

HOLY WEEK
PRAYER & FASTING
WEEK 2026

EASTER

AT CAUSEWAY COAST VINEYARD

DRY BONES HEAR THE
WORD OF THE LORD
EZEKIEL 37

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH - SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SUN
MORNING		7:45AM PORTSTEWART	6:30AM COLERAINE	7AM BALLYMONEY 6:30AM BALLYMENA		7:45AM PORTRUSH	
THROUGH THE DAY	10:30AM SERVICE	11AM-5PM PRAYER ROOM OPEN 11AM PRAYER GATHERING			10:30AM SERVICE (WITH BAPTISMS)		
EVENING	7PM PRAYER & WORSHIP AT COLERAINE TOWN HALL	5-9PM EXTENDED WORSHIP & PRAYER	11AM-11PM PRAYER SLOTS	7PM FAMILY MEETING	11AM-11PM PRAYER SLOTS	7PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	

MORNINGS

Each morning we are gathering in different locations across the North Coast. Visit our website for more details about where to meet each day! causewaycoastvineyard.com/prayerweek

11AM

Join us at 11am in the Prayer Room each day for half an hour of gathered prayer.

EVENINGS

Sunday, 7pm: On Palm Sunday we will gather at Coleraine Town Hall for a Prayer & Worship Gathering. We've invited churches from across the North Coast to join us!

Monday, 5-9pm: We are excited to host a time of continuous worship and prayer in the auditorium. Come anytime, stay for as long as you'd like!

Wednesday, 7pm: Make it a priority to join us for our Family Meeting as we gather to worship, pray, and hear from Laura about the vision the Lord has been speaking to us for this season.

Friday, 7pm: We'll gather for a special Good Friday service, featuring worship, a short reflection, and the opportunity to share communion together.

PRAYER ROOM

Our Prayer Space is open in the auditorium from Monday to Friday, between 11am-5pm. With thoughtfully designed stations to help you reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross, and space to engage in quiet, reflective prayer.

24 HOURS OF PRAYER

Join us for 24 hours of prayer over Tuesday and Thursday! Pick a one-hour slot between 11am and 11pm. Come on your own, with your family or friends, or your Life Group. Signup: causewaycoastvineyard.com/24prayer

WE KNOW THE END OF THE STORY!

At Causeway Coast Vineyard, we are intentionally stepping into Holy Week with a rhythms of prayer and fasting. As a church, we are setting aside this week to slow down, seek God together, and walk closely with Jesus through the final days of His earthly life.

Holy Week leads us toward the cross. We remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice as we sit with Him at the table, watch with Him in the garden, and stand before the trial and the cross. Yet we walk through this week with hope, because we know the end of the story! The stone is rolled away. Death is defeated. Jesus is alive!

This week is a journey shaped by resurrection hope - a steady confidence that God brings life out of what seems lost and breath into what feels lifeless. We face the cross honestly because we trust the promise of new life. Resurrection is not only the end of the story; it is the power at work even now, meeting us in our valleys and drawing us toward new life.

EZEKIEL 37

In Ezekiel 37, the prophet is led into a valley of dry bones - scattered, lifeless, and seemingly beyond hope. These bones represent the people of Israel in exile, cut off, defeated, and despairing. God asks, "Son of man, can these bones live?" Through the prophet, God shows His power to breathe life where there seems to be none, gathering the bones and restoring them with His Spirit.

Each day, as we follow Jesus' journey toward the cross, we will return to this vision. Ezekiel's valley helps us understand Holy Week: the cross may look like defeat, Jesus' body is broken, and His followers scatter. Hope seems lost. But just as God was not finished with the dry bones, He was not finished at the cross. By engaging with both passages each day, we see that the cross is not the end - death is the place where God begins something new.

AN INVITATION FOR YOU

We'd love to invite you to set aside time this week to be with Jesus. Use this booklet as a guide, each day: read the verses from Matthew and Ezekiel, reflect on the prompts, and respond in prayer.

Let's step into this week of prayer and fasting with hope and expectation, trusting that God's resurrection power is at work in our lives, leading us through the valleys to new life.



EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh

appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet - a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026

SON OF MAN, CAN THESE BONES LIVE?

READ: EZEKIEL 37:3 AND MATTHEW 21:1-11

As we enter Holy Week, we find ourselves in a valley, much like the one Ezekiel was brought to - a wide, open plain scattered with dry bones, long cut off from breath. It's not a scene of recent loss, but of long defeat, a picture of people in exile who believe their story is over. And there, in that desolate place, God asks, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

The valley in Ezekiel is obvious - death is visible, undeniable. Palm Sunday, however, looks very different. The crowd greets Jesus with cheers and palm branches, a display of hope and celebration (Matthew 21:8-9). But within days, those same voices will cry, "Crucify Him" (Matthew 27:22). What appears vibrant proves fragile. Beneath the celebration lies confusion, misplaced hope, and hearts

unprepared for the kind of Messiah Jesus truly is.

The valley is not always obvious. It does not always look barren or broken. Sometimes it is hidden beneath activity, noise, and religious excitement. Our faith can look steady while fear quietly shapes our choices. We can keep going through the motions while hope slowly fades. Relationships, our community, and even the world around us can seem alive but feel fractured, divided, or hollow.

Today, we are invited to stand in that valley and be honest. Instead of pretending everything is alive and well, we bring our doubts, wary hearts and disappointments before God. We also pray for the people, places, and relationships around us that feel fractured, dry or broken. Like Ezekiel, we are called to

look at the bones without denial - and to trust that God can breathe life where we cannot. Palm Sunday reminds us that resurrection does not begin in strength, but in surrender. It begins in the valley.

RESPOND

Take a moment to be fully present before God. Where in your life do you feel dry, worn, or empty? Which parts of your heart feel heavy, weak, or overlooked? Imagine bringing all of that honestly before God this week - your doubts, fears, grief, and tiredness. Let this be a moment of surrender, trusting that God can meet you exactly where you are and breathe new life into what feels lifeless.

The valley is not a place to fix ourselves - it is a place to meet God. As you open yourself in honesty and vulnerability, allow His Spirit to fill the spaces that have grown empty, awakening hope where you thought it was gone.





MONDAY 30TH MARCH 2026

PROPHECY TO THESE BONES!

**READ EZEKIEL 37:4 AND
MATTHEW 21:12-17**

In Ezekiel 37, the valley is still lifeless. The bones are scattered, dry, and powerless. But God calls the prophet to speak life over them: "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!'" When we prophesy we are declaring God's truth and promise into situations that sometimes seem dead or hopeless. Ezekiel's words, carrying God's promise, are the spark that sets life in motion. The bones cannot move, connect or

breathe on their own - their life depends entirely on the Word of God being spoken over them.

On Monday of Holy Week, Jesus enters the temple and confronts the corruption of the system around Him. He drives out the moneychangers and calls people back to God's ways. Just as Ezekiel's words awaken movement in the bones, Jesus speaks God's truth into a world that appears alive but is spiritually dead. Life begins wherever God's Word is spoken.

RESPOND

Scripture is full of promises - words of hope, healing, and restoration - and when we speak them aloud, we join God's Spirit in bringing life where we cannot.

Take a moment to ask Jesus: where in your life or community does His word need to be spoken? Speak aloud God's promises over yourself, your relationships, or your surroundings.

As you look at the promises to the right, you might want to write one down in a journal, or display it somewhere visible. Or perhaps you could try memorising a promise and repeating it throughout the day, or speaking it as a blessing over someone else.

Here are some of God's promises from the Bible:

Psalms 23:1 - "The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing."

Isaiah 41:10 - "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."

Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you a hope and a future."

Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Romans 8:28 - "In all things God works for the good of those who love Him."

2 Corinthians 5:17 - "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

Psalms 34:18 - "The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Isaiah 61:3 - "He gives a crown of beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning."

John 10:10 - "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Psalms 147:3 - "He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds."

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH 2026

THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD



**READ: EZEKIEL 37:6 AND
MATTHEW 21:23-27**

In Ezekiel 37, the bones are still dry, scattered, and lifeless. God calls the prophet to speak His Word into what seems dead - and declares that, "Then you will know that I am the Lord." The power to bring life is not in Ezekiel, and it is not in the bones. All power belongs to God. Our words alone cannot animate what is lifeless; it is only when God's Spirit moves that restoration begins. Ezekiel's obedience to speak is the spark God uses, but the life, movement, and breath all come from Him. This is all for His glory and His name.

On Tuesday of Holy Week, the narrative in Matthew places Jesus teaching in the temple. The religious leaders question and confront Him: "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?" (Matthew 21:23). Jesus responds not by defending Himself with human strength, but by pointing to God's authority and truth. Just as we see in Ezekiel, so we see here in the temple: the life and renewal Jesus brings flow from the Spirit and power of God -

not from human effort or position. Both passages remind us that whether it's a valley of dry bones or a temple spiritually in decay, it is God's power alone that brings life, restoration, and authority.

RESPOND

Change does not come in our strength. True life and restoration can only flow from God alone. Take a moment to ask Jesus: Where have I tried to force life or hope in my own strength? Where have I relied on my own plans or efforts instead of trusting His Spirit?

Surrender those places to the Father, and acknowledge His authority, power, and sovereignty. Let this be a moment of worship and awe for the God who brings life where there is none. This is only by His power and His strength.

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2026

I HEAR A RATTLING!

READ EZEKIEL 37:7 AND MATTHEW 26:6-13

In Ezekiel's vision, the dry, scattered bones begin to move and connect, and suddenly there is a rattling. What was once lifeless begins to come together. Structure forms before life arrives. God is preparing something that looks impossible - a body from dry bones.

Centuries later, on Wednesday of Holy Week, another moment of preparation happens quietly in a house in Bethany. A woman breaks open expensive perfume and pours it over the feet of Jesus Christ. Some people criticise the act, but Jesus explains that she did it to prepare him for burial.

In Ezekiel's vision, God brings bones together to form a body that will receive breath. In Bethany, a woman anoints the body of Jesus before His death, recognising what God is about

to do. Both moments teach us that God is often preparing something before we fully understand it.

The rattling bones looked strange and incomplete - but it was the first sign of resurrection life. Mary's act looked wasteful and was misunderstood - yet it honoured the coming sacrifice. Faith sometimes means recognising resurrection in its



earliest sound - the quiet rattling before breath fills the bones - and trusting that God is already preparing life where we only see what is broken.

RESPOND

Sit quietly with the “dry bones” in your life - places that feel lifeless, broken, or scattered.

Picture God gathering them, bone by bone. take some time to pray,

· Lord, where is my life dry and scattered? Bring it together, bone by bone.

· Holy Spirit, breathe life into the places I feel empty.

· Jesus, show me where I can offer something costly or beautiful, even if misunderstood.

Listen for God’s gentle voice in the rattling, the small signs of movement, and the early stirrings of new life. Trust that what He is preparing - though it may seem strange or incomplete - is leading toward resurrection life.

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

"COME, BREATH"



READ: EZEKIEL 37:9-10
AND MATTHEW 26:17-30

The dry bones have been gathered, yet they remain lifeless until God's Spirit moves. Structure alone cannot give life; only God's Spirit brings animation, movement, and strength. When the breath comes, the bones stand together as a vast army - not just individuals alive, but a people empowered to act, witness, and carry God's life into the world. Resurrection is not simply personal renewal; it is the formation of a people equipped to live and move together in God's power.

On Thursday, Jesus shares the Last Supper with His disciples, offering His body and blood as the new covenant. In this moment, He does more than share a meal - He invites them to receive Him and walk in life sustained by His Spirit. Even before the resurrection, Jesus is gathering, forming, and preparing His disciples, shaping them into a people who will live, witness, and serve together in the power of God's Spirit. Just as the dry bones need breath to stand, we need God's Spirit to bring life - both

individually and as a community of faith.

RESPOND

The same Spirit that breathed life into dry bones is at work in you today! We need to continually invite the Spirit to fill us. Take a moment to be still and notice your breathing. As you inhale, pray: "Come, Holy Spirit." As you exhale, release worry, striving, or control.

Bring our church community before God. Pray that we would be resurrection people together - united, empowered, and alive in His Spirit. Ask for courage, hope, and strength to live as His body in the world.

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2026

MARKED BY DEATH

READ EZEKIEL 37:11 AND MATTHEW 26:31-75

In Ezekiel's vision, the bones have been gathered, formed, and now stand as a vast army, yet they are still speaking death, "Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off." They have been marked by what they have endured, haunted by the past, and convinced that hope is gone.

On Good Friday, we remember the death of Jesus on the cross. He is nailed, wounded, and laid in the tomb. The grief and brokenness of the world feels tangible, and for His followers, the weight of despair is heavy. Like the people in Ezekiel's valley, we too are marked by suffering, loss, and the things that seem beyond repair. Good Friday invites us to bring these hard realities before God - to name what feels dead or dying in our hearts, relationships, families and communities.

But we know that death in God's kingdom is not the final word. Even when life seems absent, God is at work. The cross itself becomes the intersection of death and life: through Jesus' death comes the promise of resurrection. What appears lifeless is not abandoned; God is preparing to breathe life into it.

Faith is not pretending the valley is alive - it is choosing to live in hope despite the darkness, trusting that God's Spirit brings life where there is none. Jesus models honesty with suffering, inviting us to be real about the pain and emptiness we carry. This is not a call to denial or quick fixes, but an invitation to trust that the story is not over. The bones in Ezekiel's valley believed they were cut off, that their story had ended in loss. Yet God was already writing something different - a story where breath returns, hope rises, and life begins again.

RESPOND

Today, on Good Friday, we pause, we mourn, and we remember the cost of love. Yet even in the stillness and silence, God is moving. Death is real, but it is not ultimate.

Where in your life do you feel marked by loss, failure, or emptiness? Bring it honestly before God. Speak to the places of despair and say, "Lord, You are here; You see this, and I trust You." Lean into the tension of grief and loss, allowing God to hold it with you. Ask Him to help you speak life over what seems dead and to give you courage to live in hope, even now.



SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2026

THE CALL TO SPEAK LIFE

**READ EZEKIEL 37:12 AND
MATTHEW 27:57-66**

Even as the bones have been gathered and bodies have begun to form, the people remain trapped in despair, still speaking death. Though new life has begun to emerge, their words, their fears, and their outlook remain trapped in the old story - shaped by loss, exile, and despair. God calls them

once more to prophesy life, reminding them that the Spirit's work is not only about what God does, but also about how His people participate: to speak hope, embrace renewal, and live in the tension between what has been and what is coming.

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting - a day of in-between. Jesus' body rests in the tomb.



The valley lies silent, and everything feels still and lifeless. The disciples wait, unsure and afraid. Like the dry bones, we still wait today, living in the now and the not-yet of God's kingdom. But our waiting is different, because the grave has already been opened. We wait on the other side of the resurrection, anchored in the reality of what God has done in Christ. Waiting becomes a posture of trust, not fear. Even in the quiet, God's Spirit is at work, and life - though unseen - is already being prepared.

RESPOND

Sit quietly and notice where your life feels "in-between." Where are you stuck in the old story, shaped by fear, loss, or disappointment? Invite God into those places. Speak hope over them, just as He calls His people to prophesy life. Then begin to imagine - what does faith look like when it steps into resurrection life? Picture the dry places coming alive, the broken being restored, the weary finding strength.

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

RESURRECTION LIFE

READ EZEKIEL 37:14 AND MATTHEW 28:1-15

Easter Sunday bursts forth after the waiting of Holy Saturday. In Ezekiel's vision, the dry bones that were once lifeless and scattered are now filled with breath. They stand alive, whole, and restored - a vast army, not just revived for themselves, but ready to live the life God calls them into. The Spirit has come, and life flows where there was once only emptiness.

Throughout Holy Week we have walked with Jesus through betrayal, suffering, and death. We have witnessed the cross, stood in the silence of the tomb, and waited in the in-between. Now, on Easter Sunday, we celebrate that Jesus' resurrection brings the same Spirit-filled life to us. The Spirit that breathes life into the bones gives them movement and purpose, settling them into the land God has prepared.

To be resurrection people means our renewed lives are not only for ourselves. Where despair has taken root, we speak hope. Where fear has lingered, we embody courage. Where brokenness seems permanent, we carry healing. The Spirit who raises us to life also sends us into the world - to live as signs that resurrection has already begun.

RESPOND

Begin with worship. Celebrate all that Jesus has done and the victory of His resurrection. Because Jesus is risen, God's Spirit has breathed new life into you. Ask God: How are You calling us to live as a resurrection people? Who can I love, serve, encourage, or pray for today?

Let your life be a response to the resurrection - alive, generous, and full of hope, carrying God's life into the world.



