

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2019



OPPORTUNITIES
FOR WORSHIP AND STUDY
IN THE BROOKE BENEFICE

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

This service of Holy Communion, with liturgy from Common Worship, and hymns, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Our time together will include an invitation to receive the sign of the cross, in ash, on our foreheads, as a reminder of our humanity and need of God's love.

**St Peter's Church, Brooke
Wednesday 6th March
10.00am**

LENTEN COMMUNION

Holy Communion

We gather in the warmth and comfort of the Vicarage to share in this time of worship together. The liturgy is from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. To mark the season of Lent we include an extended time of intercession for those close to us, our communities and Benefice and the wider world.

**Brooke Vicarage
Wednesdays 13th, 20th, 27th March
3rd, 10th April
10.00am**

LENT STUDY GROUP

FROM NOW ON

A LENT COURSE ON HOPE AND REDEMPTION IN

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

Using material from Rachel Mann's new Lent Book we will use the excerpts from the film as a starting point for an exploration of the way that the themes of faith, hope and redemption run through all our lives.

Participants are encouraged to have their own copy of the book (available from Lynn, priced £6.99) and to prepare for sessions in the week before. Anyone, however, is welcome to come along and join in. Sessions will stand alone and there is no need to commit to the whole five weeks.

Brooke Vicarage
Wednesdays 13th, 20th, 27th March
3rd, 10th April
7.30 – 9.00pm



MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday Service

A special service to celebrate mothering in all its forms. We look forward to welcoming young people from our Uniformed Organisations. There will be an opportunity to remember mothers we cannot be with, for whatever reason.

St Peter's Church, Brooke
Sunday 31st March
10.30am



PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion with the Blessing of Palms

A traditional service of Holy Communion from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer during which Palm Crosses will be blessed and distributed.

St Peter's Church, Mundham
Sunday 14th April
9.00am

Café Church on Palm Sunday

Our regular monthly Café Church service with a Palm Sunday twist. Everyone is welcome as we gather for coffee at the beginning of our informal service. We remember the first Palm Sunday as we (weather permitting) have our own procession. We then remind ourselves of the events of Jesus' last days and get ourselves and our church ready for the days ahead.

St Peter's Church, Brooke
Sunday 14th April
10.30am

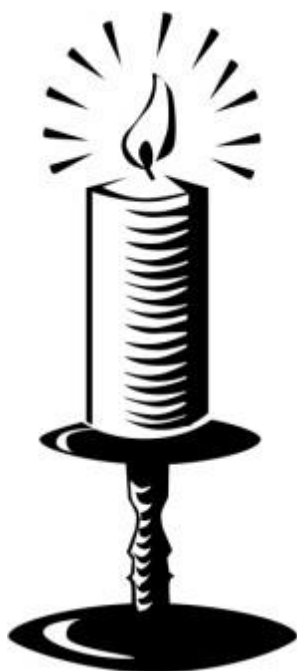
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Compline

This ancient evening service comes from the monastic tradition and marks the close of the day. We gather in darkness and silence to make a space in our lives to listen for God's words and to bring our prayers. On Monday and Wednesday we use the form of service from the Order of the Holy Paraclete, a monastic order still worshipping and working today. This is in contemporary language. On Tuesday we use a service inspired by the Celtic Tradition, drawing on images and language linked to nature and the cycle of creation. Many people find Compline a very touching experience, and most want to return for more.

St Peter's Church, Brooke

**Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th April
8.00pm**



MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Chrism Mass

This service takes place every Maundy Thursday at Norwich Cathedral as the clergy of the Diocese meet with their Bishop to worship together and to renew their Ordination Vows. Each year members of our parish churches are encouraged to attend too; to pledge their commitment to supporting their priests and to offer their own lives to the service of God. The service includes Holy Communion. During the service the Bishop also blesses the holy oils. A light lunch is provided for those attending in the transepts after the service. Anyone is welcome to attend this service, but please let the vicar know a week beforehand if you would like to be included in the lunch numbers.

Norwich Cathedral
Thursday 18th April
11.00am

The Lord's Supper

On this evening we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples before his arrest. We are reminded of his example of service as he washed their feet. We share in Holy Communion, just as he commanded them to do whenever they ate bread and drank wine together. At the end of the service, as we listen to the account of his arrest, the altar is stripped and the church made ready to keep Good Friday in simplicity.

St Peter's Church, Mundham
Thursday 18th April
7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Walk and Meditations

As we remember Jesus' journey through Jerusalem to the cross we go on our own pilgrimage around the churches of the Benefice. At each church we will pause for a short meditation before setting off on our journey again.

All are welcome. Come just to walk or just to pray. You may wish to join in by car. You may want to come to some of the day, or you may wish to be with us for all of it. Four legged friends who like to walk are welcome to come along too.

Hot cross buns and a cup of tea or coffee will be provided at Seething Village Hall. You are welcome to add your own picnic if you wish.

Meditations begin at the times listed below and last approximately ten minutes. We will leave a few minutes after each one for the next venue.

Friday 19th April

10.00am	St Mary's Church, Thwaite
11.20am	St Peter's Church, Mundham
11.55am	Seething Village Hall - Lunch Stop
12.50pm	St Margaret's Church, Seething
1.50pm	St Margaret's Church, Kirstead
2.30pm	St Peter's Church, Brooke

EASTER DAY

Easter Celebration and Community Breakfast

Everyone is invited to come along to celebrate the dawning of Easter Day. There will be a short open air act of worship as we remember the disciples discovering Jesus' Resurrection and celebrate the hope of new life by lighting the Easter fire. At the conclusion we will go indoors to share together in a celebration breakfast.

**Seething Village Hall
Sunday 21st April
8.00am**

Family Worship with Holy Communion

A service suitable for the whole family, as we meet in church to celebrate the Easter message. Our traditional service of Holy Communion, taken from Common Worship, will be interwoven with an "all-age" talk and active intercessions, so that all can take part.

**St Peter's Church, Brooke
Sunday 21st April
10.30am**

Songs of Praise for Easter followed by Children's Easter Egg Hunt

This family friendly service of Songs of Praise offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of Easter. We will praise God together as we share in favourite Easter hymns and readings.

Afterwards the young (and young at heart) are invited to search the churchyard (weather permitting) for Easter Eggs.

**St Margaret's Church, Kirstead
Sunday 21st April
4.00pm**

