

EASTER

AT ST MARY REDCLIFFE CHURCH



Wednesday 6 March - Ash Wednesday

7:30pm Sung Eucharist with the imposition of ashes, created during the service using last year's Palm Crosses – do bring yours! Incense will be used.

Lent Appeal

Our Lent Appeal partner charity this year is CCS Adoption, a Bristol-based charity, which for 115 years has been finding permanent, loving families for children who need them, and providing ongoing support for adoptive families for as long as they need it. The following events aim to raise awareness and raise funds for the appeal. All are welcome.

Saturday 9 March - Voices of Adoption

6:00pm An event to launch the appeal and increase awareness of adoption, with an opportunity to explore the CCS exhibition in the South Transept and a panel discussion giving voice to different people involved in the adoption journey.

Saturday 30 March - CSS Family Funday with Melody Makers Choir

1:00pm - 4:00pm Come and enjoy music from Melody Makers, afternoon tea, games, activities and fun for all ages. £5.00 per adult, children free.

Lent Appeal Exhibition

Throughout Lent (from 9th March to 18th April) there will be a free exhibition in the church exploring ideas of family and showcasing some of CCS's work.

Sunday 31 March - Mothering Sunday

9:30am All Age Eucharist celebrating Mothering Sunday.

6:30pm Service with information about this year's Lent Appeal.

Saturday 6 April - Passion Saturday

4:00pm Come and hear **John Stainer's meditation on the sacred passion of the Holy Redeemer, *The Crucifixion***, sung by the combined choirs of St Mary Redcliffe and Bath Abbey.

Sunday 7 April - Passion Sunday Evening

6:30pm Music and readings for Passion Sunday, sung by the Redcliffe Chamber Choir.

Sunday 14 April - Palm Sunday

9:30am Sung Eucharist, which starts outside the church as we process with Christ into Jerusalem (without a donkey!) and then hear the whole of the Passion Narrative.

Thursday 18 April - Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Sung Eucharist, which follows the story of the last night of Jesus' earthly life. We wash feet, as he did; we break bread, as he did; and we keep watch, as he did. then we wait for the events of Good Friday to unfold.

Friday 19 April - Good Friday

12:00-3:00pm Johann Sebastian Bach's ***St John's Passion*** and **Good Friday Children's Workshop**. (see details below)

Saturday 20 April - Easter Eve

8:30pm From darkness to light A candlelit liturgy that starts with a new fire, visits the Easter garden, reminds us of our baptism and ends with the account of the resurrection.

Sunday 21 April - Easter Day

9:30am Festival Eucharist for the celebration of Easter Day

6:30pm Easter Songs of Praise Easter hymns, joyful choir music with bible readings and poems to celebrate the resurrection.

Good Friday - Friday 19 April

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Bach's *St John's Passion*

The Rt Rev David Stancliffe, former Bishop of Salisbury, will bring worshippers and music-lovers together in experiencing the Passion according to St John through the theology and musical imagination of Johann Sebastian Bach.

Those present will have a full text of Bach's ***St John's Passion*** in German with a facing English translation. Each hour's section will have both an introduction to the theology and space for reflection.

Using period instruments and a lighter singing style, the church choir will be joined by The Bishop's Consort for this novel, and deeply rewarding, experience.

Including a performance of Bach's ***St John's Passion***.

Good Friday Children's Workshop

Including a bring and share lunch, kids activities and a service at 2:30pm.

