

Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming

with St Joseph's, Milford

*Through the love of the Father, Son and Spirit,
our Parish will grow as the Body of Christ in Godalming
and as a sign lifted up for the peoples*

Holy Week

*Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.*

The second reading for Palm Sunday is the great canticle from the letter to the Philippians, and it sums up elegantly the whole journey of Christ's coming among us in the flesh, his death on the cross, his resurrection and his ascension into glory. It provides a constant refrain throughout this coming week – the Great Week.

St Paul shares it with us as an example of how we should be, and this, I think, brings us to the heart of what can happen to us if we accept the invitation to become sharers in Christ's saving work. The Paschal (Easter) Mystery that we celebrate through signs perceptible to the senses can re-shape and re-make us after the pattern of Jesus's own dying and rising.

If that is going to happen then we need to allow it to shape the whole pattern of this week. We will need to make time for prayer each day, to read prayerfully the Gospels from the Last Supper to Easter Day, to allow time to consider the mysteries of the Eucharist and of the Cross, to fast on Good Friday, to keep Holy Saturday as a day of waiting, to feast on Easter Sunday and for the whole week that follows. It will be helped if we can arrange the week so that we don't need to go shopping or watch the usual TV or stuff on the internet on Friday and Saturday. If we can, postpone the exciting things of the holiday until Sunday, relishing instead the simplicity that has otherwise been an imposition for much of the last year.

Usually, I would encourage you to come and participate in the various liturgies that mark this week, but with COVID that will be rather limited this year. I would urge you instead to throw yourselves into them in every other aspect of your lives this week. In prayer, fasting and feasting.

Mass Responses for Palm Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

PSALM RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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Opportunities to Keep Easter

The Easter Fast Lent finishes on Maundy Thursday and we move into two days of fasting in preparation for Easter. Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence (from meat). Fasting is encouraged also on Holy Saturday, and if you are not fasting, I would encourage you to keep it as a day of simplicity.

At the time of writing most of the **liturgies** are fully booked, but there are a few places for

- Mass on Maundy Thursday
- Stations of the Cross on Good Friday for families with primary age children
- Mass at Noon on Easter Sunday.

We are pleased that we have been able to find a place at one of the liturgies for nearly everyone who wished to come. Please feel free to make contact and ask to go on a waiting list for any 'returns'.

Please see the back page for a full list.

Lectio Divina on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. NB this will now take place on Zoom.

Parish Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be on zoom at noon.

Reconciliation Fr Jonathan will be available after 9.30am Mass at Milford on Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week. We hope to hold a parish penitential service once COVID restrictions are relaxed.

Churches Together in Godalming Good Friday Pilgrim Trail & Quiz The route, questions and church details can be downloaded from the CTiG website from 27th March and are appended to the electronic copy of this newsletter. The quiz answers will be available on the website and facebook page on Easter Saturday. You can visit as many churches as you wish and enjoy a great opportunity to walk and discover our lovely neighbourhood, and there may be a tasty treat for passing Pilgrims.

<https://www.godalmingchurches.org/>

St Edmund's Easter Egg Hunt This free and fun event takes place in local parks and fields on Easter Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Plenty of Easter egg prizes. To register please email Nicki and Alan alion@btinternet.com or phone G. 420859.

Collections over Easter

The Easter Offering goes to support the priests of the parish. You can Gift Aid your offering by using an appropriate envelope allowing us to claim 25% of the value of your donation from HMRC.

To keep things simple there are some new envelopes at the back that can be used to do this: if you have a current Gift Aid declaration just fill in your name, and if not please complete all the details on the envelope. If you have a box of numbered Gift Aid envelopes these also include one that can be used at Easter.

If you are donating at Farncombe, please use a St Edmund's envelope and not one for St John's!

We hope to have contactless terminals available for those who might wish to give by card.

Good Friday There will be a retiring collection for the support of the sacred sites in the Holy Land. This is important for those Christian communities at a time when pilgrims are few.

Maundy Thursday By tradition gifts are offered for the poor on this day, and Churches Together are encouraging donations in money or kind to the Food Bank. These can be dropped off at St Mark's between 10.30am and 1.30pm. Anything left at the back of St Edmund's will also be taken over. Cheques or bank transfer to St Mark's Community Centre. Sort code 40-22-12, account number 91277766.

Financial support for the parish

Thank you to those who support the parish by regular giving. Donations to the parish by bank transfer can be made to 'RCD AB Godalming' sort code 40-05-20, account number 41077481.

If you would like to arrange a standing order, or to sign up for Gift Aid, please contact Eileen Hudson on 01483 208238 or eileen.hudson@gmail.com.

Wintershall stream *The Passion of Jesus* on Good Friday. <https://tinyurl.com/22ahbhyb>

Coming slowly out of lockdown

Weekend Masses after Easter will be 10.00am Saturday at St Joseph's, 6pm at St Edmund's (live-streamed), 9am at St John's and 10.30am at St Joseph's. While numbers are relatively low we will continue to book using Eventbrite. Booking for Low Sunday will open up over Easter so that we can give preference to anyone who has missed out on Easter Weekend.

As infection rates are relatively low in the area we will be changing to 1.5m distancing at St Joseph's from Monday 29th. We will keep this under review, mindful that not everyone has been vaccinated yet. Please sit as directed to ensure that we maintain this. Please also take care not to kneel when someone in front of you is sitting.

Reclaim Our Common Home The *Lives* simply group reminds us of the need to rebuild after the pandemic in a way that makes the world a fairer place and tackles some of the major global issues of our time from climate change to unjust debts. To help us do this CAFOD invites you to join a training session on 10th April from 11.00am to 12.30pm to help us organise an online meeting with our local MP. If you would be interested in joining them for this initiative please email Jo at jolewry@aol.com.

'Sitting at Jesus' Feet' A journey through Holy Week 2021 on zoom led by the local Anglican churches usually at 1pm each day. The sessions will include 'Sitting at Jesus' Feet - Mary & Martha'; A Prayer Walk; Journaling; Silence, Space and Meditation. For further information email curate.godalming@gmail.com

St Edmund's School Congratulations to the children on some really wonderful Easter Cards and Easter Prayers. Fr Jonathan looks forward to visiting next week and presenting prizes to the winners on behalf of the parish.

CAFOD Lent Walk for Water

There are now 12 parish teams and the latest fundraising total is £2,455! With Gift Aid that should enable CAFOD to bring clean water to four communities. To support our team visit: <https://tinyurl.com/t42da233>.

Useful resources during the pandemic

LOAF (Love One Another Fellowship)

This team of parish volunteers offers practical help. The helpline number is 07593 121430.

SVP members offer regular visits, friendship and practical support to those in need. The helpline number is 07990 717067.

Godalming Food Bank provides vital support. No referral required. 01483 418741.

Parish Welfare Fund If you need a bit of help or know someone who is struggling please contact Fr Jonathan, in confidence.

Live-streaming Guildford Parish offer an established programme of live-streamed liturgy, including for children. They can all be accessed from their website <https://www.cpg.church>

Chrism Mass Bishop Richard, together with representatives from around the Diocese will consecrate the holy oils on Wednesday evening at 6pm. The Mass will be livestreamed from Arundel Cathedral.

Please remember in your prayers

All those affected by the Coronavirus and its impact on our lives and on the economy.

The Holy Father's Intention for March: that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

The sick and those who care for them including – Anne Stephens, Warren McMillan, Margarita Crawford, Irene Grant, Lizzie Laverty, Margaret Silvester, Arden Holford, Nancy Drapper, Betty Matthews, Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernould, Gerry Newell, Ruth de Stefani, Josie Whittle, Barbara Brightman, Nuala Gallagher, Maria Chacaltana, Ann Lloyd, Anita van Rheenan, Jean Humphrey, Maura Goodfellow, George Gelder, Jean Tyrell, Pat Wilson and Rudolf Dorrepaal, and those in our hospitals and care homes.

The faithful departed in particular for Fr Brian Taylor, Michael Pactat, Jerzy Burger, and Lilly Kreciglowa, who died recently and Mary Christmas, Betsy Bawdelly-Smith, Arthur Pheby, Mark Loughlin and Hugh Rourke whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Schedule of Liturgies Holy Week 2021

Saturday 27th March	10.00am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Philip Casey RIP</i> 10.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation (St Joseph's) 6.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)† – <i>Roger Stephens RIP</i> <i>British Summer Time begins tonight</i>
Sunday 28th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.00am Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>People of the Parish</i> 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Peggy Macfarlane RIP</i> 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church)
Monday 29th March MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	<i>No Mass today</i>
Tuesday 30th March TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Frank & Matthew Brown RIP</i> <i>Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Wednesday 31st March WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	9.30am Mass (St Joseph's) – <i>Jim Stanton RIP</i> <i>Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 7.30pm-8.30pm Lectio Divina online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021
Thursday 1st April MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (St Edmund's)†* <i>- For Vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood</i>
Friday 2nd April GOOD FRIDAY	10.00am Stations of the Cross for Children (St Joseph's)† 12.00pm Stations of the Cross online Zoom: 846 7892 5944 / 2021 3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (St Edmund's)†*
Saturday 3rd April HOLY SATURDAY	10.00am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings (www.cpg.church) 8.30pm Easter Vigil (St Edmund's)†* – <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 4th April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am Mass (St John's)†* 10.30am Mass (St Joseph's)† – <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 12.00pm Mass (St Edmund's)†* – <i>Warren McMillan</i> 6.30pm Evening Prayer & Exposition online (www.cpg.church) <i>The Easter Triduum ends with Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday</i>

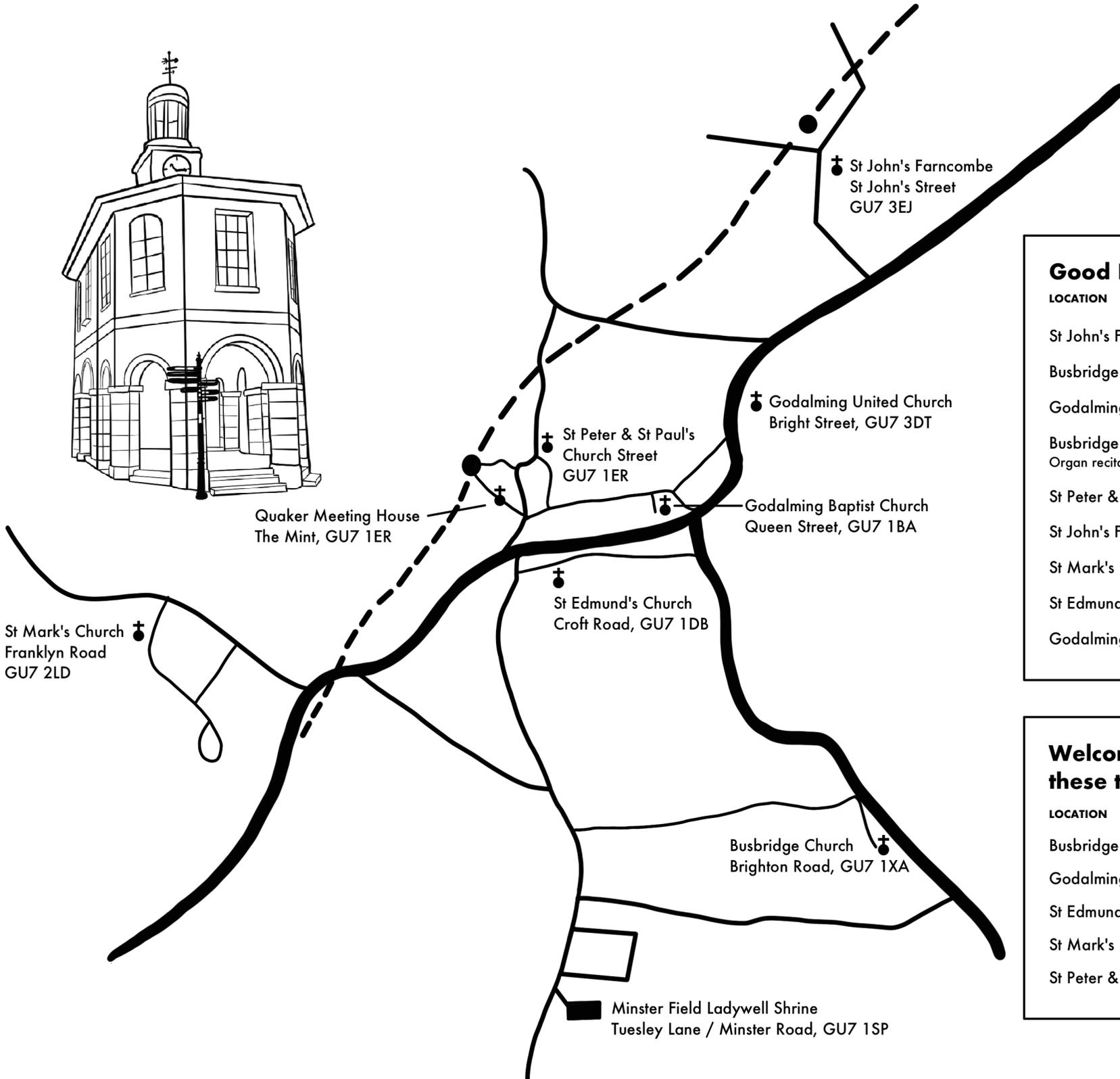
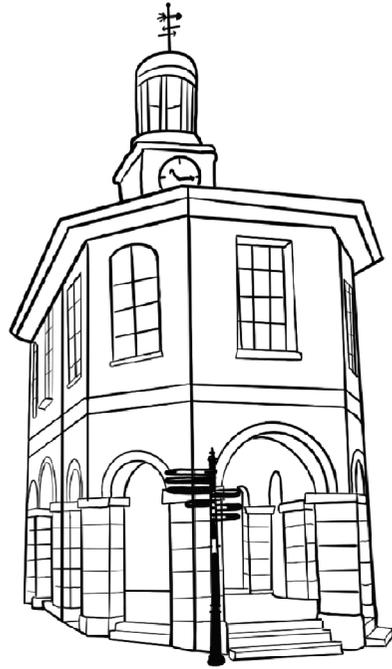
Sunday Year B. Weekday Cycle I. Psalter Week 2.

†Booking Essential

***Livestreamed on YouTube – <https://tinyurl.com/ya47rkkw>**

St Edmund's Church is open each day, usually from 10am to 5pm

www.stedsgod.com



St Mark's Church
Franklyn Road
GU7 2LD

Quaker Meeting House
The Mint, GU7 1ER

St Peter & St Paul's
Church Street
GU7 1ER

St Edmund's Church
Croft Road, GU7 1DB

St John's Farncombe
St John's Street
GU7 3EJ

Godalming United Church
Bright Street, GU7 3DT

Godalming Baptist Church
Queen Street, GU7 1BA

Busbridge Church
Brighton Road, GU7 1XA

Minster Field Ladywell Shrine
Tuesley Lane / Minster Road, GU7 1SP

Good Friday Service Times

LOCATION	TIME	ONLINE / IN CHURCH
St John's Farncombe	9:45 am	IN CHURCH
Busbridge Church	10 am	ONLINE
Godalming Baptist Church	10 am	ONLINE
Busbridge Church Organ recital	12 pm	IN CHURCH
St Peter & St Paul's	12 pm	IN CHURCH
St John's Farncombe	2 pm	IN CHURCH
St Mark's	2 pm	IN CHURCH
St Edmund's Church	3 pm	IN CHURCH
Godalming United Church	7 pm	ONLINE

Welcomers will be available at these times

LOCATION	FROM	TO
Busbridge Church	10 am	1 pm
Godalming Baptist Church	11:45 am	1 pm
St Edmund's Church	12 pm	2 pm
St Mark's	1 pm	4 pm
St Peter & St Paul's	1 pm	3 pm

Good Friday

Pilgrim Trail & Quiz

QUIZ QUESTIONS

Godalming Baptist Church

What does it say on the board above our Lego table in reception and what do you think that means?

St Edmund's Church

How many steps are there from the pavement to the church door?

Busbridge Church

What was so special about the first baptism at Busbridge Church?

Minster Fields

The Ladywell shrine in Minster Field is at the site of a chapel, the first church established in. Godalming. Can you name the century?

St John's Farncombe

What weapons can you find on a tomb in the churchyard?

United Church

What is the Easter flower on the church banner and what is the message?

St Mark's

When was the church dedicated?

Quakers Meeting House

In which century was the Quaker Meeting House in Godalming built?

St Peter & St Paul's

What is the time of the Eucharist/Family service held at St Peter & Paul's every Sunday (in normal circumstances)?

Answers available at
www.godalmingchurches.org
from Saturday 3rd April.

