

April 2020: Easter Week



Collect for this week:

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.

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Prayers:

For our 'Roads to God': all those who live or work in Downton Business Centre & Industrial Estate, Long Close, Elizabeth Close and Hyde Lane (*businesses disrupted or in danger of collapse; staff laid off; those still working as they maintain key industry*)

For all who have visited our Church (*this month they will have been unable to go in, but may have stood outside, paused in the churchyard or visited us online*)

For all preparing to be married here this year (*several couples have already postponed their wedding to next year, and we must expect others will do the same. It is a difficult decision for them to make and can be a time of great disappointment*)

For the needs of the world (*especially political leaders, frontline staff, those who have lost livelihoods; countries such as South Sudan without the infrastructure to cope*)

For the sick and suffering (*not just from Covid-19; also those isolated and alone*)

For those who mourn and for the souls of those who have died (*we remember especially those unable to be with their loved ones in their last hours, or unable to attend their funeral*)

Silent prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

John 14:5-6

Thomas said to Jesus, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'

We pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.
Through the prayer and loving service of your Church,
may we and all in this community draw closer to you,
and so find Roads to God in this place.
We ask this in your name and for your sake. Amen.