

This Easter the churches in Strathaven present for the Community

THE STRATHAVEN EASTER TRAIL

From 4- 8th April the town will 'become' Jerusalem and you are invited to explore the Easter Story in an exciting interactive way. Take the tour at your own pace using this guide to help you retrace the story, or join one of the daily guided tours which leave from the "Sheep Gate" at the times shown on the back of this leaflet. Sites open 2.30 - 7.45pm daily. (12.30- 5pm Sat and Sun). Visit www.hopestrathaven.co.uk for details.



THE SHEEP

The trail begins at the Sheep Gate. This was a small gate in the wall of Jerusalem. Through this Jesus entered on the Sunday now referred to as Palm Sunday, one week before Easter itself. He came riding on a donkey and was welcomed by a crowd who waved palm branches. Our Sheep Gate has been constructed by Glassford Evangelical Church and is in the lane just off Hills Road. Guided tours leave from here daily.



THE VIEW OF THE CITY

From the Sheep Gate follow the lane along to the edge of the New Cemetery. Here we have a view over the town. As Jesus approached Jerusalem he stopped on a rise and wept for its people. Avendale Church have formed a view point here.



THE TEMPLE

Walk down the hill from the viewpoint and make your way to the Rankin Church on Lethame Rd. Here is represented 'The Temple'. This was the focal point of Jesus' teaching in this 'Holy Week'. But the authorities were hatching a plot to have him removed and bargained with Judas, the man who betrayed Jesus. They offered 30 pieces of silver for his life.



THE UPPER ROOM

Now cross Lethame Rd and enter Strathaven Evangelical Church. Here you will find the Upper Room - the place where Jesus shared his 'Last Supper' with his closest friends, the Disciples. Here you can see and experience what this meal was like.



THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

From the Upper Room cross Green Street and enter the Allison Green from Waterside Street. Here Avendale Church have constructed the Olive Grove where Jesus went to pray and the place where he was arrested on the night that he was betrayed by Judas.



THE HIGH PRIEST'S COURTYARD

From the Allison Green now make your way to Thomson Street and the entrance to the former West Kirk halls. Here is the hidden entrance to the High Priests Courtyard. This was the place Jesus was first brought and the place where when he was challenged, Peter the disciple denied that he even knew Jesus.



THE ROMAN FORT

From the courtyard head to Kirk Street and cross at the lights. Climb the stairs to Strathaven Castle. After his arrest the next place Jesus was taken was the Roman Fort where he was systematically beaten and tortured. Here at the Castle, the Outreach Community Church have constructed a scene to help reflection on the suffering of Jesus



GOLGOTHA THE HILL OF THE CROSS

Use the lights and cross back over the A71. Make your way up the monument hill. Here high above Strathaven the Outreach Community Church continue the scene of Christ's ultimate suffering at the Cross



THE TOMB

Finally, just below the crosses you will find the Tomb constructed by the East Kirk After his death, Jesus' body was taken to a tomb carved out of rock and a large and very heavy stone was rolled over the entrance.

Come again on Sunday at 8.30 a.m. to the Allison Green and celebrate the risen Saviour when we discover the surprise of the empty tomb!

download the MP3 tour at www.hopestrathaven.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Come and join the Churches this Easter -

Sunday 1st April

Palm Sunday - Joint Service in East Kirk 7.30 pm
(Pastor Roddy Gillies and Outreach Community Church)

LUNCH TIME SERVICES - 12.30pm

Wednesday 4th	East Kirk-	Rev Bill Stewart
Thursday 5th*	Rankin Church	Rev Shaw Paterson
Friday 6th	Avendale Church	Rev Alan Telfer

EVENING SERVICES - 8.15pm

Monday 2nd	Evangelical Church	Rev Alan Telfer
Tuesday 3rd	Avendale Church	Rev Bill Stewart
Wednesday 4th	East Church	Rev Maxine Buck
Thursday 5th*	Rankin Church	Rev Shaw Paterson
Friday 6th	Avendale Church	Pastor David Childs

*Communion will be served at these services

Easter Sunday

Dawn Service at Loudon Hill

led by Strathaven Evangelical Church
Meet Common Green 6.00am

The Empty Tomb

Allison Green - Joint Service
for Easter at 8.30 am