

SUNDAY 20 April
EASTER SUNDAY

7am Sunrise Service on Grantchester Meadows
8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

COLLECT

God of glory,
By the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

READINGS *(in pew bibles)*

NT Acts 10: 34-43, p. 138
Gospel Luke 24: 1-12, pp. 95-96

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord of life
You defeated death
To show that we can rise
From all that binds us to the world;
Pride, envy, anger, fear
The debt of sin that ensnares us.

Lord of life
You defeated death
to demonstrate a love that is
beyond our understanding;
that reaches out with Saving Grace
to all who hear.

Lord of life
We pray for all who bring your word of life
as a light to those in darkness;
For those who bring your word of peace
to those enslaved by fear;
For those who bring your word of love
to those in need of comfort.
Lord of love and Lord of peace,
Lord of resurrection life
be known
through your risen power
and through our life in you.
Amen. Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK

8.30am BCP Communion
10am Holy Communion
11.30am APCM

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If you want to put a note in the pewsheets, please contact Emma in the office, no later than 9am Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday. Thank you.

CHURCH NOTICES

GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life and ministry of our church, you can:
– Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
– Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
– Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.
– Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this.
Everything helps – thank you!

BIBLE STUDY

Please contact Stephen Reynolds if you would like to join the group on Tuesday evening online.

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE



Christ is Risen.

He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Cause for celebration

Heather Smith *reflects on* John 20:1-18

After living through the long week that leads up to the crucifixion, today we celebrate Christ's resurrection. The future looks bright and positive and we can, and should, spend some time simply rejoicing. We can affirm that life is good in the same way as when we celebrate a baptism. Although nobody expects the newly baptised to experience the rest of their lives as a fairy tale, we believe that a baptism provides a solid foundation based on spiritual birth and for that reason we want to celebrate. The resurrection is the foundation that makes all this possible. It affirms life – death cannot overcome it.

John does not say whether Peter and the other disciple rejoiced. He tells us simply that they saw that the tomb was empty and believed. Having seen it, they returned to their houses. They did not yet understand the scripture about Christ's resurrection, but they believed all the same. Not understanding what it meant, they were perhaps too bemused to think of rejoicing.

On the other hand we have the advantage of knowing how the story unfolds. Perhaps we do not yet understand what it means for us this Easter – for with God there is always the new and unexpected – but we can return home, rejoice in this affirmation of life and wait for God to reveal what comes next, just as God did for the disciples. 🍷



Life-giving God, you underpin everything that we do and everything that we are. Give us your everlasting joy today and direct our lives as we seek to live out the resurrection in all we do. Amen.

Simnel Cake

by Julian Smith

Hot cross buns are available all year round. Cream eggs usually appear after Christmas. So arguably, simnel cake can claim to be the one truly seasonal Easter food – but what's the story behind it?

It's mentioned in the Middle Ages, with suggestions that the word "simnel" refers to the fine quality of flour used to make the cake. By the seventeenth century the cake had become associated with Mothering Sunday. Not to be confused with our modern Mothers' Day, Mothering Sunday

celebrated the "Mother" church, when apprentices and domestic servants were given the day off to return to the church of their baptism to see their families. Among the gifts they took was simnel cake, especially welcome at a time of year when food was scarce. Times have changed, Mothers' Day has become more prominent and simnel cake, with its eleven marzipan balls representing the faithful disciples, has become what it is today – an Easter cake. 🍷

“For I remember it is Easter morn, and life and love and peace are all new born.”

Alice Freeman Palmer (1855-1902), American educator

Books of the Old Testament Habakkuk

by Georgina Byrne

It is Jesus' attitude to keeping laws, such as what should or should not be done on the sabbath, that lies at the heart of his differences with the Pharisees. It might also explain why Nicodemus was tentative about following him.

Although the Pharisees have often been criticised for being legalistic, there were good motives behind their dedication to the Law. The Jews had suffered greatly from conquest and oppression. In 587 BC, for

example, the Babylonian army destroyed Jerusalem, razed the Temple to the ground and forced many Jews to leave their homeland to live in captivity in Babylon. The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel declared it to be God's punishment for disobedience (Jeremiah 11:9-13; Ezekiel 14:21-23). The Pharisees wanted to learn the lessons of the past to ensure that God would not punish them again, hence their desire to make Israel a holy nation by encouraging keeping God's laws. 🍷