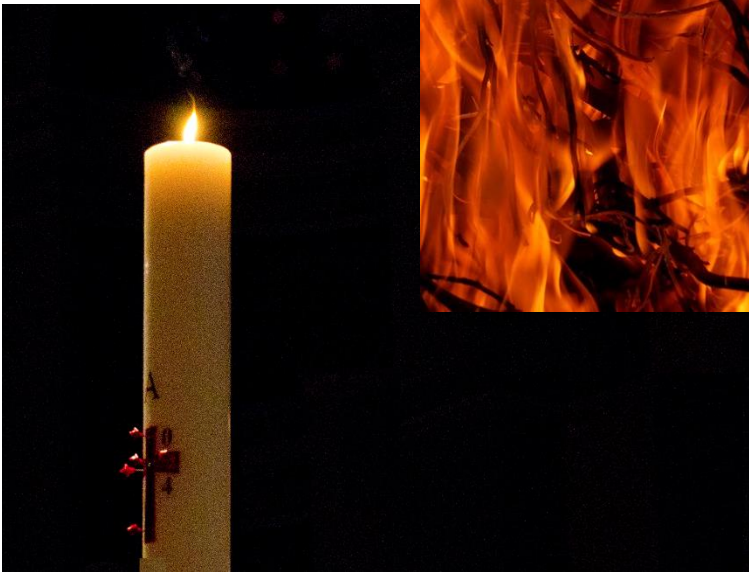
### **2.00 pm Liturgy of the Passion**

In a solemn and reflective service, we remember Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross.



**Easter Eve (Saturday) – 8 April**  
**8.00 pm Easter Vigil**

We light the New Fire of Easter in the Churchyard and joyfully carry the light into the church to celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.



**Easter Sunday – 9 April**

**9.45 am Parish Eucharist of Easter.**

We celebrate the joy of Easter morning and our faith that Christ is risen from the dead.



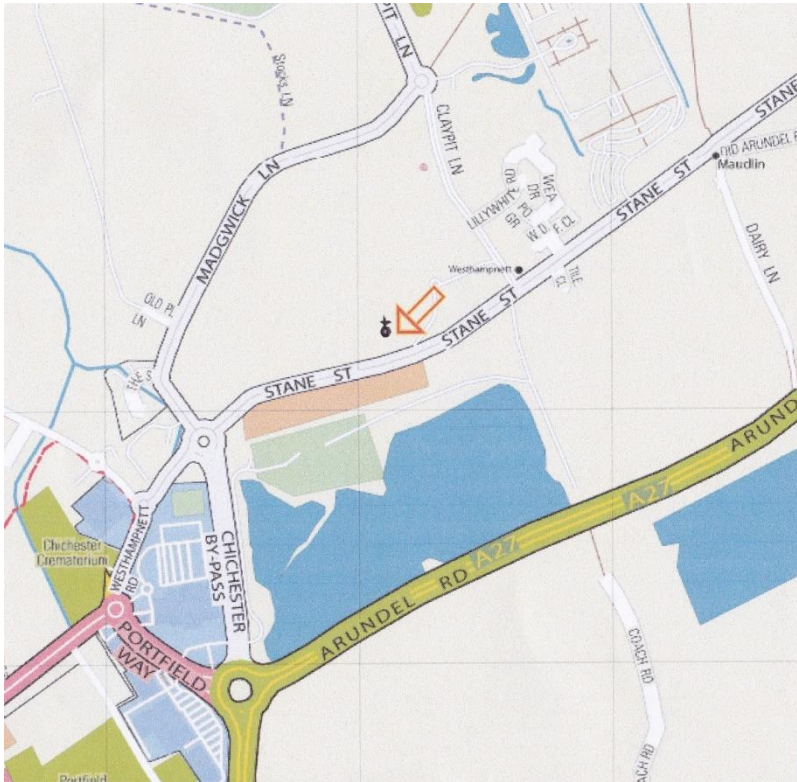
*Alleluia, Christ is risen!*

**The service will include an Easter Egg hunt for the children.**





## Location Map of St Peter's



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