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CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER IN A TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS
Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!

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Easter Day

This Easter Celebration

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This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We're distant from our neighbours, from worship leaders, too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

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The Easter Anthems

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
- 8 for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Easter Day

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of
death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



**HE IS RISEN! HE IS
RISEN, INDEED!
ALLELUIA!**

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Reflection

The world is going through a Good Friday season; but we believe in the resurrection. Through fear and loss we live in hope, through faith. What signs of new life can I see today? What, or who, gives me hope?

In our prayers today: we remember Barbara Braithwaite-Exley, with thanksgiving for her life, and love for her family.

Prayer

All our problems: **we send to the cross of Christ.**

All our difficulties: **we send to the cross of Christ.**

All the devil's works: **we send to the cross of Christ.**

All our hopes: **we set on the risen Christ. Amen.**

THURSDAY EVENING PRAYERS BEFORE EIGHT - 7.45pm.

Join Revd John and others for prayer for the NHS and other key workers, and for our world in this time of the coronavirus. Click this link: **Thursday Prayers**, or phone **0203 695 0088**. Enter **195466167#**. Password: **091524**.

KEASDEN AND CLAPHAM CHURCHES' VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNINGS Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in April, 10.30-11.30am.

Come together for a chat, on the computer or by telephone. Click this link: **Join a Coffee Morning**, or phone **0203 695 0088**. Enter **354142994#**.

REVD JOHN RECOMMENDS: POSITIVE NEWS AND FULLFACT.ORG. Our circumstances are serious but it's not all bad news. Positive News shares the good news: **www.positive.news**. And to check the truth about the 'facts' you're being given about coronavirus and other things: **fullfact.org**.

SUPPORT DURING THIS CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

If you need help, eg. with delivery of shopping or prescriptions, or **If you would like to volunteer to help**, please make contact as below.

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY WITH KEASDEN:

Helpline: 01524 805969, **claphamyorksvirushelp@gmail.com** (during office hours - please use emergency services outside these hours)

Clapham Yorks Covid Community Help: **facebook.com/coronaCcN**

Clapham Community Shop. 015242 51524,
info@claphamvillagestore.co.uk

AUSTWICK, LAWKLAND, ELDROTH, WHARFE AND FEIZOR:

Crossleigh Stores & Post Office. Ian and Michelle. 01524 251415,
crossleighstores@outlook.com, **facebook.com/crossleighstores**.

Austwick Area Mutual Aid. **facebook.com/AustwickMutualAid**.

Austwick Parish News. **twitter.com/AustwickNews**.

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Age UK Advice Line: 0800 678 1602. A free, confidential national phone service for older people, their families, friends, carers and professionals.

Alzheimers Society - Dementia Connect support line 0333 150 3456.

Support and advice for people with dementia and those caring for them.