

# Happy Easter

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## Bleadon Church.

On **Palm Sunday, 20th March**, we will be holding a series of short services and events as we become part of the story again and enter into Holy Week. You are very welcome to join us for one or more individual part of our Palm Sunday celebrations or all of them.

Here's the Plan:

We Start meeting at Bleadon post Office Cafe.

**8.30am:** Simple said Holy Communion

**9am ☺:** Hearing the story and Making Palm Crosses together

**9.30am ☺:** Hot / Cold drinks and breakfast pastrys (£3 per head)

**10am ☺:** Palm Sunday Procession with donkey leaves the Post Office to go to the church. (PLEASE BRING WITH YOU BRANCHES TO WAVE AS YOU WALK. THEY CAN BE PALM IF YOU HAVE THEM BUT ANY OTHER GREEN BRANCHES ARE GOOD TOO.)

**10.15am ☺:** A short informal service taking the story on into the week.

**5pm** Palm Sunday Carol Singing. Meet at the Church and take Palm Sunday round the village.

During **Holy week** there will be simple services in church on each evening at **8pm**

On **Maundy Thursday, 24th March**, at **7.30pm**, we will be holding an Eucharist with foot washing followed by a vigil as we spend time with Jesus in Gethsemane.

On **Good Friday** we will be holding an informal service of reflection at 10.15am ☺ as we walk the way of the cross with Jesus and then at 2pm we will keep the final hour together.

After the sun has set on **Easter Eve**, 26th March, we will be holding a series of short services and events as we begin our celebrations: Alleluia He is Risen!

Here's the Plan:

This will all happen at the church.

**7pm:** Quiet reflection inside the church.

**7.30pm ☺:** New Life and New Fire, we light the fire outside the church, light our candles from it and bring the light in. Alleluia He is Risen!

**8pm ☺:** We make the Easter Garden in Church, make Easter garden's to take home and celebrate together in song & .... (Corks will pop!)

On **Easter Sunday** morning, 27th March, at **10.15am** we will be holding a Parish Eucharist with renewal of Baptismal Vows.

**Alleluia He is Risen! Lets celebrate together.**

Services and events marked with ☺ are especially suitable for children and families. Think of them as a bit like the Christmas Crib Service but for Easter!

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# Holy Week and Easter 2016 at Bleadon Church





Jesus had been helping people find hope,  
get better, and see how good life could  
be when they trust God.  
When he came to Jerusalem people were  
very happy because he had come.



Jesus said that for hope and life to grow,  
we need to trust God and care for each  
other.

Sometimes this is hard and scary.  
Only a few days later the crowd was  
shouting for him to be killed.

They were scared to trust him.  
He didn't run away and hide. In the end  
he was put to death on the cross on the  
Friday, Good Friday.



On the Sunday, Easter Sunday, the tomb  
where his body was put was empty. Just  
like an egg shell after the chick has  
hatched. Angels said he was alive, Mary  
saw him, he ate fish with his disciples.  
The disciples had been sad but it was so  
good to see him. They saw how the hope  
Jesus shows us is even stronger than  
death! Let's celebrate the hope God gives!  
Let's celebrate Easter!

