

A few people have asked for some space to make sermon notes - so here it is...



St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth
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Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Sunday 12th April 2020
Easter Day

In light of Government guidance around non-essential contact, we're all adhering to the requirement to **stay at home**. We're all worshipping at home - the Vicar included!
To join us via Zoom for our worship, and to see the latest news, please see our website: stmarysrickmansworth.org.uk.

Below are the Readings and Prayers set for this Sunday which we invite you to use.

8.00am Said Holy Communion **Service**

Collect: Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 1-6 Pg 745 - Old Testament

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 Pg 126 - New Testament

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10 Pg 32 - New Testament

10.00am Sung Holy Communion **Service**

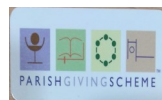
Readings: as above

Collect: 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. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Giving at St Mary's - Finance: All the activities that happen at and in the name of St Mary's in the wider community are paid for by the members of our church community. Regular giving is the mainstay of our finances. Those who give through the Church Giving Scheme are invited to use the small cards to mark their offering; these may be found at the back of church. If you would like to know more about this Scheme, please speak to David Gilbert.



Safeguarding: Being alert to matters of Safeguarding (ensuring the care and welfare of children and vulnerable adults) is something to which are all invited to be attentive. There are information cards at the back of church which you are welcome to pick up which give useful information - including warning signs to look out for, contact numbers and websites for information and support. *Deborah*

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St Mary's lies within the *Deanery of Rickmansworth* and *Diocese of St Alban's (CofE)* and the *West Herts and Borders Circuit* and *Beds, Essex and Herts District (Methodist)*

WaterAid collection total so far: **£132.19**. Thank you for your generosity.

St Mary's 750 We're marking the 750th Anniversary of the formation of the Parish of Rickmansworth with a year of celebratory events. Leaflets giving details of the events are available at the back of church to share with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming you to events across the year.



We pray for: That the Risen Christ may lighten all hearts at this difficult time.
The work of: Freedom from Torture, a Charity we support
Our School, St Mary's: For the links with the local community
In the Deanery: Mill End, West Hyde and Heronsgate
In the Circuit: Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church
Ecumenical friends: Rickmansworth Baptist Church
In Rickmansworth: Ebury Road
At St Mary's: Our Church Wardens
Amongst those unwell: Margaret Collins, Janet Foster, Edith Frow, Trevor Wallace, Mary Wallis, Pat Woollams, Jaleh Yeaman, Charlie, Frankie, Grace, Mary, Ted, Tim

Amongst the departed: Kathleen Maskell

Prayers during the time of the coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic

Each day you are invited to light two candles in your home: one for those affected by the coronavirus and the other for those listed below

<i>Sunday 12</i>	The gift of hope
<i>Monday 13</i>	The elderly and frail
<i>Tuesday 14</i>	All keeping Radio and Television programmes on air
<i>Wednesday 15</i>	Scientists developing etsts and vaccines for Covid-19
<i>Thursday 16</i>	All receiving treatment in hospitals
<i>Friday 17</i>	All who have lost their livelihood
<i>Saturday 18</i>	Those suffering Domestic Abuse

A prayer for all affected by Coronavirus Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Tuesday Holy Communion - for you to use at home

Acts 2: 36-41; John 20: 11-18

Readings for next Sunday - The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-end

This week's diary

Tues 14 Tuesday@2 via Zoom
 Sat 18 Saturday@6 via Zoom

For these 'gatherings', I will be sending out an email with the Codes and Passwords required.

We're all together again, we're here, we're here... I wonder if you remember this song? When we gather together on the first Sunday following the present lock-down, the Palm Crosses were blessed on Palm Sunday, the bread and wine consecrated on Maundy Thursday and the Easter Eggs bought in readiness to be shared on Easter Day will all be ready and waiting for us all to share. Christ is in our midst - present through the Cross, the bread and wine, and the New Life of the Resurrection.



Notices

Making contact with our Church Administrator: Katrina is working from home at present but can still be contacted via the usual email address: churchoffice@stmmarysrickmansworth.org.uk. If you do not have email, please phone Deborah and she will (try to!) assist.

Ricky Week: The Ricky Quiz planned for May 9 has been postponed. We hope to hold the Quiz later in the year. *David Gilbert, Sue and Chris Hillier*

Jars for Change: Please keep saving your money - even if you don't have a jar! The present (and ever-important) instruction to wash our hands for a minimum of 20 seconds in order for them to be thoroughly clean will have made us even more aware of the value of readily available water.

Threads for Change: I will be unable to deliver the knits that you have been producing for the foreseeable future. Please keep knitting but do not give them to me! *Beryl Baker*

St Marys 750: The current Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic means that events planned for our celebration through until July have been postponed. We are hoping to begin our celebrations in earnest with the Patronal Festival Weekend: 12-13 September. We'll keep you updated for all other events.

Church Giving - Finance

~ For those whose who usually give when in church by placing their giving into the collection bowl on a Sunday morning, now would be a really good time to join the Parish Giving Scheme. Our church expenditure still continues but, as our cash collections each Sunday come to around £400 a month, we are facing a significant loss in income. If you'd like to know more, please contact David Gilbert. If you don't have his number, please call the Church Office.

~ Thank you to the people who have either already increased their giving, or have said that they will be doing so shortly, in response to the Church Giving Letter and Sermon Deborah shared with us on Church Giving Sunday. If you wish to increase your giving, to contact the people who manage our Parish Giving Scheme by telephone: 03330021260 by email: info@parishgivingscheme.org.uk

Please note! None of the events below are taking place at the moment. We shall advertise the start date for them all when we are able to begin them again.

 **St Mary's 'Little Angels' Baby and Toddler Group**
 Our Baby & Toddler Group - Cloisters Hall on Thursdays: 9.30-11.30am during Term-time. Craft, play and Music Time, £1.50 'family group' per session.

A **safe space** for Spouses/relatives/ friends who are Carers and those for whom they care - with refreshments, conversation and activities.
MONDAY MORNING TLC
Offering space and activities for those who receive and offer Care
 Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 10.30am-12pm, Cloisters Hall, The Cloisters

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