



There's an interesting short talk about hope and why it helps right now, which has just been posted on www.believethegoodnews.com.

The Living Word People & Steeple insert gives Bible readings with commentary to read and think about during the week for the *following* Sunday. Also online at thelivingword.uk

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People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes
Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,

Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

Sunday 19th April 2020

Did Jesus really come back from the dead?

You can't really expect me to believe that!

What is your reaction to the Easter message of Jesus' resurrection?

Some say "Dead people do not come back to life... it cannot happen, therefore it didn't happen"... but that is the point... it was exceptional, extraordinary news and, while you and I can think of various possible explanations for the disappearance of his body from the tomb, the unprecedented news that he had been raised from the dead seems to me to be the best-fit explanation of all the facts and circumstances. Even his own followers were sceptical at first, but they quickly became convinced that he was alive again, and, energised and emboldened by this conviction, they were prepared to die for the truth of what they believed.

Do I expect you to believe it? Well... I do expect you to look at the evidence willingly with an open mind. For me, the Christian faith entirely hinges on the resurrection... did Jesus really come back from the dead (as he said he would)?... because if he did, then all the other stuff he said must carry extra weight.

Happy Easter indeed!

Rev'd Charles Overton

HE IS RISEN



Theme for the Week

Jesus' resurrection is the axis our whole faith turns on.

Psalm 16:7-11 – David the songwriter foresaw the Messiah and the resurrection – not abandoned but finding the path of life

John 20:19-31 – The resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples and gives them an initial impartation of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 – Peter tells the crowd that the resurrection he witnessed was foretold in song long before, by King David

1 Peter 1:3-9 – Jesus' resurrection is the foundation of our new hope and makes possible our new birth

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)
David Games
Pat Claytor

If you know of anyone who is unwell, please let the Administrator or any of the clergy know.

In our Group of Parishes

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes serves a rural community and we give thanks for all involved in agriculture, we pray for them, and seek ways to support them.

The Parish of Staunton-on-Wye, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Those that arrange flowers in our churches.

In the Diocese of Hereford;
Leominster

Diocesan officers and those who work in the Diocesan Offices.

The wider Church

All other churches in Herefordshire and nationally and across the world who share with us to proclaim God's love to the world.

Pray for the Church of Ireland.

The Collect

Second Sunday of Easter 19 April 2020

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Worship and Prayer from the Diocese

Live Services Every Sunday

Hereford Diocese has scheduled a series of services for every Sunday until May which will be streamed live on Facebook at 10 am each Sunday.

Please find below a list of those scheduled, including one from our very own previous Rector, Rev'd Sean Semple.

19 April	Revd Andy Morgan 10 am
26 April	Lizzie Hackney 10 am
3 May	Revd Sean Semple 10 am
10 May	Revd Chris Moore 10 am

News from the Parishes

EASTER GARDENS

Thank you to all those who sent in photos of their Easter Gardens - they capture the spirit of Easter perfectly.



Top left: Liz, Weobley

Top right: Lesley, Letton with the caption 'Happy Easter - My Easter Garden with all flood-resurrected flowers'.

Bottom: Stephanie, Staunton-on-Wye

Top left: Barbara, Staunton-on-Wye

Top right: Arabella and Di, Staunton-on-Wye

Bottom: Juli, Taylor and Ella, Monnington-on-Wye



Top left: Gill, Weobley.

Top right: Pat, Monnington-on-Wye

Bottom: Guy and Tessa, Eardisley

