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Sharing the Light in the Loop 01743 298285 weekly worship
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Loop Special – Sunday 4 April 2021 – Easter Day

Collect, Readings and Reflection are on the website



Happy Easter!

Easter Greetings

Happy Easter to everyone, with love from Joyce

From Peter ~

The poet, Anne Ridler, wrote a remarkable poem to mark the birth of her first son “A matter of life and death”. In it she has a refrain, “I did not see the iris move, I did not feel the unfurling of my love.” Those carefully crafted words capture something of the mysterious glory of the resurrection: delicate yet unstoppable, imperceptible yet evident. I wish you all love and joy as the Paschal mystery draws us imperceptibly yet unstoppably nearer to God, despite all the agonies of the world.

From Hannah ~

Beloved, a very Happy Easter to you all! I can't help but think back to last year. This morning I put the branch out on our hearth which forms the skeleton of our Easter Tree- do you remember all those pictures you sent me of yours?! We travelled through Holy Week and then greeted the risen Christ in our homes; sharing fellowship in new ways. This Easter, as ever, we bring ourselves- our experiences, our memories, our questions- to the space which the resurrection opens up. And as we ponder the strangeness of these times, we once again gather as people of hope; excited and energised as we behold the empty tomb and all the wonder it invites. May you know the eternal triumph of Easter- that life always has the final word!

From Mary-Lou ~

I am so very sad not to be able to be with you on Easter Day, especially as it is my last as your priest in charge. With others of you who are extremely vulnerable to the virus, we're still locked away. This Passiontide I have been vividly struck by the stories of two tombs. The first was at Bethany. When Jesus raised his friend from death and called him out of the tomb, Lazarus stumbled out into the daylight and Jesus had to tell the people to ‘Unbind him and let him go!’ Lazarus although alive, was not truly free until those grave clothes were released. Wherever we are on the road out of lockdown, don't we all want desperately to be completely free again, to be unbound by the risks from the virus and by regulations designed to keep us safe? When the stone was rolled away in the early hours of that first Easter Day, when Jesus took his first steps out of the tomb and into his glorious new and eternal life, the gospels tell us the grave clothes were left behind! Nothing bound him, and nothing binds Jesus any more, nothing at all! Not time, not space, nor death itself. He was – he is! – free, ‘bursting forth in glorious day’. And where his feet pass, sprung in completeness in the sweetness of the wet garden, we too can tread. The bindings that count have fallen away for all of us too. Rejoice! I send you my love and pray God's blessing on you this glorious Eastertide!



EASTER DAY SERVICES - PLEASE BOOK A PLACE!

Albrighton	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Bicton	11 am	Holy Communion
Fitz	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Leaton	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Montford	10 am	Easter Morning Worship
Shrawardine	8 am	Holy Communion

Sunday @ Six via Zoom – please email Mary-Lou or Peter for the link

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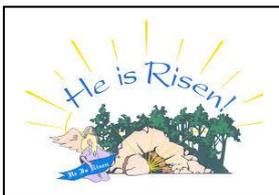
OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- ❖ **PYJAMA CHURCH 9.30 am** Access via Trinity Churches' website & Facebook.
- ❖ **SUNDAY AT SIX 6 pm via Zoom** – email Mary-Lou to receive the link which is sent out on Sunday.
- ❖ **SHARING THE LIGHT IN THE LOOP** Our own weekly phone line worship – see top of this page for the local number to call.
- ❖ **DAILY HOPE** – national phone line, see number above.
- ❖ **LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL** - www.lichfield-cathedral.org 10.30 am Eucharist

PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 11 APRIL

Albrighton	No service
Bicton	11 am Morning Worship
Fitz	No service
Leaton	10.45 am Morning Worship
Montford	9.30 am Holy Communion
Shrawardine	11 am Holy Communion

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*Resurrection Thou -
Bright Morning Star -
Lord of the Dance -
Leap of Faith -
Stillness of Joy -
ALL HAIL!*

Easter praises from
Jim Cotter

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth in shining splendour,
Radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

On this holy night all evil is dispelled,
Guilt is washed away, and peace restored.
So we are reconciled with God.
Alleluia!

From the ancient Exultet, sung at the Easter Vigil