

# ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

2019

## ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



I AM delighted to extend to you an invitation to join us at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle as, once again, we observe and celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

Our world can sometimes feel to be a frightening place to inhabit. Every day, we hear reports of aggression, violence and hostility. We are made aware of cruelty and neglect. We see examples of cowardice, jealousy and rabid self-interest. Such attitudes infect domestic, public, national and international life. We wonder if things will ever change.

We do of course know that this is not the whole picture. Goodness flourishes in the most unlikely places. Courage, kindness, generosity and self-sacrifice can still be observed as we look around us. We want to believe that such qualities will colour and enhance whatever lies ahead.

But we have our doubts. Sometimes, the darkness seems overwhelming; wickedness too powerful and crushing.

It must have felt like that to the followers of Jesus as they witnessed his death upon a cross on that first Good Friday. Jesus had called for obedience to the God of love, but cowardice, treachery, jealousy, hatred, and cunning blended in a final attempt to silence him. It seemed as if they had succeeded.

Christians however believe that, on Easter morning, Jesus was seen to have been raised by God from the dead. It is as though, through Jesus Christ, God whispered a word of reassurance. For all the apparent triumph of evil, the victory will be won by goodness. Such reassurance calms our fears and doubts; gives us hope, and the confidence to work for a better future.

Through Holy Week and Easter, we shall be pondering these things. I do hope that you will find the time to be with us. Details of the week's Chapel programme are printed opposite.

The Right Reverend David Conner, KCVO,  
*Dean of Windsor*

## SERVICES-All Welcome

### **Sunday 14 April—Palm Sunday**

- 8.30 am       **Holy Communion with Blessing of Palms** (said)  
10.45 am      **Mattins with Blessing of Palms and Sermon**  
12 noon       **Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Palms**  
5.15 pm       **Evensong**

### **Monday 15 April**

- 8 am           **Holy Communion** (said)  
5.15 pm       **Evensong**

### **Tuesday 16 April**

- 8 am           **Holy Communion** (said)  
5.15 pm       **Evening Prayer** (said)

### **Wednesday 17 April**

- 8 am           **Holy Communion** (said)  
5.15 pm       **Evening Prayer** (said)

### **Thursday 18 April—Maundy Thursday**

- 8 am           **Holy Communion & Blessing of Oils** (said)  
5.15 pm       **Evening Prayer** (said)  
8 pm           **Eucharist of the Last Supper** sung by the Lay Clerks

### **Friday 19 April—Good Friday**

- 11.15 am      **Liturgy for Good Friday**  
1.30 pm–4 pm The Chapel is open to the public (by way of the Castle admission centre) with a short service every twenty minutes.  
5.15 pm       **Evening Prayer** (said)

### **Saturday 20 April—Easter Eve**

- 5.15 pm       **Evening Prayer** (said)  
8 pm           **The Easter Liturgy and First Eucharist of Easter**

### **Sunday 21 April—Easter Sunday**

- 8.30 am       **Holy Communion** (said)  
10.45 am      **Mattins and Sermon**  
Preacher: The Right Reverend David Conner, KCVO, Dean of Windsor  
Entry is by way of the Castle admission centre by 10.15am.  
Please be seated by 10.30am.  
12 noon       **Holy Communion** (said)  
Please ensure you do not join the queue for Castle admissions.  
3.30 pm       **Evensong**

**The Chapel choir is on holiday before Easter, from 30 March to 13 April inclusive. Services continue daily, either said or sung by a visiting choir.**

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

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

**Sunday**

8.30 am Holy Communion  
10.45 am Sung Mattins\*  
12 noon Sung Eucharist\*  
5.15 pm Evensong\*

**Monday to Saturday**

7.30 am Mattins  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
5.15 pm Evensong\*  
(except Wednesdays when the Service is said)

On some Saints' Days there is a Sung Eucharist at 5.15 pm.  
On Fridays there is an additional Holy Communion Service at 12 noon.

\*Sung by the Chapel choir during term time.

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The Chapel is open to visitors, by way of the Castle admission centre as follows during Holy Week 2018:

Monday 15 April	Open 10am - 4pm
Tuesday 16 April	Open 10am - 4pm
Wednesday 17 April	St George's Chapel closed
Thursday 18 April	Castle closed
Friday 19 April	Open 1.30pm - 4pm
Saturday 20 April	Open 11am - 4pm

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