

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

at St Arvan's Church

Don't forget the clocks go forward one hour on Palm Sunday as we begin British Summer Time!

SUNDAY 29th March: PALM SUNDAY

10 a.m. Blessing of Palms, Procession & Sung Eucharist

Monday of Holy Week (30th March)

Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

Tuesday of Holy Week (31st March)

Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week (1st April)

Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (2nd April)

7.30 p.m.: The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Sung Eucharist, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, stripping of the altars and watch until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY (3rd April)

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

A starkly simple ceremony which includes the Passion Gospel, an address, the Proclamation of the Cross and Holy Communion from the Sacrament reserved on Maundy Thursday evening

EASTER EVE or HOLY SATURDAY (4th April)

7.30 p.m. The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is an ancient & dramatic liturgy which includes the lighting of the New Fire in the churchyard, the blessing of the Easter Candle, a series of Bible readings and prayers telling the story of our redemption, the blessing of the Baptismal Waters and the First Eucharist of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY (5th April)

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist for Easter Morning

We celebrate the Lord's Resurrection!
Alleluia, he is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Severn Wye Ministry Area

Holy Week Services

29th March – 4th April 2026

Holy Monday

7pm – Celtic Eucharist at St Christopher's, Chepstow

Holy Tuesday

7pm – Evening Prayer at St Deiniol's, Itton

Holy Wednesday

7pm - Taizé Service at St Adoneus, Mounton

Taizé is a prayerful form of music known for its simple, yet rich and meditative character, which is meant to serve as a kind of musical centering prayer.

Maundy Thursday

St Tewdric's Mathern: 7pm - Tenebrae Service

A dramatic candlelight service. Scripture readings chronicle Jesus's final week, ending with his burial. After each reading a candle is snuffed out, until only the Christ candle remains lit.

Chepstow Priory: 6pm Agape Supper and 7pm Holy Communion

St Arvans: 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by stripping of the altars, and watching in front of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

Good Friday

St Thomas Becket, Shirenewton: 9am Nature Walk & breakfast.

St Christopher's, Chepstow: 10am – Stations of the Cross

St Peter, St Pierre: 11am Stations of the Cross

Holy Cross, Kilgwrrwg: 11 a.m. Prayers and Hymns at the Cross

St Mary's, Chepstow: 2 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

St Arvans: 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday:

St Mary's, Chepstow: 11-12pm Saints Easter Crafts

St Arvans: 7.30 p.m. The Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

- 8 a.m. St Mary's Priory, Chepstow**
- 9 a.m. St James, Devauden**
- 9a.m. St Tewdric's, Mathern**
- 10 a.m. St Arvan, St Arvans**
- 10 a.m. St Thomas Becket, Shirenewton**
- 10.15 a.m. St Andoneus, Mounton**
- 11 a.m. St Mary's Priory, Chepstow**
- 11.30 a.m. St Peter's, St Pierre**
- 11.30 a.m. St Deiniol's, Itton**
- 11.30 a.m. St Mary's, Penterry**
- 5.30 p.m. St Peter's, Newchurch**