

What does it mean to you?

When I was asked to write about what Palm Sunday meant to me, I was filled with childhood memories of the Vicar and Choir striding out of Church to process around the area where I lived. My over-riding memory is of being caught up in the moment; the singing and waving, and the general feeling of excitement and anticipation. I guess in a way, this is how the crowd must have felt that very first Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Today, for me, Palm Sunday is about recapturing those feelings of triumph and joy of being able to proclaim God's Greatness.

Julia Davies

Good Friday reminds me that no matter how hard I try, I can't reach God on my own. But on that day, a hand stretched out across the gap and the hand had a nail in it. Good Friday reminds me of the way in which God takes our experiences of life and turns them on their head. When I have done something I wish I hadn't, God's love means that the 'sting' of it is taken away. When times are tough, God gives a new perspective on what is happening. Jesus' friends probably thought Good Friday was the end when it turned out to be a whole new beginning.

Joy Mawdesley

Easter means to me a great uplifting of the heart. Many things come together to give joy—the lengthening of the days; the growing warmth of the sun; the first colour in the garden; the blossom on early flowering trees but most of all the resurrection of our Lord. To realise the greatness of this it is necessary to follow the events of Holy Week along with Jesus' friends (a detailed account can be found in Mark's gospel ch. 14 onwards) from the enthusiasm of Palm Sunday, through the anxiety and tension of Holy Week, to the bewilderment of Maundy Thursday, the grief of Good Friday, the uncertainty of Holy Saturday to reach the wonder and mystery of Easter Day. Our God moves in a mysterious way and surely this is a great mystery! As I travel along the path of faith, as belief turns to intuitive knowledge this becomes acceptable and I can respond firmly and gladly to the statement:

The Lord is risen
He is risen indeed
Alleluia

Jean Park

An Easter Prayer

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen

All Saints' Marcham
open daily for prayer

Sunday Worship
10am and 6pm

Good Friday 6 April
11am Journey to Easter
for all ages
1pm An hour at the Cross

Easter Day 8 April
8am, 10am Holy Communion
no service at 6pm

Sunday 22 April
10am St. George's Day Parade

Wednesdays
10am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place
12 noon Café from 18 April
at Sports Scouts & Social Club

Fridays
5 30pm Friday Club from 20 April
at church
for Primary Age children

Saturdays
8 30am Men's Breakfast
7 April, 5 May
at Sports Scouts & Social Club

St. Luke's, Garford
Sunday Worship
10 30am
8 April, 6 May

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