

## Journey to Easter

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Churches Together Lent Course** starts  
24<sup>th</sup> February, 12pm - Zion Methodist Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> March, 12pm - Zion Methodist Church  
10<sup>th</sup> March, 12pm - Springhead Congregational  
17<sup>th</sup> March, 12pm - Salvation Army, Roundthorn  
24<sup>th</sup> March, 12pm - Salvation Army, Roundthorn

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, February

**Zoom online Compline Prayers** start 8pm  
followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** followed by 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>,  
19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March, Vestry, St John the Baptist

**Lent Course 'Draw Near'** - 7pm

**Compline Prayer** - 8.15pm

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Mother's Day Sparkling Afternoon Tea,**

1pm, St Thomas Leesfield School Hall.

Tickets: Adults £15, children free

## Holy Week

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Palm Sunday

All churches at usual service time

**Stations of the Cross** 3pm, St John the Baptist

### Compline Prayers

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**, 8pm, St Agnes, Leesfield

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**, 8pm, St John the Baptist

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April**, 8pm, St Thomas, Leesfield

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Maundy Thursday

St John the Baptist, Hey, 8.00pm

**Service of 'Foot Washing'**, followed by:

'Stripping the Altar' and 'The Watch', 9-11pm

*Keep watch in the peace of the 'Garden of Gethsemane'.*

*The most tranquil but emotional evening of the year (please dip in and out as you wish - you may wish to bring a book, or just 'be' with our Lord)*

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Good Friday

10.30am - Eucharist, St Thomas, Leesfield

1.00pm - Act of Witness, Churches Together,  
Lees Village Centre

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Eve

**Easter Vigil with Paschal Bonfire,**

7:30pm, St Agnes, Leesfield

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Day

**Celebration Eucharists - 'He Is Risen'**

Easter Raffle and Chocolate Eggs to celebrate the  
Good News!

9.15am - St John the Baptist, Hey

11.15am - St Thomas, Leesfield

### **Polite Notice**

Can we please ask everyone to give your feet an  
extra long wipe as you come in on wet days.

*Please forward any items to be included in the pew  
sheets by Wednesday to Barbara Ballantyne  
pewsheetsjohn@gmail.com  
07855 502697*

## St John the Baptist Hey



*Receiving & Sharing the Love of God  
Everyday*

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

8.00 am - Holy Communion

9.15 am - Holy Communion

### **Readings & Hymns**

<b>Processional</b>	422	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
<b>First Reading</b>		Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
<b>Second Reading</b>		Romans 5.12-19
<b>Gradual</b>	152	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
<b>Gospel Reading</b>		Matthew 4.1-11
<b>Intercession</b>		<i>In thee, O Lord, I put my trust</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	202	Forty days and forty nights
<b>Communion</b>	65	Be thou my guardian and my guide
<b>Communion</b>	169	Father, hear the prayer we offer
<b>Final</b>	556	O Jesus, I have promised V 1/4/5

**Please turn over for today's Collect**

### **What do I do at Communion?**

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. If not, please come forward to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden and Communion will be brought to you.

### **An invitation from Rev Kirsten**

I invite you all to travel through Lent to Holy Week, finally arriving at Easter. Join our 5 week Lent course (all welcome). Join us for Night Prayer (Compline) - in person or online. Journey on to Holy Week and travel the road from the 'Hosanna's' of Palm Sunday, to the 'Crucify Him' of Good Friday and the glorious 'Alleluia's' of Easter morning! Immerse yourself in Lent and the gradual build to Holy Week and Easter. Ask the questions you have always wondered but never said out loud! I promise you won't regret it! Everything is intended to be present as when you can - please do not feel pressured to attend it all.

## **This Week's Services**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

10.15am Funeral of Geoff Gee

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00 am Holy Communion



Our Prayers are asked for:

### **The World**

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the violence in Israel, Gaza, Iran, Sudan, Yemen & the Middle East.

### **The Church**

Our Bishops David, Mark & Matthew. Archdeacon Karen, Area Dean Daniel and visiting clergy. All those who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church here at St John's.

### **The Community of the Parish**

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & Junior School. The staff and pupils at Laugh'n'Learn Nursery here at St John's. The staff & residents of Oakdene Care Home, Millfield Care Home.

The street of our Parish – the residents of Sunhill Close, Woodhead Close.

### **The Sick**

Hazel Gee, Iris,  
Freda and Terence Davies, Jean Stonall,  
and anyone close to our own hearts.

### **Anniversary of Death**

Rosemary Cox, Julie Shepard, Hetty Jones,  
Bill Cullen. Also the recently departed  
Hilary Saxon,  
Geoff Gee and Grace Stansfield.

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## **Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Post Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Psalm 32**

- 1 Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.
- 2 Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 3 For I held my tongue; my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and my iniquity I did not hide.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble; in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.
- 8 You are a place for me to hide in you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.
- 9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding; whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.'
- 11 Great tribulations remain for the wicked, but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*"I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13*

*Please take this pew sheet home to guide you  
in your bible study, aid your prayers  
and remind you of forthcoming events.*