

Good Friday

18th April 2025

3pm

Welcome to Saint John's Finch Street at the heart of the East Malvern community. This iconic sandstone church is home to a welcoming and hospitable community committed to the worship of God in beauty and holiness in the classical Anglican tradition as well as loving and joyful outreach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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The Anglican Parish of Saint John & Saint Agnes

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')
6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
6:00pm: Congregational Evensong
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The minister introduces the service.

Let us pray, Loving God, be with us as we listen to the stories today. Help us to hear your message of love, and to open our hearts to you. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SETTING OUT ON THE JOURNEY

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

THE FIRST STATION: PALM SUNDAY

Jesus and his friends had arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate the festival of Passover. News had spread that Jesus was on the way and a huge crowd gathered. They put their coats on the floor and grabbed palm leaves to wave. What a surprise when Jesus arrived, he was riding on a young donkey! It was just as the Prophet Zechariah had written over 400 years before:

‘Rejoice greatly, people of Jerusalem! Shout for joy, people of Jerusalem! Your King is coming to you. He does what is right, and he saves. He is gentle and riding on a donkey, the colt of a donkey.

From Zechariah 9:9

*A symbol of Palm Sunday is collected and taken to the next station
The congregation moves to the next station while singing*

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THE SECOND STATION: THE LAST SUPPER

Jesus and his friends had a special meal together. First, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, he wanted them to know that he came to be the servant of others. Jesus told his disciples that he was going to die, but told them not to be afraid. He then shared bread and wine with them, saying:

Take this bread and eat it; this is my body. Every one of you drink this. This is my blood which is the new agreement that God makes with his people. This blood is poured out for many to forgive their sins.

From Matthew 26:26-28

*A symbol of the Last Supper is collected and taken to the next station
The congregation moves to the next station while singing*

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

THE THIRD STATION: THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

After their meal together, Jesus and his disciples went to the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus took time to pray, asking God to help him with the challenge he was about to face. While Jesus prayed, his disciples fell asleep. Jesus was disappointed that his friends could not stay awake with him while he prayed but the disciples did not really understand what was going to happen. Then Judas, who had betrayed Jesus, arrived with the soldiers and arrested him.

From Matthew 26

*A symbol of the Garden of Gethsemane is collected and taken to the next station
The congregation moves to the next station while singing*

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

THE FOURTH STATION: JESUS' TRIAL

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate to be judged. Pilate asked Jesus if he was the “King of the Jews”. Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over”. Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent but the crowd called out “crucify him”. Pilate was afraid of the crowd so handed Jesus over to them. Later that same day, the soldiers put Jesus on the cross.

From John 18:33-37

*A symbol of Jesus' trial is collected and taken to the next station
The congregation moves to the next station while singing*

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine??
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine??**

THE FIFTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

When Jesus died the sky went dark, there was an earthquake, and the veil of the Temple – which divided people from God – was torn in two! Jesus died so that we might be forgiven; Even on the cross, Jesus forgave those who put him there. After he died, his friends took his body from the cross and laid him in a tomb. A large stone was placed in front of the entrance so no one could get in or out.

From Matthew 27

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

THE PRAYERS

Loving God, we thank you for sharing the story of Holy Week with us,
and for loving us so much that you sent your Son into the world. **Amen**

Teach us to pray, as together we say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*The Vicar invites adults and others who customarily receive Holy Communion to do so
from the Reserved Sacrament at the Altar of Repose following the blessing.*

The congregation stand

THE BLESSING

May God the Father,
God the Son, and
God the Holy Spirit,
bless ☩ you
today and always. **Amen.**

Please join us at the back of the church for hot cross buns.

EASTER SUNDAY

20 APRIL 2025

8:00AM SAID EUCHARIST

with Lighting of Paschal Candle

9:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Proclamation of the Paschal Candle

Easter Baptisms

Motet 'Christ Rising Again' by John Sheppard

Followed by Vicarage Garden Egg Hunt

6PM CONGREGATIONAL EVENSONG

a simple service of Evensong sung by all

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