



Peace at Easter

St Chad's Church, Pattingham with Patshull

2026

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Services for Holy Week and Easter 2026

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

10.00 am - Family Communion for Palm Sunday

Tuesday 31st March

6.00 pm - Prayers for Peace

Wednesday 1st April

10.00 am - Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April

7.30 pm - Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altars

Good Friday - 3rd April

10.00 am - Walk of Witness

Processing around the village following the cross and enjoying hot cross buns at the Village Hall.

11.00 am - Building of the Easter Garden

Service for children and families followed by Easter Egg Hunt

2.00 pm - The last hour at the Cross - Devotional Service

Easter Sunday - 5th April

10.00 am - All age Service for Easter with Communion

6.30 pm - A more traditional Communion Service

Sunday after Easter - 12th April

10.00 am - Family Communion

Crafts and Pancakes!

A very successful Crafts and Pancakes activity took place in church on Shrove Tuesday with over 50 children taking part. There were many wonderful Easter pictures created, all vying for a place on this Easter card. The judges had a hard time choosing between so many lovely pictures.

The winning entry by Summer, is on the front of this card.

Easter Message 2026...



As Easter approaches, it fills my heart with joy to see the bright spring sunshine and the snowdrops, crocuses, and daffodils appearing around the village. At this time of year we are reminded how much of life is shaped by beginnings and endings. Winter slowly loosens its hold and the mornings grow lighter; the fields around our village turn greener, and the hedgerows begin to stir with life and energy. After the stillness of winter, there is a sense that the world is waking up once again.

In our own lives we experience many endings and beginnings too. We say goodbye to familiar seasons and welcome new ones. We mark losses, changes, disappointments, and farewells, but we also celebrate births, fresh hopes, and new chapters. These moments, both joyful and difficult, are all part of the rhythm of life.

The story of Easter lies at the heart of this pattern. It begins in the sorrow and uncertainty of Jesus being betrayed and killed, yet it leads to joy, renewal, and the promise of everlasting life. Jesus' death and resurrection speak of a love that can transform our world. In a time when the world can often feel unsettled, we can hold on to the hope that life and even eternity, can be changed for the better. In both the small moments of everyday life and the great turning points we face, we are reminded that love can bring renewal, and that this powerful love is offered to each of us. Easter tells us that endings are never the final word, and that new life can grow in ways we may not yet see.

Wherever you find yourself this spring; whether celebrating, beginning something new, or remembering and letting something go, we pray that you may know God's reassuring presence. May you feel guided in times of change, comforted in moments of loss, and encouraged by the promise of new beginnings.

As the village fills with the light and warmth of the season, may this Easter bring peace, hope, and the promise of new life to everyone.

Rev Merry Smith

Vicar



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The Vicar is **Rev Merry Smith** - Phone: 07486 066065 and
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The post is half time, so she does not work every day.

There are normally **services in church** on Sundays and Wednesdays at 10.00am. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month there is normally a service at 6.30 pm as well.

For details check the website or the Parish News.

Website - www.pattinghamchurch.org.uk
Facebook - [@StChadsPattingham](https://www.facebook.com/StChadsPattingham)

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