



Sunday 11th April 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Andrew on Annual Leave until Sunday 18th April.

The Church Office will be closed due to Annual Leave: Monday 12th April to Friday 16th April.

Refresh, revisit, and reflect. 6 sessions exploring the Christian Way of Life – for all and particularly those wanting to prepare for confirmation - next session 18th April 4.30pm topic The Beatitudes.

Online Sermons from the Diocese: The Bishop of Exeter, Rt. Rev'd Robert Atwell, shared a sermon for Easter Sunday reflecting on Jesus' resurrection and what it means for our lives. This week's video sermon is from The Reverend Prebendary Cate Edmonds. She will be addressing the theme of "doubt" for this coming Sunday, traditionally known as "Low Sunday" as it is the first one after Easter.

<https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

Floodlighting sponsors – St Andrew's, Ipplepen. The new email address for sending floodlighting donations to is ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk. For those placing floodlighting messages into the grey letterbox at St Andrew's Church Hall, please write 'Floodlighting' on the front of the envelope.

In Memory Rex Osborn and Frances Ley.

'Resurrection Now' Holy Ground Gathering with Rowan Williams Sunday 11 April 2021 at 6pm The former Archbishop of Canterbury, theologian, author and poet Rowan Williams will be joining Exeter Cathedral for Holy Ground on the Second Sunday of Easter. The evening will include worship, Rowan's talk, conversation in groups and Q&A. To book: www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/news-events/whats-on/resurrection-now-holy-ground-gathering-with-rowan-williams

Thank you from SWMTC Dave Carrington from South West Ministry Training Course has sent his thanks to the parishes and all who contributed to Sarah Nicholls' recent placement with us.

Look out for the wonderful cards on sale to raise funds for our churches. Thank you to Robin and Pam Thomas for organising this. Fantastic picture Robin!

St Andrew's Youth Choir, Ipplepen Watch and hear our recording of 'Rainbow if Hope': <https://asongforus.org/submissions/st-andrews-youth-choir-ipplepen/> The Youth choir is still going strong by using 'ZOOM', 5.30pm – 6pm on Thursdays for the senior group and 5.30pm – 6pm on Friday for the junior group.

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday: First Reading	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19
Psalm	133	4
Second Reading	1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7
Gospel	John 20:19-End	Luke 24:36b-48

Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon	12 th	John 3.1-8
Tue	13 th	John 3.7-15
Wed	14 th	John 3:16-21
Thurs	15 th	John 3:31-End
Fri	16 th	John 6:1-15
Sat	17 th	Mark 6:16-21

They can also be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Telephone support/chat following the church services: Sheila Sheldon is available to speak to following our church services. Sheila's phone number is (01803) 814227.

Morning Prayer

9am - 9.30am Wednesday only this week, on Zoom

For the Zoom password, email: rachelbelringer@gmail.com

Reflection

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week at the following times:

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily

Please note, St John the Baptist, Woodland is currently closed for private prayer and reflection.

Mid-Week Services

Tuesday	10.15am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15am	Holy Communion	- St Mary's, Denbury

Please note that the following week, on Tuesday 20th April, Holy Communion will take place in Ipplepen at 12noon instead of 10.15am due to the 10.30am Funeral for Frances Ley)

Next Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
11.00am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6.00pm	Zoom Evening Prayer	- Zoom

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Happy Easter – a whole 50 days of celebration

As we continue in the season of Easter, which lasts 50 days, we will celebrate that in Jesus' resurrection darkness becomes light, death becomes life, sacrifice becomes love. God's amazing love is hard to believe so we need this time. Like the first disciples we too must see and then gradually come to believe.

God making home with us – life in the spirit

Why not use the Examen each day during the 50 days of Easter to help you discern how God's Spirit is leading you. At the end of each day simply sit down, light a candle and replay the day past in your mind. Take particular notice of 1. What has given you life and 2. What has taken life from you. Speak to God about these experiences. Action: Do more of what gives you life and make time for this.



Reflection by Reverend Anne Burden

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John 20:19-End

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I'm sure that most of us are still enjoying Happy Easter memories - of the worship in our churches and the celebrations in our homes. The slight relaxing of the Covid restrictions has given us a very different experience from last Easter when all the churches were closed and the shock of the pandemic was still bewildering. We're not out of the woods yet - far from it, sadly - but more is now possible - and the sense of hope is increasing. I'd like to encourage you to hold on to your favourite Holy Week and Easter experiences and give thanks for them. If you can - share the memories with others - because people are very different in the things they treasure. Some will appreciate simply being able to meet together for worship - and will see positives in the fact that we have needed to simplify our services, slow down and take care - in order to keep ourselves and each other safe. Others will have enjoyed inventing and trying something new to mark the festival. This may particularly apply to those who for very good reasons have decided that the time isn't right for them to return to church yet. I hope that all of us have been able to discover new ways of living our faith - and that just because we can't do some of the things that have always been familiar, we still realise that the whole celebration need not be spoilt.

We can't, and we shouldn't, forget that some people are really struggling - with illness, bereavement, employment, loneliness, mental health problems And in the world beyond our immediate experience, people are suffering as they always have, through war, poverty, disease, violence, persecution Easter joy must seem beyond the reach of so many - and however concerned we are about our own situation - we still have a responsibility to care for all God's people. Resurrection hope is God's will for everyone - but it sometimes comes in times and ways that we don't expect. We need open eyes and open hearts - so that we can discern both the needs of others, and our call to reach out to them with the love which comes from God.

When we read the through the gospel stories of the resurrected Jesus, I think that two things stand out. One is that his first words are usually "Peace be with you" - God's love and blessing is his gift for ever. And the second thing is that Jesus is usually saying to the disciples something like "over to you". He has risen and he wants the mission and ministry of the church now to be ours - not just the first disciples, but us in our present day too.

As we enjoy the gift of the resurrection and give thanks to God for everything he has given us - let's remember all those who remain in the middle of their Good Friday. Many of us know what this is like - indeed for some it may be where they are right now. But let's hold on to the hope of God's promise that new life in all it's fullness is for everyone - a gift given to us in God's own time and in God's own way.

To finish - a poem by C.M.Kao

I asked the Lord to give me a bunch of flowers.

But

the Lord gave me a cactus, ugly and full of thorns.

I asked the Lord to give me lovely butterflies

But

the Lord gave me hairy caterpillars, horrible and obscene.

I was shocked, disappointed and grieved.

After many days

suddenly I saw the cactus burst into bloom.

Those hairy caterpillars also turned into butterflies

flying and dancing in the spring wind.

How unfathomable God's purpose is!