

St Mary and All Saints, Dunsfold
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ePEWS NEWS

YOU MAY BE AT HOME BUT YOU'RE
STILL IN TOUCH

EASTER DAY



HE IS RISEN

COLLECT FOR EASTER: 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.

READINGS:

OT: Jeremiah 31: 1-6

NT: Acts 10: 34-43

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 1-10

Dunsfold Church Community and how we are responding to Coronavirus

Many shopping missions have been undertaken and the regular telephone calls have started.

We've even been blessed with a couple of volunteers offering to help in our work. So please make contact with one of the people below if you're feeling anxious, troubled, lonely and perhaps depressed. Or simply want to help our work.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FRIENDS AT WINTERSHALL

The Passion of Jesus and One Good Friday story will be available online on Good Friday, April 10 through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Wintershallplay> at 12 and 3pm. This is pre-recorded excerpts of rehearsals from our Passion Play 2020 together with excerpts of Passion performances from the other cities and towns taking part in the One Good Friday 2020 project.

Filmed without an audience, the recording will also include interviews with cast members and testimonies from One Good Friday organisers about their Passion 2020 journey. The 'story' is one hour long followed by a recording of Passion 2019 in Trafalgar Square.

After the livestream, the recording will be available on YouTube and the link will be found on this page: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus-london> under Media Gallery at the bottom of the page.

Wintershall is committed to returning to Trafalgar Square with the Passion of Jesus play in April 2021. Many of the One Good Friday locations have already committed to do the same in their towns and cities on the same day. For enquiries please contact Finola Coltman, Wintershall, on 01483 892167.



REFLECTIONS ON THE EASTER READING BY REVEREND IAN MASLIN

The disciples of Jesus had lived through a roller coaster of emotions during that first Holy Week. They had been carried along by the cheering crowds of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. They had spent the festival vigilant in the face of the risk to Jesus from the authorities, both Jewish and Roman. They had experienced the intimacy of eating and drinking with Jesus and one another at the Passover Supper. And then the fear, the shame, the despair, the grief of Jesus' arrest and trial, and then, His horrific death. In those circumstances, the deadness of grief might almost seem welcome. It offers the chance to retreat into the dark and to stop feeling for a while. A way to blot out the pain. Strangely, there is comfort in the dark, and a certain bleak peace. So, two women called Mary go early in the morning to a tomb they know to be secure and guarded. They go to grieve. The bright light of a Jerusalem morning may well be shining around them, but there is a darkness in their hearts. They are sad, of course, devastated even, but perhaps they are not afraid, not anymore. When the worst you feared has happened, there is no more reason to be afraid. So, it is not the darkness of the tomb that scares them out of their wits, but the light! The light from two figures who ought not to be there. One is from another world, an Angel, who should not exist in the real world of a Jerusalem garden. The other, well, they saw Him crucified, they saw Him die; He should be dead! But both break into the darkness of grief and despair with a searing white light of hope and joy. Grief they understood, we all understand, it has its rituals and its expectations. But this new thing, this unexpected joy; this painfully bright light, this is terrifying. They run from the Angel and the empty tomb and they run headlong into Jesus and fall at His feet. And the first words to them echo the message of the Angel: "Do not be afraid; go and tell"

Each of the Gospel writers tells the story of the Resurrection in a distinctive way. But none of the Gospel writer's attempts to tell us what happened to Jesus between Good Friday and Easter Day. That remains a terrible, but beautiful, mystery. Instead the Gospel writers show the effect of the Resurrection on those who were there. A bright light had pierced the gloom of the world, and nothing would ever be the same again, ever! Dark death had been overcome. Our Lord has overcome pain, overcome sin, overcome death; He has fulfilled the Father's will on earth, as in heaven. And we, as committed Christians, are commissioned by Christ Himself, not to be afraid. Not to succumb to darkness but embrace the light. To share our joy! "Do not be afraid; go and tell" Alleluia!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

CHURCH: The work of priests, teachers and youth leaders as they spread the word of God's great gift to mankind.

WORLD: All those persecuted for their faith, especially Christians unable to openly celebrate Easter in their homelands.

THE SICK: Sue Bowden, Camilla Fryer, Sandra Baxter-Brown, Sally Rivett, Jackie Williams, Judy Bolt, Sue and Dennis Evans, Peter Hutley, Sally Davis, Lorna Thompson, Francesca, Paul Wiltshire, Sami Bennewith, Yvonne Budd, Dru Ridley.

THE DEPARTED: Dr Mary Caroe, Mary Doyle, Phil Miles.

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH:

For the latest daily news of events in our parish and the diocese please go to our website: A Church Near You Dunsfold. And if there's anything you want to make us aware of please email davidwalker2020@hotmail.co.uk

