

COVID-19 prayer

Sovereign Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people, and promised a world where there is no more sickness or crying or death. By your death and resurrection, you have set your people free from the penalty of sin and death. We pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Please prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, please strengthen those who are treating the sick, please comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease. Please give to the governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory. Turn the hearts of many experiencing fear and anxiety that they may find that peace which only you can give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Sunday 19th April 2020

1st Sunday after Easter

Welcome!



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A fresh start with God

Welcome!

Welcome to church **over the internet!** I hope the joy of Easter is continuing for you. Thank you for gathering in your homes and listening in to this week's service and Bible Teaching. If you are listening in and have not met with us before, welcome. Please let us know so that we may keep in contact over this time.

"Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name"

John 2:30-31

Trevor Young – Rector

Sermon series

"Easter Comfort"

Sermon

"Do not doubt" – John 20:24-31

TODAY

Present at recording - Fiona, Teena, David, Karen, Trevor and Rosemary

Use order of service
emailed or on website

Welcome & Introduction

Fiona

Sentence of Scripture

Opening Prayer & Greeting

Song

Come People of the Risen
King

Praising God

Hearing God's Word

John 20:24-31 - Teena
1 Corinthians 15:1-25 - Karen

Bible Teaching

Do not doubt - Trevor

Song

Consider Christ

What we Believe

Praying to God

Further Prayer

David

Announcements

Offertory Song

My Hope is Built

Going out to serve

Prayers

Confession

Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we
should.

Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of
Christ, in whom alone is our salvation. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Prayer for the Day

God of mercy, you wash away our sins, you give
us new birth in the Spirit, and you redeem us in
the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's
resurrection increase our awareness of these
blessings, and renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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News and Pastoral Care

We continue to live each day as it comes and adjust and comply as required trusting in God. Thank you for keeping in touch with each other.

During the week

The church bells ring out

Each morning at 8am week days (9:30am on the weekends) and at the close of the day at 6pm, the church bell is rung for 1 minute. It's to remind locals that God is near, and to call us to prayer. I have used this time to pray. I encourage you to do the same each day in your homes or at work either at this time or at another time. A suggestion is the COVID-19 Prayer on the back of the bulletin.

Church at 9:30am Sunday – “Tune in, listen” and “ring up”

Each week the services are prepared and recorded and put up on the church website by Saturday evening with the Service sheet, Bulletin, Sermon outline and Bible Study notes. (We'd prefer for you to just listen in to the service without the distraction of watching us). Listen in to the service together from our homes at 9:30am on Sunday. It will give us a sense of still meeting as we did. Afterwards make yourself morning tea and then ring someone from church. Those without internet access, we can arrange for these to be dropped in to your letter box on the Saturday.

What do I do with my offertory envelopes and giving?

Please listen in to the video from Bishop Michael Stead emailed to you. Thank you for still giving. ***Those of you who give by offertory envelopes we are happy to collect them from you and bank.*** Please call Janice, Steve, Diane or myself to let us know a good time and we will arrange to pick them up. Or alternatively set aside the offertory each week as recommended in 1 Corinthians 16:2 to be collected at a later date.

Keep in contact – “zooming”

Some of you have mastered “zooming”. This is talking to each other, seeing each other over the internet on our computers. Most churches and families are keeping in contact with each other this way. I would be very happy to “zoom” with anyone who would like to do so. Just let me know and I will show you how and arrange a time.

Sermon next Sunday

Go on to the website and listen in...

9:30am 26th April 2nd Sunday after Easter - *Do not give up* – John 21:1-25
