

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL  
WINDSOR CASTLE



HOLY WEEK  
AND  
EASTER SERVICES

2012

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I AM delighted to invite you to take part in this year's Holy Week and Easter services at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, when we remember the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. He is hailed as a king by the welcoming crowd. However, in the coming days, he experiences increasing conflict with the religious authorities, and is the victim of almost perverse misunderstanding from various quarters. Gradually, he is abandoned even by the closest of his erstwhile followers and, on the Friday, dies alone while being mocked and insulted.

For two millennia, this death has intrigued people. Although outwardly it is defeat of the ugliest kind, here some sort of beauty seems to shine. It is no conventional splendour, and it is hard to express what we see. Through this death, it is as though we perceive a love that would outlive the hatred and the anger that flourished on that Friday. It is as though we glimpse something of the everlasting; the eternal love of God.

It is the enduring, undefeated love of God that we celebrate on Easter Sunday. After what was at first the darkness of Good Friday, the disciples came to see that God's word of love to us had been declared through the cross of Jesus, who now yet lived. Easter Sunday is a day of hope, in light of which lives can be transformed. Please try to join us as we give thanks. Times of our services are printed below.

The Right Reverend David Conner KCVO  
*Dean of Windsor*

## SERVICES-All Welcome

### **Sunday 1 April—Palm Sunday** *Services sung by the Lay Clerks*

8.30 am **Holy Communion with Blessing of Palms**

10.45 am **Mattins with Blessing of Palms,  
Procession and Sermon**  
*Patrick Benedictus*

11.45 am **Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Palms**  
*Durufié Missa 'Cum Jubilo'*

5.15 pm **Evensong**  
*Sheppard First Service*  
*Croce Tristis est anima mea*

### **Monday 2 April**

8 am **Holy Communion**

5.15 pm **Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks*  
*Gibbons Fauxbourdons*  
*Pinel O vos omnes*

### **Tuesday 3 April**

8 am **Holy Communion**

5.15 pm **Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks*  
*Holmes Fauxbourdons*  
*Viadana Ave verum corpus*

### **Wednesday 4 April**

8 am **Holy Communion**

5.15 pm **Said Evening Prayer**

### **Thursday 5 April—Maundy Thursday**

8 am **Holy Communion & Blessing of Oils**

5.15 pm **Said Evening Prayer**

8 pm **Eucharist of the Last Supper** *sung by the Full Choir*  
*Walton Missa Brevis Tallis O sacrum convivium*

### **Friday 6 April—Good Friday**

11.15 am **Liturgy for Good Friday** *sung by the Full Choir*  
*Victoria St John Passion/Reproaches*  
*King John IV of Portugal Crux fidelis*

2pm–4pm The Chapel is open to the public (by way of the Castle admission centre) with a hymn, reading and prayer every twenty minutes.

5.15 pm **Evensong** *sung by the Lay Clerks*  
*Morley Fauxbourdons*  
*Taverner In pace, in idipsum*

## **Saturday 7 April—Easter Eve**

5.15 pm **Said Evening Prayer**

8 pm **Easter Vigil and Eucharist** *sung by the Full Choir*  
*Dove Missa Brevis*

## **Sunday 8 April—Easter Sunday**

8.30 am **Holy Communion** Said service.

10.45 am **Mattins and Sermon** *sung by the Full Choir*  
*arr. Wood This joyful Eastertide*  
*Stanford Te Deum in C*  
*Armstrong Gibbs Easter*

Preacher: The Right Reverend David Conner, Dean of Windsor  
Please be seated by 10.30am.

Entry is by way of the Castle admission centre.

12 noon **Holy Communion** Said service.

3.30 pm **Evensong** *sung by the Full Choir.*  
*Stanford Magnificat in A Byrd Haec Dies*

The Chapel Choir is then on holiday until Monday 23 April 2012.  
However, services continue daily as detailed below.

## **Daily Services in St George's Chapel**

We are always delighted to welcome members of the public  
to our services.

### **Monday to Saturday**

7.30 am Mattins

8.00 am Holy Communion

5.15 pm Evensong\*

(except Wednesdays when the Service is said)

On major Saints' Days there is a Sung Eucharist at 5.15 pm.

On Fridays there is an additional Holy Communion Service  
at 12 noon.

### **Sunday**

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.45 am Sung Mattins\*

11.45 am Sung Eucharist\*

5.15 pm Evensong\*

\*Sung by the Chapel choir during term time.

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