

Walk of Witness

GOOD
FRIDAY 2026

ALL WELCOME
please follow safety instructions
& walk on footpaths where possible



Welcome to this year's Procession of Witness

At whatever stage you join the walk, please read the information below

Please note that you are expected to be responsible for your own safety and need to be aware that we are walking on public roads which will be used by vehicles.

Parents & carers, please be particularly vigilant of your children.

Please also be mindful of neighbours and others who are walking with us.

Dogs must be kept on leads please.

Please be especially careful if you are standing near the Cross when it is raised and lowered. Help would also be appreciated to manage the portable PA System between Stations.

THOSE VOLUNTEERING TO HELP CARRY THE CROSS SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT IT IS HEAVY AND EXERCISE APPROPRIATE CAUTION.

Please assemble around the cross promptly at each stop, moving in, so that those behind can also get within hearing distance without too much delay.

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During this Walk of Witness you will be alongside the ministers and people of Churches Together in Cam & Dursley:

3C Community Church in Cam, Cam Methodist Church, Church of the Holy Cross in Owlpen, Dursley Methodist Church, Dursley Tabernacle URC, Quarry Chapel URC in Cam, St Bartholomew, in Cam, St Bartholomew in Coaley, St Bartholomew in Nympsfield, St Cyr in Stinchcombe, St Dominic in Dursley, St George in Cam, St Giles in Uley, St James the Great in Dursley, St Joseph in Nympsfield.

STATION 1 PARSONAGE ST ARRESTED

Jesus Christ - God with us, like us, one of us, and despite showing the love of God in healing and generosity and wisdom and even life, those in positions of power, threatened by his presence, decided enough was enough.

Reading: **Matthew 26:47-50**

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.

CHORUS

*Thank You, O my Father
for giving us your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
till your work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, O for sinners slain...

CHORUS

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
in that holy place

CHORUS

*Thank You, O my Father
for giving us your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
till your work on earth is done.*

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STATION 2 KINGSHILL ROAD (REDNOCK) DENIED

We'd all like to think that when push comes to shove, we would all be able to do the right thing. Peter had claimed that he was such a person: 'even if all the rest desert you I will not' he said. "Don't be so sure," Jesus said. "This very night, before the cock crows up the dawn, you will deny me three times."

Reading: **Matthew 26:58-75**

But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, 'This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."' The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living

God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.'

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?' They answered, 'He deserves death.' Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, 'Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.' After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.' Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed.

Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

My Song is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.

O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
But men made strange,
and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way,
and His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day,
Hosannas to their King.
Then: 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for His death they thirst and cry

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STATION 3 KINGSHILL PARADE (LIDL) CONDEMNED

Jesus was taken by the religious leaders and elders of the people from one Roman court to another, trying to find an official with enough courage and authority to order the death sentence for them. Finally, and for the second time that night, they end up in the court of the local Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate

Reading: **Matthew 27 : 15-26**

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realised that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great

deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Servant King

From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King*

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered...

CHORUS

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

CHORUS

*This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
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STATION 4 VALE HOSPITAL HUMILIATED

You see, in order to get to the point of putting someone to death, you have to dehumanise them. You have to reduce them to an object, something beneath you, something disposable. Not only does Jesus become the willing victim of our self-justification, our ego, he becomes nothing, a no-thing, an object of our violence.

Reading: **Matthew 27 : 27-31**

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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STATION 5 ST GEORGES CHURCH ASSISTED

There was a man called Simon from Cyrene who was in Jerusalem for the festival. He got caught up in the action as he was forced to carry the cross for Jesus. Jesus, too weak after being flogged and beaten, needed someone else to carry the weapon of his destruction. Here we are, today, in Cam, carrying a cross. We're all like Simon, willingly or unwittingly joining in with the dismissal of the One who became like us, to be with us, to love us.

Reading: **Matthew 27 : 32-37**

After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

How deep the Father's love for us

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give his only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss
the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold a man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

*The children are invited to carry the cross
from St Georges to the next Station*

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STATION 6 TRANSFORMER NAILED

Jesus came as the light of the world, showing the love of God in all he was and did. For all kinds of reasons, they, we, could not handle that and instead chose to do it our way and put Jesus to death. But even in this darkest hour that was full of hate and on the brink of death, we catch the first glimpse that light always banishes the darkness, love always wins, and life always overcomes death..

Reading: **Luke 23:33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you

are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Lift High the Cross

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**Follow the path on which our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.**

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us unto thee.**

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

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STATION 7 THE FARM KILLED

It takes a long time to die on a cross. Eventually, you can't breathe anymore, and alongside the loss of blood and pain, your body simply gives up.

Reading: **Mark 15:33-37**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

There is a Green Hill

There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.

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STATION 8 FOOT OF CAM PEAK RECOGNISED

It takes a long time to die on a cross. Eventually, you can't breathe anymore, and alongside the loss of blood and pain, your body simply gives up.

Reading: **Mark 15:38-40**

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

When I Survey

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast.
Save in the death of Christ, my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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STATION 9 SADDLE OF CAM PEAK BURIED

Reading: John 19:38-42

The courage of the secret disciples of Jesus is quietly on display here. It was no easy matter to take custody of a dead convicted criminal

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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As the top of Cam Peak is an environmentally sensitive area, we have told the *Joint Woodlands Committee*, who are responsible for the Peak, that we will limit footfall to prevent erosion of the soil.

The *Walk of Witness* will come to a close at the Saddle of Cam Peak.

REFRESHMENTS

You will be very welcome today for refreshments at:

St Georges, Upper Cam from 11.30am for coffee, hot cross buns and Easter Craft activities.

Also at Dursley Methodist Church for coffee & hot cross buns or soup & desserts, after the walk, followed by a Meditation for Good Friday by Revd. David Vonberg at 2.30pm

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL POLICE
FOR THEIR SUPPORT TODAY**

EASTER EVENTS

GOOD FRIDAY

11am - 1.30pm Refreshments, Soup & Hot Cross Buns at Dursley Methodist Church

11:30am Refreshments with Easter trail, all age activities at St George's, Upper Cam

12 noon - 1.30pm Soup & Desserts at Dursley Methodist Church

2 - 9pm Experience Easter at Dursley Tab

2pm Hour at the Cross at St Bartholomew's, Lower Cam

2pm Hour at the Cross at St Bartholomew's, Coaley

2pm Tenebrae Service at St James, Dursley

2pm Reflection at Dursley Methodist Church

2pm Reflective Service at St Cyr, Stinchcombe

3pm Service at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Dominics, Dursley

6pm Evening Communion Service at 3C Community Church, Upper Cam

7pm Maria Desolata at St Joseph's, Nympsfield

Holy Saturday

9am - 2pm Experience Easter at Dursley Tab

10am - 12 noon Egg Hunt and Crafts at St Bartholomew's, Lower Cam

8pm Easter Vigil at St Giles, Uley

9pm Easter Vigil, St Dominics, Dursley

Easter Sunday

6am Sunrise Prayer @ Cam Peak led by 3C Community Church

7:30am Early Morning Easter Service followed by breakfast at St George's, Upper Cam

8am Said Holy Communion at St James, Dursley

9am Easter Mass at St Joseph, Nympsfield

9.30am Easter Communion at St St Bartholomew's, Coaley

9:30am Easter Communion at St George's, Upper Cam

10am Parish Holy Communion at St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley

10.30am Easter Service at 3C Community Church, Upper Cam

10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion at Cam Methodist

10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion at Dursley Tabernacle

10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion at Dursley Methodist

11am Easter Mass at St Dominic's, Dursley

11am Easter Communion at St Bartholomew's, Lower Cam

11:10am Easter Communion at St Cyr, Stinchcombe

2.45pm Easter Service followed by refreshments at The Quarry Chapel, Cam

6.30pm Choral Evensong at St James, Dursley