

Collect for Today

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.

Readings for Today

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:12, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Revelation 15:2-4

Verse for the Week

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Prayer and Reading Diary

Monday

Read: Jeremiah 31:1-6,

Prayer: Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,
for our bishop, and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptized,
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,
that God will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace. **Amen**

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 118:12, 14-24,

Prayer:

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of this land,
for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office,
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,
that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom. **Amen**

Wednesday

Read: Colossians 3:1-4,

Prayer: Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word:
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant
and to grow in the love of his name. **Amen**

Prayer and Reading Diary

Thursday

Read: Acts 10:34-43,

Prayer: Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ:
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,
for all who have lost faith,
for the contemptuous and scornful,
for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him,
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,
that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience. **Amen**

Friday

Read: John 20:1-18,

Prayer: Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and oppressed,
for all who are sick,
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear,
for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,
that God in his mercy will sustain them with the knowledge of his love. **Amen**

Saturday

Read: Revelation 15:2-4,

Prayer: Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection. **Amen**

Notices:



• There are various systems in place for phoning round members of the different churches to stay in touch and check how people are doing. So if you get a call from a random Reader or member of the Clergy don't be surprised! If you don't want this to happen for any reason please let us know. There are all kinds of support schemes to help with shopping, dog walking etc and if you are not aware of what is happening around you we may be able to help.

• As this unusual time goes on you will probably find yourself experiencing a range of emotions. Typically these will move from denial to anger, to bargaining, to depression, to acceptance but maybe not in that order! Be kind to yourself and recognise that it is OK to be a bit tearful, a bit afraid, a bit angry. Make the most of the resources you have available and when you are feeling strong set things up for the times when you are feeling weak.

Church Services:



Please note all Church services are currently cancelled.

On-line Sunday Services:

These have been well received. You can access them by just clicking on the links that will be circulated later in the week or by visiting the team website or by going to last week's service and following the link to the next one. The plan this week is to offer an Hour at the Cross on Good Friday from 11am and a service on Easter Sunday from 9:00 am.

Leigh is also putting things on line which you can see by going on Facebook and searching for the "Hatherleigh Building Community" page.

Grapevine Plus:



Thank you to all those who have contributed to Grapevine Plus. Please keep your contributions coming in, no matter how mundane. Share what you have been doing, things you have found helpful, little acts of kindness you have come across. Let's stay connected!

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I can remember lots Of Easter Sundays. There was the one when a drunk driver smashed into my father's car the night before. There was one when I forgot the clocks went forward and missed the early service I was supposed to be taking. I have celebrated communion in the park, I have climbed hills in the hope of seeing the sunrise and, the day after our wedding, I have joined with a small band from the Salvation Army next to our hotel. I don't think I have ever not gone to church on Easter Sunday: maybe when I was a small child, but never that I can remember.

This month feels like a long Good Friday. Time seems to have elongated, so that each day is a week long and last week seems like history. I am writing this at the start of the week: you will be reading it at the end and I am wondering what will have happened in between. This year I will not be going to church, or at least I will not be going to the building I call the church. Instead, on Good Friday and on Easter Day, I will be joining with you all in spirit, as we invite Good Friday and Easter Day into our homes. Easter is not a sad story with a happy ending. The death and resurrection of Jesus are the point around which history turns. In our baptism we are buried with Jesus and raised again, and that is something we can celebrate at home alone or together in a church building.

I am going to miss going to church this weekend. I love pushing open the door and being met by the smell of lilies and daffodils and seeing the way in which the desolation of Good Friday has turned into joy and abundance. But Easter will happen none the less. This year I will just have to stand in the garden and breathe deep.

Stephen