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Readings for 12th April Easter Sunday (Colour: White) Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and live to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen**

First reading Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Verses from Psalm 118

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' **R**

I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. **R**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered
me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

New Testament reading Colossians 3: 1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel reading Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

This may be a very different Easter to previous celebrations, but the joy and hope of Jesus' resurrection breaks through into our lives wherever we are.

As we mourn the fact that our churches are still locked and we cannot celebrate this special day within them, let us remember our Christian brothers and sisters across the world who cannot proclaim that Christ is risen without fearing for their lives.



Easter garden sent to me by a 6 yr old friend. His mother said she had no idea this is what he was doing outside.

Services over the Easter Weekend Easter Eve 11th April

8.00 pm Easter Vigil posted on North Leightonstone Facebook page (Word document or pdf sent out earlier). (This will concentrate on vigil only, and not the lighting of the Easter light)

If you prefer something meatier for this Holy Night, there is an online night long vigil '**Rumours of Hope**'. This will involve words, music and worship and is being led by clergy and lay people from across the Church of England. Malcolm Guite is one of those contributing. Starting at 8.00 pm
www.rumoursofhope.co.uk

Easter Day 12th April

6.00am Easter Sunrise service (the plan is to record this slightly earlier, and both post to Facebook and email it out).
9.30 am Easter Sunday Praise – on Facebook
6.00 pm Easter day meditation The Emmaus Road (sent out in Word/pdf as before)

There are also the services on television, radio and streamed online from The Archbishop of Canterbury, various Cathedrals and churches around the country. Look at Bishop Dagmar's reflections on the Diocese of Ely website.

2nd Sunday of Easter 19th April
(18th April – Newsheet and Meditation posted)
9.30 am Easter Sunday Praise – on Facebook

Taking faith forward into lockdown.

There've been lots of things happening as we moved into lockdown, and this week for Holy Week. But what happens next? We'll continue with a Sunday service and a weekly meditation. Team morning prayer will happen as usual, via Zoom, and others are welcome to join this. What other resources would you like? It's really important that you let us know what will be helpful and supportive to you and to your faith. PLEASE.

LIGHT A VIRTUAL CANDLE

Originally set up to remember someone who died, the Church Support Hub has the facility to light a virtual candle. You might like to do this to remember someone who's not well, or on your heart at this time.

Look at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>

PRAYER

We are beginning to hear of people ill with COVID-19, and of family members and friends elsewhere who have died.

BUT – we are also hearing of people who are having to make life-limiting choices about other kinds of medical care at this time, or whose operations have been delayed; of relatives who have died from other causes; of people who are now finding the isolation hard to bear.

Please remember that the staff team are here to listen and to offer prayers, prayers at the end of life, and funeral prayers.

Remember to pray for 'your wards' at Hinchingbrooke Hospital

PHONE CALLS

It's also really important that we stay connected to those who have no link with the internet. If you know of anyone – church member or not – who needs a 'keeping in touch' phone call: do make it yourself, or let Mandy or Fiona know

Mandy will be taking the week after Easter (until 20th April) as Easter break.

Fiona will be having Easter break from 21st – 26th April as Easter break

Jim will be having Easter break from 24th April – 1st May

Please direct phone calls appropriately.

The Bishops have urged us to take rest after Easter. We won't be going anywhere so will keep one another informed about pastoral need

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