



HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Welcome back to church. What a day to celebrate being able to meet up again!

To keep everyone Covid Safe the same rules will apply as before. These are listed at the end of this Pyramid Post as a reminder.

EASTER OFFERING

It is our usual custom to give the congregation an opportunity to contribute to a charity at Easter. This year we are collecting for the Methodist charity 'All We Can' who help churches around the world to meet the needs of their local communities. There is a box on Barbara and David's table for your donations.

The Leadership Team

Visits to any of the church buildings except for services, should only be made in very exceptional circumstances, and your details should be entered on the track and trace record on the noticeboard in the vestry.

Please send contributions for future Pyramid Posts by mid-day on the Wednesday before the following Sunday.

Please continue to send me items that you would like to share – prayers, readings, “thoughts”, news, photos, humorous or serious.

Philip Sandiford, Editor

FUTURE SERVICES IN THE CHURCH:

Today, Easter Day - Sun 4th APR, 10.30am

Mr, Alan Jameson

Sun 11th APR, 10.30am

Rev. Rosemary Richter

Sun 18th APR, 10.30am

Rev. Philip Richter

Sun 25th APR, 10.30am

Mr. Witty Rajaratnam

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

2 nd Apr	Evelyn Butler
24 th Apr	Margaret Kercher
24 th Apr	Doreen Morton
25 th Apr	Nora Pearce
29 th Apr	David Banthorpe

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BEAVERS REPORT FROM LAST WEEK (25th MARCH):

This term's best question

To finish off our Animal Care badge, we invited Redwings to our zoom meeting, to talk about the work they do around rescuing horses, ponies and donkeys. The children were taught about what equines need for a safe and happy life. They were also educated about the importance of never feeding a horse when passing a field, as they may unwittingly be giving the wrong food for that animal. We also learned about keeping the animals fit and entertained with obstacle courses and toys that contained hidden food; so the equines have to work out how to release the food. Some animals worked hard to solve the puzzle, but one clever boy just stamped on the box until everything fell out!

As always, the Beavers asked lots of questions about food, exercise, how fast horses run and so on. So far so good. But Tigger never knows when to stop and allowed one final question. We were all slightly taken aback when a little voice asked "how big is a horse's bum?" There were a few sniggers and our guest was clearly not quite sure how to answer. But the questioner realised there was some confusion and spoke up more loudly..... "no, I said how big is a horse's barn!!"

Gotta love crackly internet connections!



Liz Batten (Tigger)
Beaver Scout Leader



BEWARE SCAM MESSAGES ASSOCIATED WITH OUR CHURCH!

Lockdown has given scammers the opportunity to be prolific, and they even target church people.

If you receive messages that purport to come from the minister or church officials please be aware that **no person in the church should be asking any individuals for money** except through official and recorded channels like the church council or openly advertised events for charity.

Do not respond, and if you are concerned ring the minister

FOODBANK UPDATE:

The latest news from Foodbank HQ

Thank you once again for the support from church members for the Food Bank. Last week (12th March) we have made in the region of 79 deliveries, feeding just over 200 people.

In addition, we have run 'energy top up sessions' at several of our centres allowing us to put much needed credit on clients energy key cards. This week alone we have spent £2500+ on energy top ups. This is money raised through various grants, donations and our Christmas Appeal.

With the vaccination programme well underway, and the easing of lockdown restrictions we will shortly begin planning the reopening of our Centres.

Our current wish list is below, (we have most other items in stock).

Packet soup
Easter treats (the sturdy type only like crème eggs, easter sweets, solid chocolate figures that can withstand a fair amount of travelling / handling please)
Pump soap
Long life fruit juice
Coffee
Hot chocolate
Rice - not microwaveable
UHT milk - not skimmed
Pasta sauce
Household cleaning
Nappies and pullups (sizes 4, 6, 6+)

I can be contacted on 01737 356201 or 07753 236115, if you would like me to collect items. There are also Food Bank bins in most of the major supermarkets if you just want to pop an item or two in. These are still being emptied regularly.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
Janice Barber



If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not come to church

Bring a mask: face coverings became mandatory in communal indoor spaces on 8 August.

There are some circumstances where people are not expected to wear face coverings.

Please be respectful, noting that some people are less well able to wear face coverings, and that the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

The church will be well-ventilated with doors and windows open, so please come prepared if you feel the cold.

Please remember to allow more time to get into the service as entrance will be staggered to allow for social distancing

When you arrive

Please enter by the front door, but be prepared to wait before entering, keeping two metres away from the person in front of you.

On entering the building, please sanitise your hands: sanitiser pumps will be available if you haven't brought your own sanitiser.

Bring your own water if you feel you might need it.

There will be a steward available near the door ready to offer (socially-distanced) help and advice.

Your presence will be recorded for Track and Trace purposes. If you do not consent to this, please make this known as you enter. The information will be destroyed after three weeks.

Chairs will be arranged singly and in groups. If you have come alone, please sit on a single seat, leaving the groups of chairs for people from the same household/bubble.

Please make your way to a seat straightaway. **Do not change seats**

What to expect

The vestry toilet will be open for emergencies only. If you need to use it please clean it before and after use. Put used wipes in the bin provided. If you have to wait please do so social distancing

You are invited to drop your offering into the marked box near the door, either as you enter or as you leave (the offering will not be presented during the service).

The service will be shorter than usual (30 – 45 minutes).

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4 April 2021 – EASTER DAY

Congregational singing is not allowed, music may be provided by an organist, pianist or CD

Speak quietly when making any responses.

After the service

Refreshments will not be served

Please leave when directed to by a Steward and observe social distancing. Do not remain in the church to chat.

Please take away with you any copies of Service Sheets and the Pyramid Post that you have handled

Once outside the church observe Government guidelines for meeting people.
