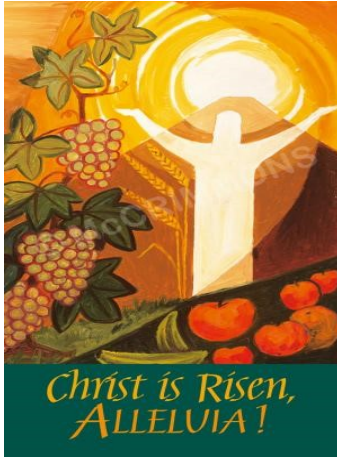


Thoughts and Prayers for the Week

Sunday 24th April 2022



2nd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road
of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.



Readings for the Week:

Acts 5: 27-32

Psalms 150

Revelation 1: 4-8

John 20: 19-31

Know and Show



The Harling Christ

by Maz Jackson

(2007-2011, dedicated 2013)

Egg tempera on gilded oak panel, the Church of St Peter and St Paul, East Harling, South Norfolk

On Easter Day our reading from the Gospel of John described how Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene and urged her to tell the disciples. She was not to keep to herself the revelation he gave to her but must broadcast it to others.

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, we can see a further development of this theme of 'knowing' for ourselves and 'showing' to others. Jesus tells the sceptical Thomas, 'Do not doubt, but believe'. And he has already made clear to his disciples that they are to act: 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

Hence, in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we have Peter's affirmation that those witnessing Christ's

resurrection were commanded to preach and testify, to spread the word.

One of the Group's hymn choices for this coming Sunday states the matter well:

*'We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.'*

What are **we** going to do with the Easter story? How will we illustrate and share its hope and joy? Where will we sing?

~Liam Pilgrim~

Let us continue to support and strengthen each other

- ◇ Daily, by saying The Lord’s Prayer together, morning and evening
- ◇ Lighting a candle at home 10.00am on Sunday if we are unable to come to church

Our Services:

24th Apr 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter	10:00am Group Easter Eucharist	Bedingham Church
	6:00pm Easter Evening Service	Via Zoom
1st May 2022 3rd Sunday of Easter	10:00am Group Eucharist	Woodton Church
	4:00 pm Family Praise	Hempnall Church
Thursday 5th May 2022	10:00am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	Hempnall Church

This week we pray for:

- ◇ In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- ◇ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- ◇ God’s creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
- ◇ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
- ◇ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
- ◇ Prisoners and captives
- ◇ In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

Food Bank

Items for our Food Bank are still needed; we are very grateful to all who continue to contribute during this difficult time.

Our next collections will be on:

Sunday 1st May 2022. Any items can be left at Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thu, 9am-12:30pm.

Please phone before arrival – 498157

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- FRUIT JUICE ***URGENT***
- TINNED TOMATOES
- LONG LIFE MICROWAVEABLE SPONGE PUDDINGS
- SMALL JAR COFFEE
- PASTA SAUCE
- COOKING SAUCE TO GO WITH RICE

WE REMEMBER:

Martin, Molly, Dennis, Ian, Vievenne

Hempnall: Lesley and family,
Phillip, Sophie

Bedingham/Woodton:
Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Chris

Topcroft: Gerald, Jane

LONG TERM CARE:

Bedingham /Woodton:
Dennis, Shirley, Jacob

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl



RECENTLY DIED:

John Styles, Jonathan MacRae

Please ring us if you need:

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Sunday 1st May – 4.5 mile walk around quiet lanes and footpaths in Saxlingham Nethergate.

Meet at the Church car park at 2 pm.

Please let Daphne/John know if you will be joining the walk so we don’t leave without you. Tea and cakes will be provided after the walk. Tel 01508 494318 or 07801329419