

PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER + ST PAUL'S + ST MARY'S

Sunday 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday

Services Today:

- 9.30 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at St Paul's
- 10.30 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at the Minster
- 11.00 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at St Mary's

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Reflection

On Palm Sunday we begin standing outside the church, poised and ready to go in. Palm Sunday invites us to stand at a threshold. We find ourselves with the crowd at the gates of Jerusalem, waving palms, full of hope and expectation. It is a service which leads us from celebration towards the shadow of the cross.

Thresholds are places of decision. They are not comfortable resting points, but spaces of movement and change. On this day, Jesus crosses into the city not with power as the world understands it, but with humility, peace, and love: riding on a donkey amidst cheering crowds.

Of course, we'll all get a palm cross to hold up and take home with us across the threshold of our own homes. Our palm crosses are a reminder of this important day in the calendar of the church and it is good that we keep them somewhere safe and visible throughout the year: look after your cross! They should remind us of the invitation to cross a threshold and walk with Christ, trusting that beyond the cross lies new life.

Fr Simon

This Week's Diary – Holy Week

Minster open daily 10am-12pm Morning Prayer is said daily Monday - Thursday in the Minster at 9am All welcome

Date	Time	Service/Event	Church/Location
Mon 30th	10.00	Craft Group	St Mary's
	14.00	Place of Welcome	St Paul's
	18.00	Stations of the Cross	St Paul's
Tues 31st	12.00	Lunchtime Holy Communion	Minster
	13.30	Hand Bell Ringers Practice	Vestry
	18.00	Stations of the Cross	St Mary's
Wed 1st April	10.00	Mid-week Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00	Garden Project	St Paul's
	12.30	Wednesday Club	St Mary's
	18.00	Stations of the Cross	Minster
Maundy Thursday	10.00	Reflective Space	St Mary's
	19.00	Liturgy of Maundy Thursday and Watch	Minster
Good Friday	10.00	Good Friday Services at St Mary's and St Paul's	St Paul's & St Mary's
	12.00	Ecumenical Service	From Minster
	14.00	Liturgy of Good Friday	Minster
Holy Saturday	10.00	Vestry Hour	Minster
	10.00	Easter Preparation and Inclusive Church Coffee Morning	Minster
	12.00	Alpha Course	Vestry
	19.30	Vigil and Confirmation	Minster
Easter Day	9.30	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.30	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion	Minster
	11.00	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion	St Mary's
	18.00	Choral Evensong	Minster

Notices

Easter Pathway Foodbank Appeal: we need donations of the following: Tinned meat/fish/veg/fruit; Cooking sauces; Coffee; Milk (UHT or powdered); Cereals; Fruit juice (long life); Tinned pudding; Jam; Instant mashed potato. Please leave in Church.

Annual Report time: It's time to submit 2026 reports for any church group you are responsible for. Please email to the office.

Electoral Roll is open for revision. If you are not on the roll please consider joining. Forms in all churches. Deadline 30th March.

Alpha Course every Saturday 12pm until 16th May: Minster vestry. See <https://alpha.org.uk/what-is-alpha>.

The diocesan **Chrism Eucharist** is on Monday 30th March in the Cathedral at 11am.

Easter Preparations and Inclusive Church Coffee Morning: Saturday 4th April: 10am. Help out, and eat cake!

Confirmation Service: Saturday 4th April: 7.30pm, with Bishop Ian.

Do join us for **Evensong on Easter Day** at 6pm and there will be refreshments served afterwards

Bingo at St Mary's: Saturday 11th April from 12.30 pm for 'Eyes Down' at 1pm. Refreshments.

Community Peace Walk and Tea: Saturday 25th April: 2pm. From the Minster.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Sunday 26th April: 12 noon

Parish Life Magazine: The April issue is out now. Send your articles to patstringer1840@gmail.com

PARISH PRAYER LIST. Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit or in need of God's loving care: Kevin, Len, Joanne, Bobby, Patrick, Kate, Tom, Penny, Mick, John, Rodney, Rosemary. We remember before God the recently departed: John Plummer, Maurice Burley. Please pray for Stephanie, being Confirmed and Tyler, being Baptised.