



Easter 2025

God's love is not simply an idea, it's a cross. In a world in which there is so much wrong, God shows us on the cross of Jesus shows us that he will pay the price to put it right. His love will not be overcome by evil. There is no human being so lost, they can not be brought

home. There is no darkness so deep, it can not be transformed by his light. That's the truth that Christian's place at the center of our lives. That in Jesus' death and resurrection, God's power has come into this world, and into our lives, to forgive us and set us free. And that's a hope nothing can take it away. So come and discover the life of faith for yourself this Easter at St Mary's www.eastleakechurch.org/Easter

Easter Extravaganza

Palm Sunday, 13th April, 3-5pm at St Mary's
If you're looking for something fun to do with your family or grandchildren then Easter Extravaganza is for you! It's coming up on Sunday 13th April at St Mary's, from 3-5pm. There is going to be face painting, games, challenges, crafts and all sorts of other activities to do as a family as we enjoy the story of Easter. It's completely free and you're welcome to drop in for as much or as little as you'd like. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday Services: **9:15am** Holy Communion **11am** Morning Worship
7:30pm Tuesday 8th April Church Together Lent Service



A simple pattern of prayer for the week ahead.

Opening Words

He made peace a reconciliation through his blood, shed on the cross. Colossians 1:20

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bible Reading

Friday: Luke 20:46-21:4

Saturday: Luke 18:35-43

Sunday: Psalm 4

Monday: Luke 19:1-10

Tuesday: Luke 19:28-48

Wednesday: Luke 20:1-8

Thursday: Luke 20:19-26

Friday: Luke 20:46-21:4



This week we continue our lent book "To Seek and To Save" available in church. www.biblica.com/online-bible

Collect for the day

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

A prayer for Myanmar

God of mercy, we pray for all people affected by the earthquake in Myanmar. Enfold them in your love and meet them in the darkness as they mourn the death of loved ones and the destruction of their homes. Strengthen and guide all those responding to this disaster, both practically and spiritually, as they seek to bring comfort and relief. Strengthen your church to be Jesus's hands and feet in response to this disaster. May people see their kindness and hope, and recognise that they demonstrate the truth of the gospel at work. Amen.

A prayer for Passiontide

Lord Christ, who for love of our souls chose to lay down everything: forgive us, who have so often followed the easy path of selfish desire, and set your law of sacrifice within our hearts; that we may be ready to deny ourselves and courageously walk in your steps, our crucified Redeemer. Amen.

A prayer for the sick

Heavenly Father, we commend to your love and care, those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and especially those known to us... In your goodness and mercy grant them your healing touch today and always. Amen.

Add your own prayers or say the Lord's Prayer

Final prayer

Eternal God, we entrust the past to your mercy. The present to your love and the future to your wisdom. Today and everyday, though Christ our Lord. Amen

Picture of the week



Starts 8:30am

Friday 18th April St Mary's East Leake

A relaxed 13 mile circular walk, stopping for an Easter hymn and a prayer in the village churches of the area.

Or simply join in for one of the short services:

East Leake 8:30am	Rempstone 2:45pm
West Leake 10am	Costock 4:45pm
Stanford 12:30pm	East Leake 5:40pm
<small>(stop for packed lunch)</small>	<small>(With hot cross buns)</small>

Using the No. 1 bus to/from Stanford, you can make it a half-day walk



Dogs Welcome!

Bring walking kit and a packed lunch
Ring the vicar: 07963 550964 for details

