

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2015:

Sunday 29th March PALM SUNDAY

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist with blessing of palms at St Deiniol, Itton
10 am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Sung Eucharist at St Arvans

The Eucharistic liturgy today begins with the Gospel reading & blessing of palms, recalling the Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

At St Arvans there is a procession and the Passion Gospel is read in a dramatised form.

On Monday of Holy Week there will be a celebration of the Eucharist at St Arvans Church at 7.30 p.m.

On **Tuesday** The Eucharist will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m.

On **Wednesday** the Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7.30 p.m.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday (2nd April)

7.30 p.m.: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Arvans Church

The liturgy this evening consists of the Sung Eucharist, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, stripping of the altars and Watch until midnight.

Today we commemorate both with celebration and with an increasing sense of foreboding the celebration of the Last Supper. At the end of the Eucharist, the Sacrament is carried to the altar in the Lady Chapel where a watch is kept with the Lord as his disciples did in the garden of Gethsemane. As a psalm is read, the sanctuary of the Church is stripped bare to remind us of the Lord's coming dereliction and agony, abandoned by all his friends and

disciples. The watch ends at midnight with a simple recitation of Night Prayer by those present.

Good Friday (3rd April)

9.30 a.m. Mattins, Litany & Antecomunion at St Deiniol's, Itton: The traditional service of Morning Prayer for Good Friday

11 a.m. Usual Wyndcliffe walk is **CANCELLED. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in St Arvans Church due to the very slippery conditions**

3 p.m. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Arvans Church

This starkly simple, ancient ceremony includes the Passion Gospel according to St John, an address, the Proclamation of the Cross and which ends with reception of Holy Communion from the Blessed Sacrament reserved on Maundy Thursday. At this service as throughout the day, the Cross is central, as in prayers, readings, and hymns and in the visual action of the Liturgy itself we reflect upon our Lord's offering of himself for our sake.

Today is the only day in the western tradition when the Eucharist cannot be celebrated, but the Good Friday Liturgy ends with our receiving of Holy Communion reserved at the commemoration of the Last Supper the night before in order to emphasise the Life Christ has won for us by his Passion and Resurrection. We leave in silence, taking our meditations on the Lord's death on the cross with us as we go to our homes...

Throughout Holy Week (and as usual) St Arvan's Church will be open for private prayer and devotion.

Easter Eve or Holy Saturday (4th April)

St Arvans Church is closed this afternoon until 6 p.m.

7 p.m. The Easter Vigil at St Arvans Church

The celebration of Eastertide begins on Easter Eve. The Vigil is one of the most ancient Christian liturgies which includes the lighting of the New Fire, the blessing of the Easter Candle, a series of Bible readings and prayers telling the story of our redemption from Genesis to the Resurrection of Christ, the blessing of the Baptismal Waters and ends in the most appropriate way possible with the offering of the First Eucharist of Easter and our reception of the gift of the Lord's resurrection life in Holy Communion.

5th April: EASTER SUNDAY

9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist at Devauden
10 a.m.	Sung Eucharist at St Arvans
10.30 a.m.	Easter Liturgy at Itton
11.15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist at Penterry

