

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 17th April 2022 Easter Day

I find that Holy Week and Easter have their own shape and context, for me personally it is difficult to look forward to Easter Day before we have commemorated the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus. In other words, I find it hard to envisage Easter Day on the Thursday of Holy Week!

This year is the first one when we have gathered in our churches for worship during Holy Week for 3 years, and it has been really good to remember together the events of the last week of Jesus’ life and remind ourselves of the difference that his death makes for all time.

I’ve spent part of this week desperately searching my bookshelves for a book, I thought I knew where it would be shelved. I looked and looked there, but then looking for something else found it in another place. I’d put it in a different category. Relief, but I didn’t find it because I was looking in the wrong place.

When the women go to the tomb on that first Easter Day Luke tells us that the angels ask them:

‘Why do you look for the living among the dead?’

The women thought they knew where Jesus was, they were fairly certain, after all that was where they’d last seen him.

However he had risen, death could not keep its hold on him, therefore there was no possibility of them finding someone alive in a grave. They were introduced to an entirely new lifechanging reality.

Where do you look for Jesus? Do you expect to find him? The joyous news of Easter is that we don’t look for him in a grave but alive and with us, today and every day.

Bible Readings

Sunday 27 March Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12

8:30am Holy communion Barton St David

10:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

Monday Psalm 111, Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Tuesday Psalm 112, Exodus 12:14-36, 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Wednesday Psalm 113, Exodus 12:37-end, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

9am Morning Prayer Barton St David

Maundy Thursday Psalm 114, Exodus 13:1-16, 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford

Friday Psalm 115, Exodus 13:17-14:14, 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

Saturday Psalm 116, Exodus 14:15-end, 1 Corinthians 15:51-end

Sunday 24 April 2022

8:30am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse Barton St David

10:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

Forthcoming worship

24/4/22 Easter 2

8:30am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse

10:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

4:00pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton Mandeville (Easter Egg hunt!)

1/5/22 Easter 3

8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse

8/5/22 Easter 4

10:30am Benefice Service for Rogationtide Lydford on Fosse

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflection



YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57

Forthcoming courses:

The Bible Course is an 8 week introduction to the Bible, how it was written, how we read it and how we can interpret it. We plan to run this from April – July on a Wednesday evening, approximately fortnightly, first meeting 27 April 7:30pm
The Rectory

Our guidelines for how we conduct our worship are:

- Masks are now voluntary, it is your choice whether or not you wear one
- We sing
- We film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and using wafers and wine from small glasses, we will discuss returning to coming to the rail to receive after Easter

- We have reinstated Tea and Coffee after our church services, where we have people to prepare it.

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