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News

Sunday April 21st 2019, Easter Day

Dear Friends

Jesus' Resurrection begins in darkness. In John's gospel, the disciples run about in confusion in pre-dawn half-light. Was it an angel in that unlit tomb? Was the stranger outside the gardener? *"Early in the morning, while it was still dark..."* Easter begins in the dark, with God bringing Resurrection life out of death, hope out of pain, joy out of sorrow.

After Peter and John left, Mary Magdalene stayed at the place where she had seen Jesus' body laid. She stayed, weeping. She remained present to the darkness of grief and the fear of that unexpectedly empty tomb. That is where Jesus met her, in her desolation. When Jesus meets us, we may not recognize him at first. Jesus doesn't look how I expect. He doesn't let me cling to my old ideas of him. But Jesus comes, calls me by name because he knows and loves me.

The important question of Easter is not so much, *'Do you believe in the resurrection?'* It is, *'Have you met the risen Christ?'* Have you found in Jesus the hope you need for your life? He knows your name, who you really are and what you are going through at this moment. He calls you by name as you turn to him. Sometimes it may be only as we look back at whatever darkness we experienced, that we find the renewal of life and faith and know that Jesus was with us in it all.

This Easter, may the risen Christ lead us all out of darkness into Resurrection life, and light. And may we share with hope the news of God's greatest mystery. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Nancy Wallace

Collect for Easter Day

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 alive 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**

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our
redemption gave your only-
begotten Son to the death of the
cross, and by his glorious
resurrection have delivered us
from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with
him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Christian Aid
- For those who dedicate their lives to helping others less fortunate.
- For new life and hope this Eastertide.
- For the school children and their teachers as they return to school after the Easter break.
- For the sick, lonely and bereaved that they might find peace and hope.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:

Emma and Chris, John Hardy, Joy Woodward, Mary Kent, Sue List, Tony Eccleston, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Hazel Sullivan, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts, Barbara Higgins and Liz Lister.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Lisa and Russell Squire, Peter Covell, Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Jorge, Peter Braithwaite, Michael George, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Annie and Bill and Marge Philips.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Arron Welland and Mary Putnam

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NEWS & NOTICES.

APCM: The APCM will be on this Tuesday April 23rd at 7.30pm in Church. All welcome. Do come and hear David's talk and hear our plans for the coming year.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING: Will be held at Hazel Trees, 12 Bell Crescent, Longwick on Fri 26th April. 10.30 -12. Please come and bring your friends.

COFFEE MORNING: On Saturday 27th April from 10-12pm, there will be a fund raising coffee morning with talk, in the Chapter House, raising money for Rape Crisis.

ST GEORGES' DAY PARADE: This is on Sunday 28th April at 3pm for Chiltern Vale Scouts. All welcome.

LADIES' BREAKFAST: The next ladies' breakfast will be on Sat May 11th in Church. The talk is entitled 'Faith can move Mountains' and the speaker will be Kaye Lillycrop on her epic climb up Mount Triglav in Slovenia.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The next men's breakfast will also be on May 11th but in the Church Hall from 8.45am. David will be giving a talk on his Camino walk.

CAMINO TALK: On Weds 15th May, there will be a Spanish evening at St Mary's and David will be giving his Camino Talk. More details to follow nearer the time.

CANTILENA WINDS COFFEE CONCERT: This will be on Friday May 17th at 10.30am in St Mary's. It is a free concert and you can relax and enjoy coffee and cake while listening to the music of the 'Cantilena Winds' concert band.

SPRING CONCERT: at St. Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough, Saturday May 18th at 7.30 pm. Manor House Music will play popular classics by Mozart, Vivaldi, Holst, Debussy, Bach etc. Tickets £10 from Sally's Sewing Box, Duke Street, or www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-dunstans-church. Raffle and complimentary glass of wine/soft drink.

DAN'S LEAVING: 'As most of you will be aware Dan is coming to the end of his curacy here with us and we would like, as a church family, to give him Paula and the children a donation to show our appreciation of them and his ministry and to help them in the immediate future. Please will you give cash or cheques made payable to the PCC, to the parish office, marked for Dan's collection or if you wish you can make a payment direct to our bank account as follows:- The NatWest Bank; A/c name St Mary's PCC; Sort Code 60-17-43; A/c Number 12513024; marked for Dan's collection. Many thanks to you all.' David Stephenson. Church Warden.

FAREWELL LUNCH: There will be a farewell lunch for Dan and Paula on May 19th after TGIS. A sign up list will be in Church nearer the time. Photos still welcome!

ROPE RIDE: A 30 or 60 mile bike ride on May 19th in the Chilterns 'Putting the brakes on family breakdown in South Africa'. See www.rope.org.uk for details.

Sunday 21st April, Easter Day

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18

- 6.10am** CTR Sunrise Service at Whiteleaf Cross hill
8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with breaking of bread.

What's on in the week beginning Monday 22nd April

- Tues 23rd** **7.30pm** Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's
Weds 24th **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
Thurs 25th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 26th **10-12pm** Children's Society Coffee Morning at Hazel Trees
2.00pm Praise and Play
Sat 27th **10-12pm** Rape Crisis coffee morning in Chapter House
7.30pm Lighthouse Quiz in Church

Sunday 28th April, Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 5: 27-32, John 20: 19-end

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion with baptism followed by coffee
11.00am Family Service at St Peter's, Ilmer
11.15am TGIS
3.00pm St Georges Day Parade Service
3.00pm Service at Icknield Court

GIVING: Envelopes for April 19 to 20 still available for collection in Church.

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

Associate Minister: Revd. Michael Hunt 344150;

Curate: Revd. Dan Beesley 345521;

Assistant Clergy: Revds. David & Nancy Wallace 290670;
Revds. Steve & Rose Williams 274225; Canon Nick Molony 273895;
Revd. Jenny Deverill 274269; **LLM:** Averil Stephenson 343649

Churchwardens: David Stephenson and Bryan Matthew