

HOLY WEEK 2020

This is a Holy Week like no other in the history of the English Church. On each day I will share a reflection online. Below are some suggested activities and readings for each day along with times at which there will be some form of streamed worship in the later part of the week.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I will offer reflections based on Jesus' prayer in John 17 before his arrest.



MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Jesus prays to be Glorified. – John 17:1-15

Prepare a Place.

What we now call Holy Week, was a week of preparation for the disciples as they prepared for Passover. Take time today to prepare for Easter.

- *You could prepare a quiet, reflective place in your home for prayer and reflection.*
- *On Easter Sunday we usually bless an Easter Garden in church. You could build your own Easter Garden this week. (Some ideas attached). Use today to plan out what your garden will look like.*
- *On Maundy Thursday we will be thinking about the Last Supper. You might want to prepare to have some bread in front of you. You could make a loaf of bread or make sure there is bread on the shopping list.*
- *If you didn't make a palm cross yesterday – you could do that now.*



TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Jesus prays for his Disciples – John 17:6-19

Following Jesus

Jesus prays particularly for those who have followed him already. Take time today to be reminded of Jesus's life ministry and teaching.

- *Read through Marks Gospel*
- *Listen to St Matthews Passion or Stainer's Crucifixion*



WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Jesus prays for All Believers – John 17:20-26

Loving Generosity

We may be socially isolated but as Christians we are not alone. Our world is full of fellow believers sharing the same journey of Holy Week. It is the duty of Christians to love one another and love those who don't share our faith.

Today, think of others by donating to a charity that is doing good work. Highlighted are 3 charities – you don't have to give to one of these if you don't want.

- **Tearfund**

We keep being told to wash our hands. We are blessed with clean water to do this with – many aren't. Tearfund are promoting Tap Twinning.

"Here's how it works: Your £60 donation will help provide hygiene promotion and support in vulnerable communities across more than 45 countries. So people know how to protect themselves from Covid-19 through handwashing and good hygiene."

<https://www.toilettwinning.org/tap-twinning/>

- **Christian Aid**

Christian Aid's Lent and Easter appeal is seeking to help the world's poorest combat the consequences of Climate Change. They write:

£30 could provide a wheelbarrow to help a community build a life-changing dam.

£50 could pay for 300 tree seedlings for a community to restore their natural environment.

£100 could teach 22 farmers how to plant drought-resistant crops and provide them with seeds so that they can survive dry spells.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/lent-easter-appeal>

- **Wellspring Stockport**

Wellspring is a local charity supporting homelessness in our area. Below is what they write about what they do in normal times. In this current crisis they are also providing emergency food parcels and providing a service for people who are in self-isolation to call.

The Wellspring provides referrals into housing; we have supported over 1500 rough sleepers off the streets and into accommodation. We actively engage with people who

are at risk of becoming homeless therefore preventing homelessness from happening. The Wellspring provides educational courses, Computer courses, art classes, other activities such as football, walking groups and gardening courses. Health services are available, including a drop in service from a GP. Referrals to other specialist services, such as drug and alcohol teams are made frequently. Free food and drink is available 365 days a year. The Wellspring provides people rough sleeping with showers and clean clothing, as well as blankets and sleeping bags. 1-1 support planning sessions take place. All Wellspring staff are qualified learning advisors and constantly signpost people into education.

<https://thewellspring.co.uk/>



MAUNDY THURSDAY

7pm – We will stream a small act of worship and reflection on the Last Supper at 7pm. You will find this on our website, facebook and You Tube channel.

(We hope to film this earlier in the day, as we will try to have Samuel join us.)

For this service it might be helpful if you have a bread roll or slice or bread, and a glass of juice or wine ready.

How are you getting on with your Easter Garden?



GOOD FRIDAY

2pm – An hour at the cross. A service liturgy will be provided for this in the coming days. I will share a reflection online at the following times:

2pm

2.30pm

2.50pm

Is your Palm Cross still visible in a window? If not, place a cross in your window to mark Good Friday.



EASTER EVE

8pm – Join Jess and I for a modified vigil service. You will find this on our website, facebook and You Tube channel.

For this service it might be helpful if you have a candle that has never been lit and some matches nearby. Alternatively, you could use your baptism or confirmation candle.

Have you put the finishing touches to your Easter Garden yet? Send me a picture on calum.piper@bramhall.church or **07511 427 258** and we will put all the pictures together on our website.



EASTER SUNDAY

10am – We will stream a small act of worship and reflection on the Last Supper at 10am.

7pm – Light a candle of Hope.

WHERE TO FIND THINGS:

Website: www.bramhall.church

Facebook: www.facebook.com/bramhallchurch

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Ve25UiBfXwpdumWDod7Q/featured?view_as=subscriber