



Sun 5 April 2026 - Easter Day

Sun 5 April	6.30am: Dawn Service in Oak Cottage garden
	10.30am: Easter Sunday Eucharist President & Preacher Fr Simon
Wed 8 April	9.30am: Morning Prayer at St Michael's Chapel
	10am: Holy Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel
Sun 12 April	10.30am: Holy Eucharist President & Preacher Fr Simon

WE PRAY FOR

In need: Megan, Angela, Hazel, Rosie Hayler, David Yarnold, Morwenna Nicholls, baby Shae, Annette Aldridge

The departed: David Patterson

In memory: Harold Rudge, John Gardner, Jan White, Linda Wildsmith, Rachael Haynes

COLLECT PRAYER

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed

him to appear not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28.1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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NOTICES

To see the latest images from The Art of the Lord's Prayer, visit: <https://artandlent.blogspot.com/>

Helping Hands: We regularly donate food to the Helping Hands food bank. The members of the DCC thought that it would be helpful to offer another way of supporting the work of Helping Hands. If you would like to do so, you can set up a standing order with your bank to give a regular financial donation to Helping Hands using the details below.

BANK NAME: NatWest Bank
 ACCOUNT NAME: Renewal Christian Centre
 SORT CODE: 51-61-26
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 73128546
 REFERENCE TO USE: Helping Hands Food Bank

Please note that we will continue to collect donations of food, toiletries etc for those who would like to continue to give in that way.

Thank you.

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!

our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky He's King, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

2. Walking in a garden at the close of day,

Adam tried to hide him when he heard God say:
"Why are you so frightened? Why are you afraid?
You have brought the winter in, made the flowers
fade."

Walking in a garden where the Lord has gone,
Three of the disciples, Peter, James and John;
They were very weary, could not keep awake,
While the Lord was kneeling there,
Praying for their sake.

Walking in a garden at the break of day,
Mary asked the gardener where the body lay;
But he turned towards her, smiled at her and said:
"Mary, spring is here to stay, only death is dead."

3. In the garden Mary lingers,

Broken and forlorn,
Then an unexpected greeting
Names her in the dawn;
So she meets her risen Saviour
On the resurrection morn.

Evening journey: two disciples,
Grieving for the dead,
Find a stranger walks beside them,
Cheers their hearts instead -
Finally they recognise him
As he breaks and shares the bread.

Ten distraught, confused apostles
Hide away in fear;
Rumours that the grave is empty
They are shocked to hear -
Yet when Jesus stands among them
Dread and sorrow disappear.

Fishermen who toiled for nothing
On the lake all night
Hear the sound of Jesus' welcome
In the morning light:
In the friendship shared at breakfast
Old mistakes are lost to sight.

Every day a fresh beginning -
newness, come what may!
In the most unlikely places
Jesus reigns today;
From the past to new horizons
Christ our Saviour leads the way.

4. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;

endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy
deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

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endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

