

## The Holy Week Journey

*This is a personal invitation inviting you to travel expectantly as we relate the last days of Jesus' life. Through scripture, symbolic action and prayer we seek to enter into these cosmically significant narratives. In them we see again a God who is not distant from the realities of human life, nor one that merely observes His creation passively. On the contrary, we see a God experiencing the darkest human experiences and through them winning for us victory and salvation over the dark powers.*

### Unable to Leave Home or Work?

Those services marked with \* have the possibility of being accessed remotely via Zoom. This is done by request. Therefore if you wish to engage in this way please contact alex.wheatley.lector as soon as possible.

### Passion Play (Saturday 23 March)

**7pm—St. Marys Potton**

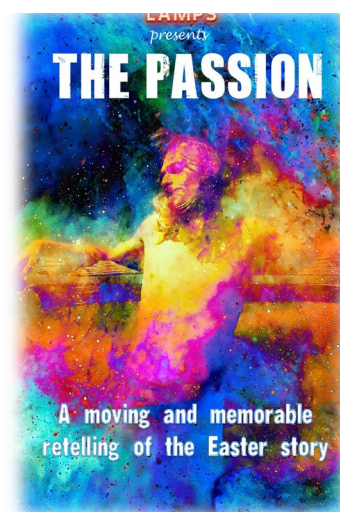
Prepare yourself for Holy Week by first watching this special performance. This passion play is brought to us by the Lamps Collective, a collective of Christian artists that produce fabulous live events and creative resources for the church.

Tickets available from:

Cameron's Newsagent in Potton

Tysoe Hardware shop in Potton

or contact : dandrtall@gmail.com



### Palm Sunday (24 March)

**10am - Holy Communion - St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\***

Our journey begins as we travel with Jesus, the humble king atop a donkey into Jerusalem. This service takes us right through to the events of Good Friday. Nevertheless it is better to walk the whole of this week's journey where one can.

### Compline Services (7.00pm)

**Monday (25 March) - St. Marys Potton\***

**Tuesday (26 March) - All Saints Sutton**

**Wednesday (27 March) - St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\***

With our compline services we keep a spirit of watchful attentiveness as we await to see what this week will bring for Jesus and ultimately for us.

### Maundy Thursday (28 March)

**7:30 - Agape Meal Service & The Watch - St. Marys Potton\***

This night sees a sudden acceleration in the story. We recall the story of the Last Supper with a last meal shared together. Then with the Watch we enter the silence and tension of the garden of Gethsemane.



## **Good Friday Morning** (29 March)

### **10am Walk of Witness – Start at St. Marys Potton**

We walk from St. Marys to the Salvation Army Chapel. Our walking is our telling of Christ's walk from trial to execution. Its also a witness to what we believe is 'really' happening in the story. What Jesus is really about in these sad and confusing events.

## **Good Friday: Hour by the Cross** (29 March)

**12 noon – All Saints Sutton**

**1pm – St. Marys Potton**

**2pm – St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\***

As we look upon the crucified Jesus, we see defeat, we see loss and we see pain. And we come to this scene with our hindsight knowing that this is all for us. “*Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World*”.



## **The Night Before Easter** (30 March)

**8pm – Vigil & Communion – St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley\***

Hope spreads as candle light spreads through the church. We welcome the return of our Lord and begin to marvel at his resurrection in this moving service.

## **Easter Day** (31 March)

**9am – Holy Communion – All Saints Sutton**

**10:30am – All Age Communion & Egg Hunt – St. Marys Potton\***

Jesus has returned and won a victory over sin and death! We reassess what we saw on Good Friday, realising that what looked like defeat was in fact the beginning of something new! Today we are relieved. Today we are full of wonder. Today we celebrate!

## **Easter Monday Pilgrimage** (1 April)

For those that want to, the celebrations continue with a pilgrimage to our Cathedral at St. Albans. We tend to start from Harpenden for the 5.5 mile walk to the Abbey Orchard for around 1pm for a bring you own picnic. Then we process into the cathedral in time for the 3pm Service. **If you are interested please contact [rosemarykimber@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosemarykimber@yahoo.co.uk) for more details. Its possible that a group of us may go together.**

***“He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”***

(Colossians 1: 13-14)

