

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**



*At this time of great difficulty we hold you all in our prayers and ask God to be with each one of us and all those who are unwell, worried or lonely.*

**Collect for the Week**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**An online service, via our YouTube channel, will be posted on the website today.**

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

Anselm, Abbott of le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith 1109

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>** 11.00 am Julian Meditation

**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>** George, Martyr, Patron of England, c. 304

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup>** Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's 624

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup>** Mark the Evangelist

**NEXT SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April**

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## **NEWS and NOTES**

### **From the Vicarage**

Easter greetings to you all. I hope that you are all in good health and 'coping' with the lockdown. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. May the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead, who is also residing in and working through us, give us courage and strength to live with our fears, failings and frailties in the knowledge that they can and will be transformed by that same Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

### **Advice from the Church of England - Coronavirus**

Our Church buildings are closed. The Parish Office is also closed for visitors but phone calls and emails will be picked up and attended to. Do call if we can be of any help or support. Thank you to those who have offered to help.

### **PRAYER FROM THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low: that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Food Banks**

Please continue to support our local food banks with your contributions. You can place items in the box outside the Vicarage or give financial contributions directly yourself.

### **Wednesday Meditation**

There is a weekly meditation being sent to all the Parish family on email. It is an opportunity to light a candle at 11 am on a Wednesday and to have a time of quiet to think of each other and to focus on the meditation. Also if it is possible to print it out for those who are not on line and pop it through their letter box that would be good, but only if it is safe to do this. So far there have been two meditations which have been both uplifting and helpful. If you would like to be included in this please email Pat Stevens on [patannstevens@hotmail.com](mailto:patannstevens@hotmail.com), phone 529187.

### **Fairtrade Goods**

We have a good stock of food items, and the usual goodies, at the Parish Office. It would be great to be able to sell items before they go out of date, particularly dried fruit and biscuits. If you need anything, please call Ginette and she will arrange for the items to be delivered.