

ST. DUNSTAN'S CRANBROOK

'A faithful, welcoming and compassionate church for all.'



April 17th 2025

Hello everyone,

I hope you are well all and all is well with and for you.

So here we go my friends. We enter these profound four days of the Easter weekend.

The details of what is to come are below.

I want to give you some more information on just one thing. The 'service of music and readings for Good Friday' at 6.30pm on Good Friday follows last year's template. We sing hymns and listen to readings centring on Jesus' death on the cross. We will be joined by Amber Reeves, who will be singing four pieces interspersed between our readings and hymns. Amber has been invited by Michael and we are delighted that Amber can be with us. You can find out more about Amber's singing here.

Also, don't miss the opportunity to look at the painting in the main hall in Church House. The Windmill Art Group have an exhibition which is there until the end of April. They are wonderful paintings so do take the opportunity to look at the paintings while they are still there.

Finally, a reminder that the deadline for a donation <u>to the Nourish foodbank is</u> <u>today</u>. If you would like to donate an Easter egg, the foodbank is glad to receive those too.

May your Easter be a blessed one.

With love, prayers and gratitude for you.

Richard

Easter Services

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday

2.30pm - Holy Communion

7.30pm - Holy Communion with 'the Stripping of the Altar'

Friday 18th April - Good Friday 9.15am - 'The Walk of Witness'.

We start at St Theodore's Catholic Church, then move onto the Cranbrook Congregational Church, before ending at St. Dunstan's with a final act of worship, followed by hot cross buns.

2.00pm - 'The Last Hour'

6.30pm - A Service of Readings and Music for Good Friday

Saturday 19th April - Easter Saturday

11am - 1pm Coffee morning and Easter Family Time with crafts, eggs and fun for all.

Easter Day

10am - Family Easter Communion Service for all ages

After Easter

There will be a lot happening after Easter. Look out for announcements about further concerts, a special service on May 8th to mark the 80th Anniversary of V.E. Day and much more.

Looking Ahead regarding our missional development

Following on from our Lent material, we will pivot after Easter to exploring in more depth 'the Gifts Discernment Tool'. Thank you to those of you who have already completed the gifts discernment tool. I continue to receive forms. I hope you find the engagement with this process to be a blessing to you, as you discover how gifted you are! I will be arranging a get together for all those who have done the material next month. It's not too late if you have not yet completed this.

There will also be news after Easter about new, additional, small groups.

<u>The Great Bible Challenge</u>: The month of the 'Great Bible Challenge' is now available on the tomb. If you have got behind, or not started yet, don't worry at all. Just pick up a sheet and start from whatever date it is that you picked it up.

Live Streaming:

Sunday services are live streamed on our YouTube channel. Click here: https://www.youtube.com/
ostdunstanschurchcranbrook7809
Once on the YouTube site, click on the 'live' tab.

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