

<p style="text-align: center;">ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH PELSALL Holy Week & Easter Services for 2021</p>

This year, as the coronavirus pandemic continues, our keeping of Holy Week and of the Triduum – the great Three Days commemorating Christ’s passion, death and resurrection – will be different. The restrictions and guidelines currently in place mean that some of the powerful symbols of this week, such as the Palm Sunday procession and the foot washing on Maundy Thursday, will not be able to happen. However, following last year’s Holy Week in full lockdown, it is a joy that the church has re-opened and that we shall be able to keep Holy Week together as far as possible.

The usual social distancing regulations will be in place including wearing of masks, use of sanitizer, track and trace procedures, booking system and stewarding to help the dismissal of people from church services. Consideration has been given to the timing and length of services to enable the cleaning routine to take place effectively. This is vital and essential to keep people safe, to ensure a Covid safe environment and to comply with public health regulations. Pre-recorded services will take place and aired on the church Facebook at the usual times. Our church website at www.stmichaelspellsall.co.uk and church Facebook plus ‘A Church Near You’ will be updated with information.

The proposed services for the week are as follows:

Holy Week & Easter

March

28th *Palm Sunday* - 10 am Holy Communion Service - Blessing of Palms

April

The Triduum

1st *Maundy Thursday* – 7.30pm Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar followed by The Watch (shorter length).

2nd *Good Friday* – 2 - 3pm Last Hour at the Cross.

4th *Easter Sunday* – 10am Holy Communion Service

Any queries or questions please contact Rev. Alison or the Parish Wardens. The usual booking for a seat is in place and will be necessary for each of the services.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and co-operation.

Rev. Alison