
Sunday 3rd May 2020
The Fourth 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,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
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 4th *English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era*

TUESDAY 5th

WEDNESDAY 6th *St John the Evangelist*
11.00 am Julian Meditation

THURSDAY 7th

FRIDAY 8th *Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer c. 1417*
VE Day – 75th Year Celebration, Bank Holiday

SATURDAY 9th

NEXT SUNDAY 10th May

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Online service will be posted on the website

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

NEWS and NOTES

From the Vicarage

Easter greetings to you all. I hope you are all 'bearing up' during this challenging time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers- and actually, we are all in God's thoughts. I was very encouraged recently by a portion of St Paul's writings that reminds us of this and thought I should share it with you, hoping that you may also gain some encouragement from it. "Long before he laid down the earth's foundations God had us in mind...." (Ephesians 1.4). May we be buoyed by the knowledge that God cares about every aspect of our lives, including all that we are experiencing at this time.

Church of England Daily Hope

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship service at the end of a telephone line, 24 hours a day. Free call 0800 804 8044. It has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

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 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. If you would like to be included in this please email Pat Stevens on 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.

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