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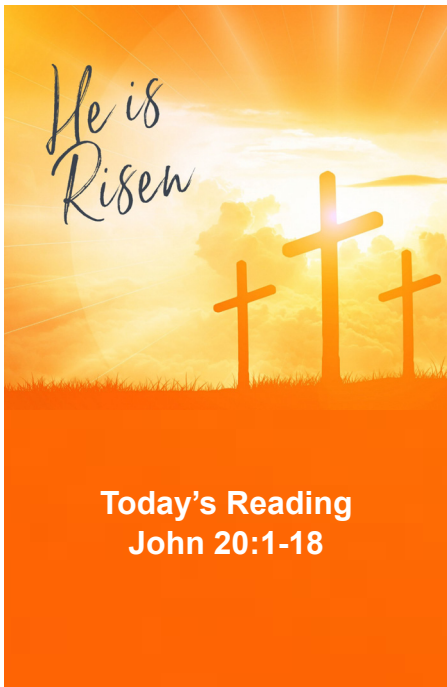
12th April 2020

Easter Day

Welcome

Welcome to this week's Church Matters, although we are not congregating at this time we do hope you will take part in our online service at 10am each Sunday, further information inside.

Today's Service



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.

Notice Board

In view of the current emergency, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued a statement under which public worship is now suspended and Churches are closed until further notice. This will mean that we will not be holding any services in our churches for the foreseeable future. We will instead be broadcasting our service and emailing you a link to be able to follow it at 10am on each Sunday, knowing that others will be doing the same in their homes. It will be left on our website each week, so if you are not able to tune in on Sunday, you can do this at any time afterwards.

The link for this service will be sent to all followers of the church website www.itchenvalleychurches.org - to become a follower please add your email details in the box in the bottom right hand side of our home page so that you can be kept up to date on what the church is doing to respond to the Corona crisis.

The Bible Course NOW ONLINE - For those of us whose diaries are starting to empty and are facing days and days with little social interaction, the Bible Course is now online and maybe interesting to you - <https://itchenvalleychurches.org/the-bible-course/>

Some Useful Apps that you might like to consider at this time:

Bible in One Year (BioY) - *daily devotional by Nicky Gumbel*

Lectio 365 - *daily devotional 24/7 Prayer*

YouVersion - *numerous daily devotion schemes to choose from*

Soultime - *a beautiful app to help you look after the needs of your soul*

Winchester Villages Trust - To anyone who is facing hard times financially at the moment due to the current crisis The Winchester Villages Trust has been given donations by local Christians to benefit those in the Itchen Valley Parish who are in financial need at the moment and the Trust would like to invite residents to apply to receive funds. Further details including how to apply will be published on www.itchenvalleychurches.org

For Your Prayers

Please pray for Loulou, Dan, Anoushka, Raphie and baby Felix.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend
the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal
them, and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O God, help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that
nothing can separate me from your love revealed in
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We pray for the lonely, anxious and confused people of our Parish,
please Lord guide us to be the support that they need at this time.

**Our churches are now closed - we may not be able to
gather as we normally do, but we're still here if you need
prayerful or practical support.**

Useful Information

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Church Matters - If you would like a notice to be put in Church Matters please send by email to Beccy Clark at admin@itchenvalleychurches.org by 1pm the previous Wednesday. If you wish to receive Church Matters weekly by email then please contact Beccy. You can also download it from the website www.itchenvalleychurches.org

Our service this week is at 10am on Easter Day
Parish Communion Led by Revd. Alex Pease,
music by Tim Clapp and prayers by the Wright family

There will also be a separate children's service which you can
download from the link on Sunday morning.

Our next service will be broadcast at 10am on Sunday 19th April,
further information to follow.

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