

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
**The Third 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,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>** *Christina Rossetti, Poet 1894*

**TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup>** *Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841*

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>** *Catherine of Sienna, Teacher of the Faith, 1380*  
11.00 am Julian Meditation

**THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup>** *Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922*

**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May** ***Philip and James, Apostles***

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>** *Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373*

**NEXT SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## **NEWS and NOTES**

### **From the Vicarage**

Easter greetings to you all At this time of 'unusual challenges' when some of us may find it difficult to be cheerful. I hope we will be able to find something for which we can be thankful – to God and to each other. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

### **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 you 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 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 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.