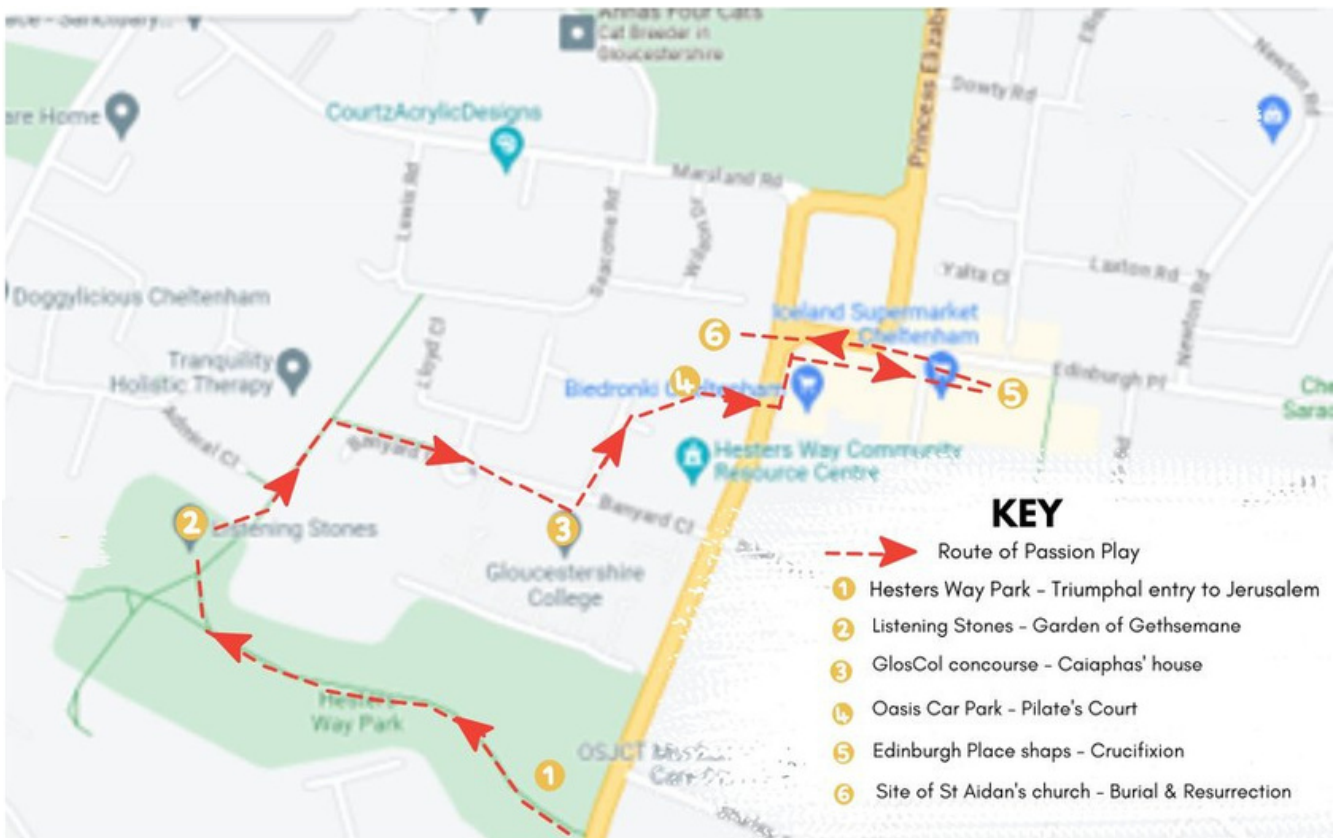


WEST CHELTENHAM COMMUNITY



THE ROUTE:

GOOD FRIDAY. STARTING AT 2PM.



WHAT.THREE.WORDS

2PM HESTER'S WAY PARK, GL51 0GH

///KING.SOLVED.GLAD

2.30PM LISTENING STONES, GL51 0GH

///TICKET.LOCKER.TRIBUNE

3PM GLOSCOL, GL51 7SJ

///CAKED.CLEAN.HELPS

3.30PM OASIS CENTRE, GL51 7SY

///CAVE.SHEET.CANDLE

4PM EDINBURGH PLACE SHOPS, GL51 7SA*

///GREW.ABOUT.SHOCK

4.30PM ST AIDAN'S CHURCH LAND, GL51 0HL

///STRUT.KEEPS.WOOL

FOR PRECISE LOCATIONS!

FAQ

Q: IS THERE A COST?

A: No! thanks to generous gifts of time, money and skills, we are able to perform the play at no cost to those watching

Q: CAN I PARK?

A: The best place to park is Coronation Square Car Park, GL51 7RG (behind Edinburgh Place shops). There are 143 spaces, 6 disabled bays and it is £1 for upto 4 hours parking. The car park is a short distance from all play locations.

Q: IS THE ROUTE ACCESSIBLE?

A: The route is generally accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs, although the final scene at St Aidan's requires a push across rough, grassy land. Edinburgh Place, Oasis Centre and Gloucestershire College are all hard-standing. There are paths in the park which can be used.

Q: WHAT IF I NEED THE TOILET?

A: Toilets, including an accessible toilet, will be available outside the Oasis Centre.

Q: DO I HAVE TO STAY FOR THE WHOLE THING?

A: We really hope you're able to! However, you are of course welcome to stay for as long, or as little, as you would like. If you are only able to make one scene, we would recommend the Crucifixion at Edinburgh Place.

Q: WHAT IF I GET LOST?

A: Stewards will be on hand to direct people along the route.

WHAT TO EXPECT

SOME PHOTOS FROM REHEARSALS:



2PM HESTER'S WAY PARK, GL51 0GH ***JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM***

The story begins a week before Passover as people are beginning to gather in Jerusalem to celebrate this Jewish festival. Jesus enters the city riding on a donkey. The crowds welcome him, waving palm branches, laying their cloaks on the ground before him and shouting 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' Jesus goes to the temple and overthrows the tables of the moneychangers, then teaches the people more about the Kingdom of God. The religious leaders are concerned at the power Jesus has over the people and begin to plot against him.

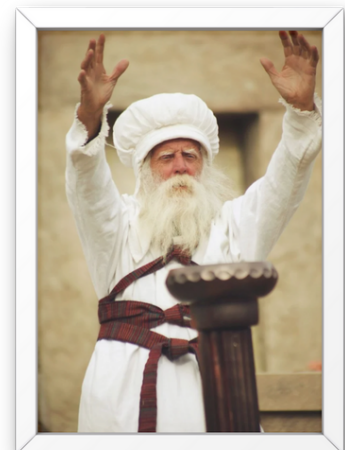


2.30PM LISTENING STONES, GL51 0GH ***GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE***

The action skips to the Thursday evening, to an olive grove where, after their last supper together, Jesus goes with his disciples to pray. Jesus, in an agony of mind, pleads with his Father God to be spared the coming suffering. As he prays, his closest friends fall asleep. Then Judas, one of his disciples, arrives with a company of guards. He has struck a deal with the Jewish authorities who are looking for a way to stop Jesus. For thirty pieces of silver Judas has agreed to betray his master. The guards arrest Jesus and take him to the High Priest's house for a trial. The disciples scatter, though Peter follows at a distance to see where they take Jesus.

3PM GLOSCOL, GL51 7SJ ***COURT OF THE HIGH PRIEST, CAIAPHAS***

At the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest, Jesus undergoes a mockery of a trial with several unreliable witnesses. He remains silent before his accusers until finally Caiaphas challenges him, asking if he is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus responds that it is so and the religious leaders declare that such blasphemy is deserving of death. Meanwhile, Peter is in the courtyard awaiting the outcome. He is confronted by passers by, accusing him of being one of Jesus' followers. Peter denies it vehemently three times...just as Jesus had predicted he would.



3.30PM OASIS CENTRE, GL51 7SY ***TRIAL BEFORE PILATE***



The Jewish authorities operate under Roman law, as an occupying force and cannot put anyone to death, so they appeal to Pilate, the Roman Governor. After a trial, in which Jesus puts up no defence, Pilate can find no reason to have him punished but decides to have him flogged to appease his accusers and then released. However, the priests stir up the crowd, claiming Jesus is setting himself up as King of the Jews in opposition to Caesar, and they call for him to be crucified. To avoid a riot, Pilate decides to declare the death sentence, and washes his hands of the affair..

4PM EDINBURGH PLACE, GL51 7SA * ***CRUCIFIXION***

Jesus is forced to carry his cross to Golgotha, the site of the crucifixion, but his body is so weakened that he falls. The soldiers have to press a passer by, Simon of Cyrene, to carry the cross for him. Jesus is crucified between two criminals, one of whom calls on Jesus to save him. Jesus promises to receive him into his Kingdom when he dies. Jesus' mother, Mary, and some other women are at the foot of the cross watching and weeping. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the sky goes dark and the earth shakes as Jesus breathes his last. A Roman Centurion standing by witnesses the death and declares "Surely, this is the Son of God!"



4.30PM ST AIDAN'S LAND, GL51 0HL ***BURIED IN A BORROWED TOMB***

Jesus' body is removed from the cross and taken by Joseph and Nicodemus, two Jewish priests who had been followers of Jesus. His body is laid in a tomb, cut into the rock and a large stone is rolled across the entrance to seal it. The Jewish authorities ask Pilate to post guards beside the tomb to make sure the disciples cannot come and steal the body. The women watch to see where Jesus' body is laid and then return to their homes to prepare spices to anoint his body after they have rested on the Sabbath.



**THEN STAY FOR HOT CROSS BUNS
AND TO MEET THE DONKEY !**

WEST CHELTENHAM COMMUNITY



EASTER SUNDAY

31ST MARCH AT 3PM
ST AIDAN'S CHURCH LAND

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

INCL. LIVE MUSIC
& EASTER EGG HUNT

NO COST.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN PAID.

ALL WELCOME!

