



Down St. Mary

Easter Preparations. No sooner is Christmas a fond recent memory, then we start our preparations for Easter. The period of Lent starts on Wednesday 5th March with the Imposition of Ashes at **St. Mary's Church Morchard Bishop at 7.30pm**. At our Church we will, again this year, have our Lent Mid-week Evening Prayer Services. These services, which are Lay led, will be held at **4.00 pm** on **Wednesdays** during March and April. The dates of the services are the 12th, 19th, and 26th of **March** and the 2nd, 9th and 16th of **April**. Everyone is welcomed to come to these short reflective services to help prepare us spiritually for Holy week and Easter day.

Other Diary dates for April.

Sunday 13th - Palm Sunday service at 11.00 am

Thursday 17th - Maundy Thursday, a short service with the stripping of the Altar at 9.00 pm followed by a Vigil until Mid-night.

Sunday 20th - Easter Day service at 11.00 am.

Wednesday 30th - Churches Annual General Meeting at 7.15 pm (venue to be confirmed)

Mothering Sunday falls on a 5th Sunday this year, **Sunday 30th March**, but each Church in our Mission Community will have a service in their own Churches at **10.30 am**. We are having a Lay led Morning Prayer service in our Church, with Sherry or soft drinks with simnel cake served after. Everyone is invited to come where a warm welcome awaits you. There will also be Eucharist Service at some other Churches within the Mission Community on this day, please see the Church notice board for further details.

Don't forget **British Summer time begins** on March 30th, clocks go forward one hour!