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*I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in me
will live, even though they die: and whoever lives by believing in
me will never die*



*As a Church we pray for those who are ill
and in need and for those recently departed
and their families.*

Our Services for
Sunday 31st March 2024
Easter Sunday (Gold or White)

10.00 – Group Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Hymns 267, 24, 309, 503

Sunday 7th April 2024
The First Sunday after Easter (White)

9.30 – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Hymns 62, 490, 56, 103
11.30 – Holy Communion – Aston Botterell
Hymns 62, 490, 56, 103

Sunday 14th April 2024
The Second Sunday after Easter (White)

9.30am – Holy Communion – Ditton Priors
Revd Val Smith – Hymns 81, 87, 220, 422
11.30am – Holy Communion – Chetton
Revd Val Smith – Hymns 81, 87, 220, 422



Activities & News throughout the Benefice
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Please note that from **Sunday 7th April** the 9.45am
Service at Ditton Priors will now start at the earlier
time of **9.30am**. Thank you.

A peep into April!

Saturday 6th April 2024, 10.30 – 12.30
First Coffee Morning of the Month-
St. John the Baptist Church, Ditton Priors
Please come along to this very friendly event and
meet old friends & new! There is no charge.
Delicious refreshments!

Saturday 13th April 2024, 9.30am - Aston
Botterell's Social Breakfast at The Boyne Arms,
£10.00 - Contact Anne Preece 07966 459806 to
book your place. Raffle in aid of Aston Botterell
Church.

Saturday 27th April 2024, 9.00am - Breakfast at
The Down. Do join us for this very popular and
social event. Please contact Sheila on 01746
789443 to confirm

A gentle reminder that subscriptions are now due
for The Friends of St. John's. Please give these to
Margaret Griffiths. Thank you very much.

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Collect for the day

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.**

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, what we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for Easter Sunday 31st March 2024

Psalm 118. 1 – 2, 14 – 24

Acts 10. 34 – 43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

1 Corinthians 15. 1 – 11

The Resurrection of Christ

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to

more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

John 20. 1 – 18

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

