

The Upper Nene Benefice

SERVICES SCHEDULE AND NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026

Rector: Revd Stephen Burrow 07415 691541

April Services in Holy Week

Wednesday 1 st	10:30am - Holy Communion	Weedon Church
	5:00pm - Evening Prayer	Weedon Church
	7:30pm - Night Prayer	Church Stowe
Thursday 2 nd	6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Communion	Weedon Chapel
	7:30pm - Maundy Thursday Communion (with handwashing)	Heyford Church
Friday 3 rd	2:00pm - Hour at the Cross	Weedon Church
	2:30pm - Good Friday Walk of Witness	Heyford Church
	4:00pm - United Service for Good Friday	Heyford Baptist Church
	6:00pm - Night Prayer	Weedon Church
	7:00pm - United Service for Good Friday	Flore Chapel
Saturday 4 th	7:30pm - Holy Saturday – A Service of Waiting and Hoping	Flore Church

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday - White

8:30am	Holy Communion	Church Stowe
9:30am	Holy Communion	Weedon Church
10:00am	Holy Communion (by extn)	Flore Church
10:00am	Holy Communion	Heyford Church
11:00am	Holy Communion (by extn)	Dodford Church
11:15am	Holy Communion	Brockhall Church

Sunday 12th April – Easter 2 – White

10:00am	Holy Communion (by extn)	Flore Church
10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel

Sunday 19th April – Easter 3 - White

9:30am	Holy Communion	Weedon Church
10:00am	Partnership Service with Holy Communion	Flore Chapel
11:00am	Holy Communion for Easter (followed by APCM)	Heyford Church
6:00pm	Holy Communion	Upper Stowe

Sunday 26th April – Easter 4 - White

9:30am	Sunday Worship	Weedon Church
10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
10:00am	Family Service	Upper Stowe
11:00am	Holy Communion	Flore Church
4:00pm	Café Church	Heyford Church

A Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends.

‘When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”’ (Matthew 27:54, ESV)

It’s challenging to think that Jesus’ journey through Holy Week began with a city-wide celebration. Vast crowds and cries of ‘Hosanna’ welcomed him as he rode into Jerusalem. Jesus knew, of course, what the coming week held for him, how the cries of ‘Hosanna’ would turn to ‘Crucify’ by the time Good Friday came around. But Jesus did nothing to dampen down the festive atmosphere of that first Palm Sunday.

Richard Vautrey, GP, President of the Royal College of General Practitioners argues that: *‘Patients who know they are going to die often have a very different outlook on life. They make the most of every precious day. Yes, they prepare, and put their affairs in order, but many also compile bucket lists of exciting and challenging things to do while they have the strength and energy to do them. They do things they never thought themselves capable of.’* (Methodist Recorder 20 June, 2014).

As all four Gospels relate, Jesus certainly made the most of the days leading up to Good Friday: teaching, healing and helping. There were dramatic moments, of course – the cleansing of the Temple, the Last Supper – but also a huge amount of teaching. Knowing what was coming, Jesus made the most of the days leading up to his crucifixion. Are we making the most of the time we have, regardless of our age or our health? Can we create more special moments, more celebrations, more memories? What can we do to inspire, to teach, to heal or to help?

Jesus’ journey to the cross began with a celebration. As he breathed his last, the week ended with the centurion’s awe-struck declaration, ‘Truly this was the Son of God!’ The Palm Sunday crowds looked for salvation. As Jesus humbled himself to death of a cross, he delivered that salvation. How might we, knowing the resurrection joy of Easter Sunday draw others to Jesus, the one who died that we might live?

With prayers and blessings for the Easter Season,

Rev’d Stephen (Tel: 07415 691541)

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Midweek Services

Thursdays

10.00am	Holy Communion	(not 9 th)	Flore Church
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Private prayer		Flore Church

Fridays

9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom	All Welcome
	Contact the Rector by email: s_p_burrow@yahoo.co.uk to get an invitation that will enable you to connect.	

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Praying for our Villages

The Streets we shall be praying for during April are: Bugbrooke Rd and Wakefield Way in Heyford, Bliss Lane and the Nursery, Meadow Farm Close and Brington Rd, the businesses and outlying farms in Flore, Main Street and the School Rooms in Church Stowe, Manor Farm, The Old Coach House and Manor Cottage in Brockhall, Church St, South St, New St and Billing School Place in Weedon and Main St in Dodford.