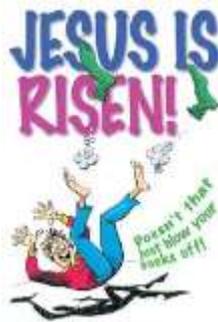




CELEBRATE WITH US THIS EASTER

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WESTHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH



## WHAT IS EASTER?

Easter is that time of the year when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after he was put to death on a cross.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem to the acclaim and excitement of the crowds of pilgrims who would be coming from all over the world to celebrate the Jewish Passover. They waved palm branches in the air welcoming him as their long awaited King and yet, by the end of that week, they would be shouting for his death.

He was not the kind of King they had expected. They had expected a King riding on a white horse, with an army behind him and battling against the Roman occupation which they had suffered for so long as a nation.

Jesus was indeed a King, the King of Heaven, and he had come to rescue people from their sin, to bring them peace and joy and to offer them a living relationship with God that would deeply satisfy their longings.

Jesus reached out to those who were regarded as the rejects of society, those people would not touch, for instance the lepers. He touched and healed, he befriended the lost, the lonely, the unloved.

He spoke of a living relationship people could have with God his Father.

On Good Friday he was crucified and three days later God raised him from the dead.

The message today is the same message on that first Easter morning- Jesus is alive !

Come and celebrate with us the glorious fact that Jesus is alive and offers abundant life to all who come to him in faith.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR OUR EASTER CELEBRATIONS THIS  
YEAR AT WESTHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

## **WORSHIP DURING HOLY WEEK**

### **April 14 PALM SUNDAY- 10.30am**

This is a service of Holy Communion.

A Crèche is provided;

We have Sunday School, known as ROAR, for the children.

And ALIVE GROUP for young teenagers.

### **April 18<sup>th</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY-7.30pm**

This is a simple communion and meditation service as we reflect on the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples before his death.

### **April 19<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY 11am**

We remember that Friday when Jesus was crucified.

This is a service of readings, prayers and meditation.

### **April 21<sup>st</sup> EASTER SUNDAY**

#### **EASTER MORNING CELEBRATION @ 8am**

We meet at the church to greet the new day with songs, readings and prayers.

This will be followed by coffee and pastries

#### **EASTER DAY- ALL AGE COMMUNION**

A time for all ages to share in the Easter Celebrations including Holy Communion.