

## Easter Services 2018

Here are the arrangements for Easter Services. We are delighted to be able to offer such a comprehensive coverage and so thankful to all those people, both clergy and lay, who are helping this year. The range of services and events will look different but we hope that everyone will find a service which helps them prepare for and celebrate Easter.

### **Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>. Palm Sunday**

**8.00am Holy Communion Revd John Pangbourne**

**10.30am. All Sorts.**(we will not be having a donkey this year)

**6.30 pm Choral Devotion. Arranged by John Maybery**

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.00 pm. Compline. Lady Chapel**

The ancient office of Compline is a service of quiet and reflection before rest at the end of the day

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Maundy Thursday**

**6-9pm. Dorset Aisle. Passover Meal led by Revd. Anne Mills**

A visual interactive meal for everyone including children, portraying the meal Jesus had with His disciples before being arrested.

Numbers are limited so you require a ticket per person available from Jill Rose or Brian Cammack 01404 811280

**9.45pm Stripping the Church** ready for Good Friday. A quiet space with a reading to reflect on the betrayal and arrest of Jesus in Garden of Gethsemane. Followed by a quiet and orderly stripping of the church.

### **Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Good Friday**

**10.00 am. Walk of Witness starting at United Reformed Church**

**2-3pm. Reflection "A Centurion's Tale" led by Revd Leisa McGovern**

**7.00pm Sheldon Singers. An Easter Reflection including parts of Mozart Requiem**

### **Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**8.00pm Easter Vigil. Starting in Lady Chapel led by Revd Leisa McGovern**

First official celebration of The Resurrection. Held in hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise Easter Day. It is marked by the first use, since the beginning of lent, of the exclamatory "Alleluia". Suggest you bring a torch and it will be followed by a celebratory drink in Dorset Aisle

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Easter Day**

**7.00 am. Communion in Churchyard led by Revd Canon Dr John Hall**

Coffee and Croissants will only be available between these services

**10.00 am. Easter Celebration for whole church including Holy Communion led by Revd. Tom Carson**

This will include the presentation of Holy Oils brought from Cathedral on Maundy Thursday