

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Easter Sunday 12th April 2020

Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet



A message from the Churchwarden

Hello everyone and Happy Easter,
This Easter Day is like none that we have experienced before. Easter, like Christmas is a poignant time. For some it is a happy joyous occasion, for others a sad and melancholy time and for others, a time of blessing.

Our pastoral care group continue their great work behind the scenes during this pandemic. They have sent out over 120 Palm Crosses and have been in touch with more than 200 members of our parish during this time by phone and email. The weekly newsletter and services are being viewed by many members of our congregation far and wide outside the parish. It is one of the great joys of modern technology like Facebook that we can reach so many people. I have had calls and emails from people who have been delighted to have received their Palm Cross.

Today we must keep in our prayers the family of Lynne Lloyd and Vernon Frost. Lynne's father, Roy Powell sadly passed away at home, surrounded by his family last week. We should also remember and pray for Heather Deans and her family. Jackson, her grandson is poorly at this time. I ask that you remember both families in your prayers this week.

We continue to be blessed during the interregnum with great input from Keith Hine and our very own Geoff Reyner in the preparation of video clips, sermons and prayers for both our webpage and our newsletter sheet.

This coming week whether it's joy, sadness or blessings you're feeling, we stand together, united in the Love of the Risen Lord.

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can
separate me from you love
revealed in Jesus Christ our risen Lord **Amen.**

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Prayer for Easter Sunday;

*God of Promise and God of Hope,
who through your great mercy
have granted us new birth
through the death and resurrection
of Jesus Christ,
we praise your wonderful name!
God of Glory and God of Might
who through your great power
have granted us new strength
to endure all things through faith
in Christ our risen King,
we praise your wonderful name! **AMEN***

The Collect

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

Acts 10, 34-43

John 10, 1-18

Please log onto the church website –
www.dunhamchurch.com – for a short
service to celebrate Easter Sunday.

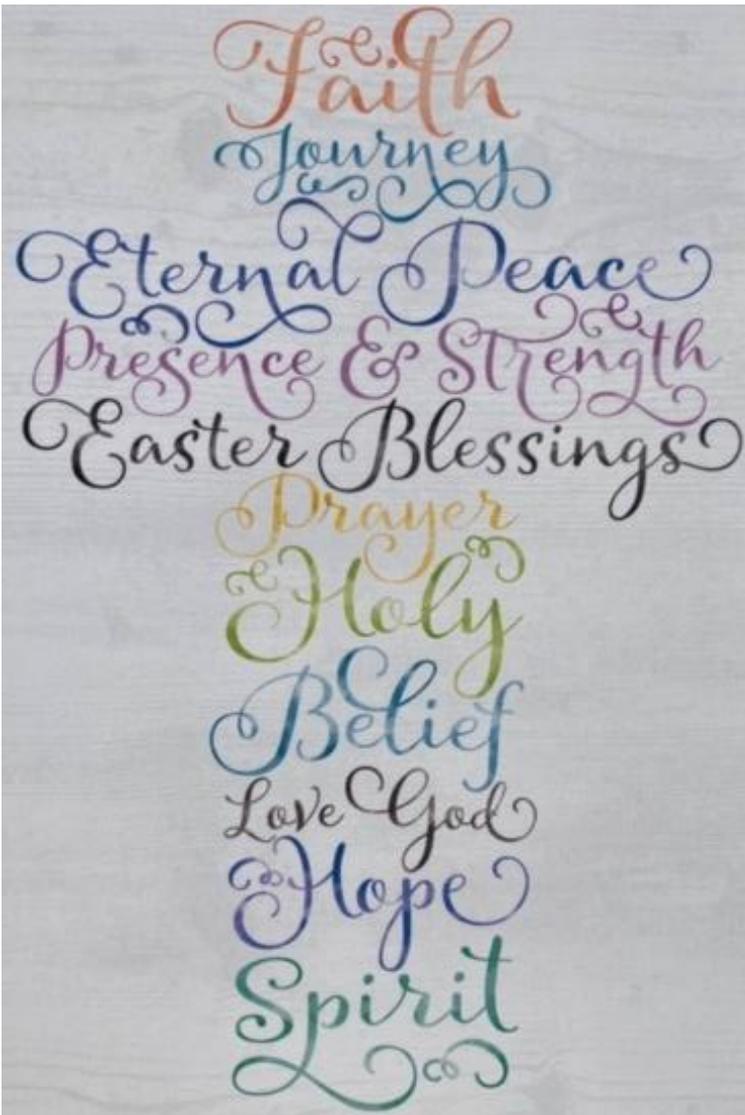
Looking for the resurrection

With Christians worldwide we are celebrating the story on which our faith stands: the Resurrection. Without the Resurrection – the events and experiences of that first Easter there would be no Church, no faith held by millions .. and little hope. A baby born in a manger, a Rabbi travelling the roads of Galilee are not enough in themselves to account for the continuing faith of Christians. The Church is founded on faith in the Risen Christ.

Over Easter we read the gospel accounts of that first Easter. For me one of the most meaningful verses in these is Matthew 28: 6 “He is not here”. The disciples are looking among the tombs for their Lord. The angel – a message from God – tells them that it is not there that they will find him, but in Galilee - amid their homes and places of work, their families, amid the ups and downs of daily life. Today the message is the same. We cannot experience what those first disciples experienced, but we can find resurrection today in our own lives. It is not simply what happened in a garden of tombs two thousand years ago, but it is resurrection as hope and new beginnings, in all kinds of ways. And how we need that hope and faith today in all that surrounds us. We proclaim not “Christ Rose” as simply a past event but “Christ Is Risen” as a present reality. He is not in an Easter garden ... he is among us today, our Risen Lord. I pray that whatever your situation in all the challenges of these times you will find him, that he will give you hope, that you will know his love.

With every blessing for Easter

Keith Hine



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Book Review For Easter

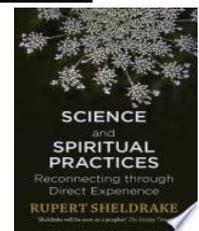
'Science and Spiritual Practices;

by Rupert Sheldrake

In this pioneering work Sheldrake shows seven practices that are at the heart of all faiths;

Meditation, gratitude, connecting with nature, relating to plants, rituals, singing and chanting, pilgrimage and holy places. He highlights the way that scientific research shows the benefits of these practices.

The book is for anyone who suspects that in the drive for radical secularism something valuable has been left behind. Sheldrake asserts that by embracing spiritual practice we find strength to live more wholesome and fulfilling lives.



Hope to see you soon.