

# Cathedral News Easter 2014

## Passion Play



*Holy Week starts off with a newly written Passion Play following the last few days of Jesus life through the eyes of John. It will be narrated and mimed by the children of Friday Club who have*

*been working hard to get inside the feelings of all those who were close to Jesus in preparation for this service.*

*Journeying with Jesus is really a theme that runs through many of the services of the week and this year the family Service on Good Friday will involve some physical movement from the Upper Room (the Cathedral) to the Garden of Gethsemane (the Deanery garden) to the Court of Judgement (the Coffee room) and finally carrying the cross to the place of crucifixion (back in the Cathedral). If we are able to journey with Jesus through Holy Week, then the joy and celebration of Easter can be so much more real.*

## Easter Egg Hunt

*Before the Easter Day Family Communion at 11.00am, there is an Easter egg hunt in the Deanery garden in the Cathedral compound. It's not an occasion to find as many for yourself, but one when we hope all children will share in some and the older children will help the younger!*

## Holy Week and Easter Services

### **Palm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

*9.30am Passion Play*

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

*10.00am Holy Communion (Awali Church)*

### **Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

*10.30am Holy Communion*

*6.15pm Evensong*

### **Monday-Wednesday, 14-16<sup>th</sup> April**

*8.00am Morning Prayer*

*6.30pm Stations of the Cross*

### **Maundy Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April**

*8.00am Morning Prayer*

*6.30pm Holy Communion and foot-washing*

### **Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**

*9.30am Family Service – Journeying with Jesus*

*12noon-2.00pm The Last Words of Jesus*

### **Easter Eve, 19<sup>th</sup> April**

*6.30pm Vigil and renewal of baptism vows*

### **Easter Day, 20<sup>th</sup> April**

*5.30am Dawn Service American Mission Hospital car park*

*6.00am Holy Communion Tamil service*

*9.30am Holy Communion (Awali)*

*11.00am Easter egg hunt (Cathedral- Deanery garden)*

*11.30am Family Communion*

*6.15pm Holy Communion*



## Looking Ahead

### St Christopher's Day Dinner



For the fifth St Christopher's Day Dinner, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, we are honoured to welcome a special guest speaker, HRH Princess Madawi Abdulrahman Al Saud, who will address the subject of human trafficking in the Gulf. She has worked with women caught in the web of trafficking in Abu Dhabi, has established the Ibtissam Foundation – *human beings are not for trafficking* - and is doing a PhD thesis on the subject. The Dinner is to be held at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel and tickets are BD15 available after services and through the Cathedral office.

## Living Room Dialogues

Living Room Dialogues take place on Sundays at 7.30pm in the Deanery following the 6.15pm Evening Service and are opportunities to listen and engage with a wide range of people on a variety of different subjects.



### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April-

Ebrahim Al Sinan is a photographer with the Gulf Daily News and is better known taking photographs of our speakers, than speaking, but in recent

months he has gone into Syria from the north with a group of other young people. As well as aid, he took his camera and took many photographs. He will be sharing his experiences with us through his photos. Ebrahim was wounded in the recent bomb blast that killed three policemen highlighting the dangers of journalists on the frontline.

**Sunday 11th May** will give us the opportunity to follow up the subject matter of our St Christopher's Dinner and HRH Princess Madawi has agreed to be our speaker on this occasion.



## New Tamil Service

A new Tamil Holy Communion service is being launched by St Christopher's Cathedral under the pastoral care of the Rev'd Stephen Thanapaul. It will be held regularly on Friday evenings at 6.00pm

## Opportunities to explore our Faith

Home groups meet regularly in and around the Cathedral. In the run-up to Easter groups have been using a course based on the story and excerpts from the movie of *Les Miserables*. Following Easter there will be a course on *Resurrection*.

A women's group meets on a Monday at 9.30am and two other groups meet on a Monday and a Wednesday evening.

There are other groups that meet too: a *Confirmation group* for young people meets on a Saturday afternoon, using a course entitled *Pilgrim - A course for the Christian Journey*; and using the same material, an adult group has been meeting on a Wednesday evening.

## More information

To know more about the life of St Christopher's Cathedral and Awali Church please look at our website:

[www.stchcathedral.org](http://www.stchcathedral.org)