

HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'



Sunday worship and weekly news
4 April 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

We Welcome our visiting priest.
Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar



He is Risen Indeed!

Easter is the Queen of Festivals. New life after betrayal, denial, torture and death. Light after darkness, and new hope after despair.

Last Easter our churches were closed. Let us give thanks that we can now meet once again. We cannot yet share a physical Peace, nor can we yet sing praises to our Risen Lord, but let us pray that that day will follow soon.

Meanwhile we thank God for the miracle and the joy of the Resurrection. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

Jonathan

Today's service on YouTube: The service can be listened to as an audio file from the church website www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk.

The service will be available from Monday. Click on the blue banner at the bottom of the page. Enjoy, and sing aloud to your hearts content.

Are there restrictions now we are open?

Sadly.... Yes! The same rules that applied pre lockdown will be in place i.e.

- Wear a face mask.
- Sanitise your hands.
- No singing (except from the heart),
- Observe Social Distancing – the 2m rule.
- No mixing or socialising, either before or after the service.

Sorry to say these rules are necessary.

Next week we welcome.
Rev Andrew Frearson

Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia.
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia.
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia.
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.



Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia.
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia.
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia.
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia.

Prayer for Today

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Acts 10 Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Prayer: Lord, thank you for Peter's new boldness and courageous testimony well beyond his comfort zone; grant each of us a fresh anointing of the same Spirit, to witness faithfully to the transforming power of Your risen life. Amen

Psalm 118 Praise to God for His everlasting Mercy

14 The Lord is my strength and my song **and he has become my salvation.**

15 Joyful shouts of salvation **sound from the tents of the righteous:**

16 '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.'**

17 I shall not die, but live **and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, **but he has not given me over to death.**

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, **that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 This is the gate of the Lord; **the righteous shall enter through it.**

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me **and have become my salvation.**

22 The stone which the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.**

23 This is the Lord's doing, **and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Prayer: Saving God, open the gates of righteousness, that your pilgrim people may enter and be built into a living temple on the cornerstone of our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

John 20 The Resurrection of Jesus

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together,



but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first: ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

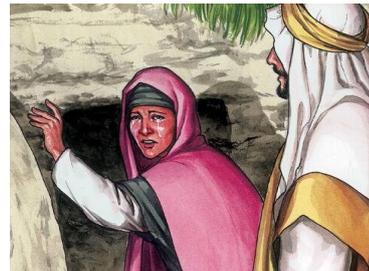
¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.



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Reflection from Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Perhaps never in our lifetimes has there been an Easter Sunday when the word Alleluia has felt so easy to say. It is the word that catches all our sense of relief and excitement that perhaps, just perhaps, the long season of wilderness is finally coming to an end. It seems fitting that Easter Day coincides with changes and everyone wants to celebrate.

But the good news of the resurrection is not about superficial happiness, not even about the deep joy of seeing friends and family. We have so many cute and cuddly images for Easter all around us – the shops and adverts are full of bunnies and lambs and chicks, all in bright yellows and greens to make us feel hopeful and happy. It can all become a bit sentimental.

On that first Easter morning it wasn't quite like that. This Gospel reading is almost in two halves – and both reflect the tentative first steps towards a new life. Mary sees the stone has gone, and runs back to tell others. Two more come to see for themselves, and then they run away with that incredible news that Christ has risen. Mary returns, hesitant and unsure, before she meets Jesus for herself - and life will never be the same again.

Yet in many ways it will. Babies will be born, love will emerge, death will happen, difficulties will come. Just as they will for us as we enter the post-lockdown world. But slowly it dawned on the followers of Jesus that everything had changed. There is no circumstance now that cannot be underpinned with the sure and certain hope that God is with us. We end our service with a prayer that says 'send us out to live and work to your praise and glory.' Today we do that in the knowledge that the glory we serve is the glorious good news of resurrection life. May that hope underpin all you do in the days ahead.



We declare together our commitment to faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Intercessions from Derek Kingscote
We are Easter people...

From the darkness of the grave
Blood poured out, a crown of thorns
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

Walking from the empty tomb
Opening wide the gates of life
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

Lord of life
You defeated death
To show that we can rise
From all that binds us to the world
Pride, envy, anger, fear
The debt of sin that holds us here
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

Lord of life
You defeated death
To demonstrate a love that is
Beyond our understanding
That reaches out even to us
Saving Grace to all who hear
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

Lord of life
We pray for all who bring your word of life
As a light to those in darkness
For those who bring your
word of peace
To those enslaved by fear
For those who bring your
word of love
To those in need of comfort
Lord of love and Lord of peace
Lord of resurrection life
Be known
Through our lives
and through your power
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!



We pray to the Holy Spirit to resurrect the church in this place after the pandemic has curtailed our opportunity for work, joy and corporate worship. We pray for those in our congregation who have been shielding at home, we pray that they will keep safe and that we will see them back in church very soon. We pray for the selection team & candidates for discernment regarding the appointment of our new priest. Lord you know what we need and you know who we need; we ask that whoever is selected, that we can all work together to re-energise our churches here. Amen

Merciful Father...

Offertory Hymn
The strife is o'er
the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung;
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!



Lord, by the stripes which
wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy
servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee,
Alleluia!

Preparing to receive Holy Communion.

After the priest says to us all: "the body and blood of
Christ keep you in eternal life", we all respond
Amen.

A steward will guide you forward.

We each receive a wafer, the priest alone receives
the wine on behalf of us all.

We receive Communion with arms outstretched,
and in silence.

Please maintain a 2 metre distance at all times.

Final Hymn

Lord of the dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on
high,
and left me there on a cross to die.
Chorus

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.
Chorus

Please leave the building immediately after the priest.
**In view of the Rule of six please do not linger
outside remembering to keep 2 metres apart.**

WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank**; **new collection point is the Church Centre hallway on a Friday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am.**
Toiletries now accepted at the foodbank, in addition long life milk and tinned carrots needed.
Thank you!

Know someone who:

- ❖ is stuck at home without support?
- ❖ can't make ends meet?
- ❖ Just wants to talk?

Then **Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519**

Keep picking up the phone!

People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!



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The Administration office is open on Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am until further notice. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).



News – 4 – 11 April

We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:

Margaret, Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Bill, Pat, June, Daphne, Darren and family, Sylvia, Hedley and Rosemary, Christopher and Christine, David and Angela, Richard, Tony and Jean, Carol, Margaret and Mark.

Anniversaries of Death:

Mary Watters, Pauline Dee, Henry Barnes, Roy Hunter, Robert Townsend, Stan Davis, Irene Cole, Eddy Prior, Annie Judge, Les Parsons, Edna Taylor, Dulcie Bone, Pamela Hill, Mary Bulman, William Wilson, June Addis.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

David & Angela Kent celebrate their 5th Wedding anniversary on 9th

DIARY DATES

Sun 4	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: David Readers: Jonathan T / Sylvia E Intercessions: Derek
Mon 5			Easter Monday
Wed 7	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Z	Mission Group
Thu 8	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Sun 11			EASTER 2
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Stuart / Susan Intercessions: Linda M

**St George's = St G's St Margaret's = St M's
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FOOD PARCELS (Please note 'Change of dates')

St George's Church, Grange Road, will now open for Food Parcel collections on two days a week as follows: -

Tuesday 6th April - CLOSED

Friday 9th April – 10.00am – 12.00noon. Thereafter

Tuesday & Friday – 10.00am – 12.00noon until further notice. The parcel is FREE OF CHARGE

Please be aware of social distancing guidelines.

Please remember to hold in your prayers.

The representatives of St George's and St Margaret's as they prepare, along with Bishop Robert, Archdeacon Hilary and candidates, for the interviews on April 16th to appoint a new Vicar for the Benefice.

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IN THE BENEFICE

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CROSSROADS DEADLINE

Tuesday 13 April

Please send your article to Darrell by the above date to make sure that yours is included in the May issue

VACANCY STANDING COMMITTEE

**Next meeting
Tuesday 13 April
on zoom at 4.00pm sharp**