

# LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023



OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR WORSHIP AND STUDY  
IN THE BROOKE BENEFICE

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have the same access codes:**

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**[brooke.churchnet.co](http://brooke.churchnet.co)**

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
10.00am**

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# THURSDAYS IN LENT

## **Holy Communion with Bible Study**

This year sees the return of a weekly Communion service during Lent. Following this simple celebration, which will include time for intercession, there will be the opportunity (for those who wish) to gather in the Church Room for coffee and Bible Study. Each week we will look at the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

**St Peter's Church, Brooke  
Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> March  
9.00am**

# LENT STUDY GROUP

We are invited once more to join the Hempnall Group for their Lent Talks this year.

## **Local but not Parochial...**

This year's Lent Talks are based on the route of a long distance path, the Via Beata, which crosses the country at its widest part from Lowestoft to St. David's in Pembrokeshire. In this area, having followed the river Waveney, it visits Ditchingham, Hardwick and Great Moulton, thus passing through The Hempnall Group and Long Stratton and Pilgrim Benefice. Each of these talks, focuses on something that is happening on our doorstep but has national impact.

The talks will take place at 7.00pm on Zoom (see below for details) on the following Tuesdays in Lent:

### **7<sup>th</sup> March**

David Daynes talks about Emmaus, a national charity supporting people out of homelessness, with a base at Ditchingham.

### **14<sup>th</sup> March**

Steven Eggleton and Revd James Shelton on the Via Beata, explaining the vision behind the re-creation of this ancient way and plans for the future.

### **21<sup>st</sup> March**

Tessa Wardley introduces environmental work taking place on our rivers, especially the River Waveney.

The Zoom link for all the HG Lent Talks 2023 is:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86484366411?pwd=bnBzVE95cTdhUEpLOFV2OXIFdmICQT09)

[j/86484366411?pwd=bnBzVE95cTdhUEpLOFV2OXIFdmICQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86484366411?pwd=bnBzVE95cTdhUEpLOFV2OXIFdmICQT09)

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# MOTHERING SUNDAY

## **Mothering Sunday Service**

A special service to celebrate mothering in all its forms. There will be an opportunity to remember mothers we cannot be with, for whatever reason.

**St Peter's Church, Brooke**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10.30am**



# PALM SUNDAY



## **Family Service on Palm Sunday**

We gather to 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 / Zoom**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**10.30am**

# MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

## **The Chrism Mass**

This service takes place every Holy Week 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.

This year the service will also be the farewell for Bishop Alan as he begins his retirement. All are welcome to come and join with others across the Diocese to say “goodbye”.

**Norwich Cathedral**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 11.00am**

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## **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. Many people find Compline a very touching experience, and a good way to remember the very special nature of this week in our Christian lives.

**Zoom**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> , Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**9.00pm**



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### **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.

This year we join with the people of the Hempnall Group to share worship together on this special evening.

**St Margaret's Church, Topcroft**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Act of worship, 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 Mere Cottage, Seething. 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 7<sup>th</sup> April

<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Thwaite</b>
<b>11.20am</b>	<b>St Peter's Church, Mundham</b>
<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Mere Cottage, Seething</b> <b>- Lunch Stop</b>
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>St Margaret's Church, Seething</b>
<b>1.50pm</b>	<b>St Margaret's Church, Kirstead</b>
<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>St Peter's Church, Brooke</b>

# EASTER EVE

## **The Easter Vigil**

We follow the tradition of the Early Christians as we gather to keep vigil and wait for the dawning of Easter. As we hear the Bible stories telling us of God's salvation plan for humanity we share together in a simple supper. As the daylight fades outside we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection again.

**Brooke Church Room**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
**7.00pm**

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## **The New Fire**

Everyone is invited to come along to celebrate the dawning of Easter Day. We gather outside to light the New Fire, the ancient symbol of the dawning light of the resurrection. We carry the light into the darkened church as we proclaim the arrival of Easter and renew our baptism vows. After the service we join together in a chocolatey celebration!

**St Peter's Church, Brooke**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
**8.00pm**

# EASTER DAY

## **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 / Zoom  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am**



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**SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

